**Lesson 2 Thirteen equals one**

**Target vocabulary 目标词汇**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ equal **A.** the light from a torch
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ raise **B.** to show approval by clapping.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ vicar **C.** to collect something, usually money
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ torchlight **D.** to be the same as something
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ applaud **E.** to hit something to make a sound
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ strike **F.** a person who sells food and household items
7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ grocer **G.** a person, animal or character represented in art or story
8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ figure **H.** a priest in the Anglican Church who is in charge of an area

**Reading passage 阅读文章**

**Question: Was the vicar pleased that the clock was striking? Why?**

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**Reading comprehension 阅读理解**

窗体底端

1. The church clock did not work because \_\_\_\_\_\_ .

A. it was too expensive to repair B. it disturbed the vicar's sleep

C. Bill Wilkins only worked at night D. the bell had been out of order for many years

2. The vicar was surprised to see Bill Wilkins in the clock tower because \_\_\_\_\_\_ .

A. Bill Wilkins had been hoping to surprise him

B. it was an unusual time and place to find him

C. he had expected to find a figure

D. the clock had struck thirteen times

3. The vicar offered Bill Wilkins a cup of tea because \_\_\_\_\_\_ .

A. he thought that Bill Wilkins was thirsty

B. thanks to him, the clock would now strike once an hour

C. he was grateful for the trouble Bill Wilkins had taken

D. he was pleased to have been woken up for nothing

**Summary writing 摘要写作**

1. What woke the vicar up?

2. What was the time?

3. How many times did the clock strike?

4. Where did the vicar go?

5. What did he take with him?

6. Whom did he see in the clock tower?

7. What did Bill Wilkins say he was trying to do?

8. Had Bill Wilkins succeeded in repairing the clock or not?

9. Was the vicar pleased or angry?

10. What did he offer the grocer?

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**Occasion describing 场景描写**

**A sticky business**

Introduction: A small village----the church clock suddenly stopped----no one could explain why.

Development: The vicar climbed into the clock tower----found that the clock had been invaded by bees----full of honey and wax.

Conclusion: A bee keeper was called----removed the queen bee----the other bees followed----the clock was cleaned----working again.

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**Vocabulary reinforcement 词语巩固**

**A. Word spelling 单词拼写**

1. Two plus two e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ four.

2. S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the iron while it is hot.

3. Though knowing the truth, he remained s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. What’s the c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the big forest fire in California?

5. The central f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the painting is the artist’s daughter.

6. The hiker used a t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to navigate through the dark forest.

7. After the collision, he examined the considerable d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to his car.

8. Although I hadn’t seen her for five years, I made her out in the crowd i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

9. Many people are a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ complaining, but they seldom do anything practical.

10. It wasn’t until I saw the expression on her face that I r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ how much my words had hurt her.

**B. Gap filling 短语填空**

catch sight of go on strike raise money with a start be armed with

do something about get used to as well manage to do be recognized as

1. John is an excellent engineer, and he is a great project manager \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. It took some time, but I eventually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the spicy food in Thailand.

3. Despite the challenging circumstances, she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ do well on her final exams.

4. As I was walking down the street, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my old friend from high school.

5.The police officer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a gun and a taser to ensure his safety while on duty.

6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, she woke up from her deep sleep and realized it was already morning.

7. The workers decided to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to demand better wages and working conditions.

8. The non-profit organization is trying to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to support its charitable programs.

9. We need to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about the pollution in our city and start taking action to protect the environment.

10. The judges recognized her talent and skill, and she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the winner of the singing competition.

**Lesson 11 Thirteen equals one**

**Answer:** Yes, because it had been silent for years.

**Reading comprehension 阅读理解**

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**Summary writing 摘要写作**

At one o’clock in the morning, the church clock striking the hours woke the vicar up as it struck 13 times. The vicar went up into the clock tower, taking a torch with him. He saw Bill Wilkins, the local grocer there and Bill explained he was trying to repair the clock but hadn’t succeeded because at one o’clock it struck thirteen times. However/Still, the vicar was pleased the bell was working and offered the grocer a cup of tea.

**Occasion describing 场景描写**

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We were used to hearing our church bell striking the hours in our small village. For as long as anyone could remember, the bell had struck the hours day and night. However, one night the church bell remained silent and the next morning we saw that the clock had stopped at exactly one a.m. Our clock was clearly damaged, but no one could explain how this had happened.

Armed with a torch, our vicar climbed into the church tower to see what was going on. He heard a loud buzz as he went towards the clock and in the torchlight he found it had been invaded by bees. He was lucky they didn't sting him! He shone his torch into the great bell and saw that it was full of wax and honey. No wonder it wasn't working!

A bee keeper was called in to deal with the situation. He immediately removed the queen bee to one of his bee hives and the other bees followed. The clock was cleaned and was soon working again. We not only enjoyed hearing it strike the hours day and night, but we enjoyed eating the honey as well.

**Story development 读后续写**

Sitting around the table, with tea in hand, Bill and the vicar discussed the bell. “Why did you want to repair the church clock so urgently?” asked the vicar curiously. Bill’s face lit up as he began to recall the story of a restless night when he decided to take a walk around town. As he strolled through the empty streets, the moon cast an eerie glow that illuminated the clock and the bell. However, what caught Bill's eye was a dark figure standing next to the bell, partially obscured by shadows.

After climbing the steep stairs of the church tower, Bill arrived at the bell. Catching his breath, he asked the man what he was doing. The man said, “I’m attempting to fix this bell. But it’s useless; I’ve been working on it for weeks, and it’s irreparably damaged. Nothing I can do will help.” The man threw his tools on the ground and pushed past Bill out of annoyance. Bill said, “That’s why I fixed the bell.” He continued by saying that this was the reason for fixing the bell because he had never wanted to hear someone declare something was impossible.

**Vocabulary reinforcement 词语巩固**

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1. equals 2. Strike 3. silent 4. cause 4. figure

6. torchlight 7. damage 8. immediately 9. always 10. realized

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1. as well 2. got used to 3. managed to 4. caught sight of 5. was armed with

6. With a start 7. go on strike 8. raise money 9. do something about 10. was recognized as