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### 内容概要

《英语专业精品教材：现代大学英语（第2版）精读3同步测试》由北京外国语大学英语学院的众多知名专家精心编写，融合了当代语言教学的研究成果和编者多年的教学经验，供高等院校英语专业本科学生使用。

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## 章节摘录

Passage 2 In my memories of six reigns I have tried to show you a side of life as a member of the Royal Family which may prove that when all is said and done we are just human beings like everybody else. It is true, our interests being so varied. We are not able to devote ourselves to one settled and definite career. To prove this you need only read the list of engagements, The Royal Family have to fulfill the many different functions, social as well as charitable. And remember, it is not enough only to be present at those functions, or just to give one's name as Patron or President, but in order to carry out these duties wholeheartedly, with sympathy and understanding, one has to study and, if I may say, "be up in" the duty one has to perform. I look at my engagement book and wish I had not promised to attend quite so many Committees, Charities, Dinners, Balls, and Concerts. But it is really all so worthwhile and the gratitude and thanks of those who have had the trouble and worry of organizing the particular fete one is helping do more than compensate for the fatigue one may experience. I am telling you this because I feel it is important for you to realize that we-the Royal Family-of which I have the honor and privilege to be a member-are not merely figureheads, but in our different ways contribute something definite to the life of the nation. We are "Servants of the Public". When the Sovereign succeeds to the throne, he or she dedicates his or her whole existence to the service of his or her country. In fact sovereigns take life vows; their task is, in other words, a life sentence. Cabinet Ministers can be shifted about; they can be requested to resign; ill-health or advancing age can be reasons for retirement and laying down the burden of office. But it is only under very exceptional circumstances that a monarch can lay down his burden. Though I have seen a good many changes during my life, one fundamental fact remains unaltered-the constitutional position of the monarchy, no matter what government is in office, Conservative, Liberal, or Labor. The sovereign can give invaluable help, and not only because he or she is kept in constant touch with all that is of interest or importance in the life of the nation. I can illustrate this by recalling the financial crisis of the Labor Government in 1931 when there seemed to be a complete impasse (绝境). George V summoned representatives of all the political parties to the palace and practically kept them there until they had hammered out among themselves a working solution to the problems of the country, and the first National Government came into being. Again, George V once told me of a conversation he had with Alfonso of Spain, when the two monarchs discussed the problems of their respective countries. Alfonso remarked how irksome it must be not to have a free hand in the government of his country. George V assured him that far from being a mere figurehead, he was in a unique position to hear all points of view without prejudice. Without imposing his own views he could nevertheless bring immense influence to bear on many complex situations and by his vast experience be of help to his ministers. ....

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