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AND CUSTOMS 主要内容：本课主要介绍了世界各地不同的风俗习惯，其中包括中国人庆祝新年的风俗和爱尔兰人举行婚礼的风俗等。通过本课的学习，我们不仅要了解在本课中介绍的风俗习惯以及文章中介绍的文化背景，而且要能够利用所学知识与外国人就各地的风俗习惯进行讨论。课文词汇及语法：

Dialogue: 1. millennium n. a span of one thousand years. 一千年 2. propitious adj. presenting favorable circumstances. auspicious. 顺遂的，有利的，善意的 propitious weather 好天气 propitious omen(s) 吉兆 e.g. I don't think this kind of weather is propitious to us. 这种天气对我们不利。 The cool days during this week are propitious for our trip. 这种凉爽的天气对我们的行程很有好处。 3. fire-work n. 鞭炮，焰火 a fire-work display 焰火表演 cracker, firecracker 爆竹 4. survive 1) 残存 To live or persist through: e.g. plants that can survive frosts. He is lucky enough to survive the car accident. Hemingway survived several wars and finished his works on wars. 2) 比活的长 To live longer than. outlive: e.g. The old man survived his wife. 他比妻子活的时间长。 She survived her husband by five years. 她比她丈夫多活了五年 5. due adj. 预期的，预定的，应到的 e.g. When is the train due? 火车什么时候到达? -- The train is due at 5:00 in the afternoon. professor Li is due to make a speech in our school tomorrow. due to: 由于，起因于 e.g. The car accident was due to careless driving. His failure

was due to his ignorance. 6. as far as I know 就我所知 e.g. As far as I know, he is always the first to come to the classroom. As far as I know, Hemingway ever took part in the two world wars. 7. as a matter of fact: in fact事实上 e.g. It is said that he is a successful businessman. as a matter of fact, he is a good writer as well. As a matter of fact, people in that country are very friendly. 8. shake hands with sb 握手 shake one ' s hand e.g. Chinese shake hands as greeting, while people in the West kiss when they meet. 9. as for: with regard to 至于 e.g. I have never thought about it as for buying a new house. As for your proposal, let ' s leave it tomorrow. 10. toll bell 敲钟 e.g. For Whom The Bell Tolls 丧钟为谁而鸣(海明威) The church bell tolled the hour. 教堂的钟声报时。 11. lose one ' s voice 失声 lose heart 失去信心 lose one ' s heart to sb : to fall in love with sb e.g. He lost his voice due to his bad cold. Never lose heart. The man lost his heart to a pretty girl who turned out to be the daughter of his enemy. 12. make it : to be successful 成功 e.g. I make it. 我成功了。 Never lose heart, and I ' m sure you can make it. 不要失去信心 , 我相信你会成功的。 Thomas finally made it as an actor. 托马斯最终成为了一名演员。 He finally made it to the airport in time despite of the traffic jam. 尽管有交通堵塞 , 他终于按时到达了机场。 I don ' t think I can make it to learn math well. 我想我可能学不好数学。 passage 1. horizon n. 地平线 horizontal bar 单杠 horizon distance 地平线距离, 水平线距离 horizon mirror 水平镜 the horizon 地平线 e.g. The sun is sinking below the horizon. 2. prolong v. 延长 , 拖延 e.g. He liked Beijing so much that he tried to prolong his visit in the city. He wants to

prolong his vacation because of his illness. The delegation decided to prolong their visit by one week. 代表团决定把访问延长一个星期。
to prolong one's life 延长寿命
3. engage v. 约定, 忙于, 从事
e.g. I will engage you that I ' ll manage the business for you. After giving up his business, he is now engaging politics. be engaged to sb 和订婚
e.g. Tom and Mary are engaged. Tom was engaged to Ann last month. engaged adj. 忙碌的, 使用中的 be engaged in sth 忙于
e.g. His uncle is now engaged in writing a novel. 他叔叔最近正忙着写一部小说。
The line is busy / engaged. 4. bride, bridegroom 新娘, 新郎
5. squeeze v. 压, 挤, 榨 e.g. I ' m trying to squeeze the juice out of the lemon. 榨汁 He tried hard to squeeze into the crowded bus. 他费劲的挤进拥挤的公共汽车。
6. domestic adj. 家庭的, 国内的 domestic concerns [affairs] 家务. 内政 domestic troubles 家庭纠纷 domestic markets 国内市场 domestic and foreign news 国内外新闻 domestic goods [products] 国产, 国货 domestic animals 家畜
e.g. He is now busy with his domestic troubles. 他现在正忙于家里的麻烦事。
The domestic economic situation is going for better. 国内经济形势正在好转。
He always keeps a close eye on latest domestic news. 他密切的关注国内最新的消息。

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