

English Corner: Suggested Article of Discussion

1. Article 11-4: A Great Village Doctor

Dr. Jenner was troubled (烦恼). There were so many diseases (疾病) for which no cure (医好) had been found, and of which many people died. The worst of them all was smallpox (天花), and every year hundreds of people caught the disease. Of those who caught it, many died; and others had bodies covered with scars (疤痕). Dr. Jenner longed (渴望) to find a way of saving people from these terrible diseases (可怕的疾病) and he thought about it a great deal and tried to find out all he could do about it.

After a time he noticed something very interesting. He found the girls who milked cows (挤牛奶) hardly ever caught smallpox, and he began to wonder why. What caused him to be interested was that many of them caught diseases from the cows called cowpox (牛痘), which was not serious and from which they recovered quickly. He found that people who had had cowpox seemed to be safe from catching smallpox.

Once he made a small scratch on the arm of a little boy called Jimmy Philips. Into the scratch he put some of the germs (病菌) of the cowpox. Jimmy caught cowpox and soon got well but later when he got near those who had smallpox he did not catch it, though other people did.

Dr. Jenner was excited (兴奋) at what he had found. He wrote a paper about it and had it printed for other doctors to read. But at first people would not believe that what he had written was true. Many of them thought it was nonsense (胡说, 废话).

Gradually his discovery spread all over the world and Dr. Jenner became a great hero and received great honors. But Dr. Jenner continued to work as an

ordinary village doctor. Throughout his life he always vaccinated (接种疫苗) whoever came to him without making any charge. He continued to work hard as a doctor till he died quite suddenly at the age of seventy- four.

2. Discussion:

1. What was Dr. Jenner's great discovery?
2. How did Dr. Jenner pursue his goal? What was great about this doctor?
3. What do you consider the secret of his success?

3. Remember Seven Phrases a Week:

449. A wet road is usually slippery. 潮湿的路往往是滑的。
450. Example is better than precept. 身教胜于言传。
451. Go right back to the beginning. 直接回到起始位置。
452. He does everything without aim. 他做事都漫无目标。
453. He is respectful to his elders. 他对长辈很恭敬。
454. He knows English better than I. 他比我懂英语。
455. He resolved to give up smoking. 他决心戒烟。

4. Proverbs:

1. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;
(I Corinthians 13:4 -5)
2. Character (品德) is who we really are. It's what we do when no one is looking. It's the accumulation (聚集) of our thoughts (思想), values (价值观), words (言语), and actions (行为). These become the habits (习惯) that comprise (组成) our character. That character shapes our destiny (命运), and the destiny of our country.