**What has happened at the beginning of 2020?**

**教学特色：**

1. 本堂课主要结合2020年初发生的一些事件，进行语法填空和七选五的阅读。
2. 材料均来自外刊，体验地道的英语阅读。
3. 最后通过翻译几个句子，来融合应用材料中的一些用法。

**达成目标：**

1. 复习掌握语法填空做题技巧；
2. 学习外刊中词汇和句型并予以落实掌握。

**教学步骤：**

1. **导入：** 以提问的方式What happened to 2020? 引导学生考虑除了新冠肺炎这一事件，还发生了什么事？从而进入澳洲大火，东非蝗灾以及印度动荡。
2. **澳洲大火：**简单阐述澳洲大火，从而引出之后的蝙蝠和考拉，用两种题型：语法填空和七选五，来了解蝙蝠以及考拉目前的状况。
3. **东非蝗灾和印度动荡：**语法填空形式简单了解。
4. **复习巩固：**在了解前三大事件的过程中，讲解里面要关注的词汇和句型，从而来进行下面的复习和应用（翻译形式）。

**以下为课件配套使用文档：**

* 1. **Australians urged to "leave early" in face of new bushfire threat**

Authorities confirmed that a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(four) firefighter had died while \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(battle) the blazes, bringing the overall \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(die) toll to 26 people. More than 2,000 homes have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(destroy) since the crisis began in September and some eight million hectares has been burned , \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ area the size of Ireland of South Carolina.

University of Sydney scientists estimated one billion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(animal) have been killed in the fires. The figure includes mammals, birds \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ reptiles, but not frogs, insects or invertebrates(无脊椎动物).

* 1. **The hero in the Australian bushfires：wombats(袋熊)**

Quite generously, wombats have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(report) been allowing other animals to take refuge in their homes, as they hide from the blazes that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(threat) their own habitats. Complex underground tunnels, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(create) by wombats, have served \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ safe houses for other species like wallabies and echidnas, allowing them \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(survive) an otherwise fatal situation.

* 1. **But unfortunately, may animals lost their habitats, including the bats. Let’s learn something about bats.**

Bats can be a little scary-looking, but the diverse flying mammals are broadly beneficial to the ecosystems where they — and we — live. 1\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Bats account for about 20% of all mammal species.**

With more than 1,200 species included in the order Chiroptera, bats represent one of the largest orders of mammals. They are surpassed only by the order Rodentia, which boasts a whopping 2,277 species — 40% of all mammalian species.

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As with birds, flight has allowed bats to travel and settle in all corners of the Earth, with the exception of the Arctic and Antarctic. Bats generally roost in caves, crevices, foliage and man-made structures like attics or under bridges.

**Microbats use echolocation to hunt prey.**

Although microbats are not blind, their true perceptive strength lies in their ability to use echolocation, also known as biosonar.

**Bats 'waggle' their heads to hear better.**

You know how a dog cocks its head as if to better understand what a human is saying? 3.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Their motion is similar to what dogs, cats and even humans do, but bats do it for a different reason: to fine tune the location of prey as they're echolocating.

**Female bats can control when they get pregnant and give birth.**

To ensure that external conditions are optimal for a newborn bat, mother bats are equipped with a variety of biological tactics that allow them to put off fertilization, implantation or development of the fetus.

4\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ But females will store sperm in their reproductive tract before finally fertilizing their eggs when spring arrives. In other species, the egg is fertilized immediately after mating, but instead of implanting to the wall of the uterus, it floats around until favorable conditions arrive.

**Bats hang upside-down to conserve energy.**

If humans hung upside-down from a tree for several hours, it wouldn't take long before they passed out. So how do bats manage it? 5\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Because our blood pumps in the direction of our brain, the stress of gravity transfers even more blood to the head when upside-down. A bat's circulatory systems pumps the opposite way — away from its head.

A. Bats are found across the planet.

B. Well, bats do the same thing, only they do it while flying.

C. Below are 6 facts about these under appreciated creatures.

D. In some species, mating will occur in the fall.

E. Another type of bat, the common big-eared bat, makes use of a natural tool to catch difficult prey.

1. For starters, human and bat circulatory systems are fundamentally different.

G. All these adaptations ensure blood is evenly distributed throughout the bat’s body!

* 1. **What’s worse, more than 2000 Koalas killed in Devastating NSW bushfires.**

An inquiry into koala populations and habitat in NSW 1\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(expect) to hear evidence that more than 2000 of the 2\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(nation) Australian marsupials may 3\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(die) on the state's north coast in recent bushfires. The state parliament's upper house inquiry will hold 4\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ urgent hearing on Monday to discuss the extent of damage 5\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the koala population from bushfires. Thousands of hectares of koala habitat across northern NSW and southeast Queensland have been destroyed in the recent bushfires. Koalas 6\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(list) as vulnerable in Queensland, NSW and the ACT, 7\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(large) as a result of habitat clearing.

 On Sunday evening, the Rural Fire Service said there were 91 bush and grass 8\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(fire) in NSW, 48 of 9\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were not contained. North East Forest Alliance president and ecologist Dailan Pugh is expected to give evidence on Monday that more than 2000 koalas may have died 10\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ up to one third of koala habitat on the state's north coast may have been lost in the fires.

**2. East Africa is reeling from an invasion of locusts**

 “Let my people go, so that they may worship me. If you refuse 1\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(let) them go, I will bring locusts into your country tomorrow.” So said God, rather vengefully, according to Mose and Aaron. But 2\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the locust infestation(大量滋生) wreaking havoc on east Africa is of biblical proportions, it is not a portent of end times, said experts at press conference in Nairobi this month. Still, the finer-length bugs spell big trouble for the countries most 3\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(affect).

It is the 4\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(bad) invasion in decades for Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia. One enormous swarm, 5\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(recent) over north-eastern Kenya, contains nearly 200 billion of the creatures and 6\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(occupy) a space in the sky three times 7\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ size of New York City. There are dozens 8\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ swarms in Kenya alone. 9\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(kill) the bugs early is vital. They can 10\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(damage) with surveillance(监测) and spraying, particularly if they are doused when still young and hopping, and before the population booms.

**3. India Police Issues Shoot-At-Sight Orders As Death Toll Reaches 13 In Citizenship Law-Related Violence**

Indian police on Tuesday evening issued shoot-at-sight orders in the affected areas in New Delhi, as communal 1\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(violent) over the controversial citizenship law intensifies in the capital, officials said.

"Police deployment 2\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(make) in affected areas and order of shoot at sight have been issued to calm the tempers," a local government official said. Meanwhile, the death toll in the violence over the citizenship law has risen 3\_\_\_\_\_ 13. Over 180 people 4\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(include) policemen were injured in the violence.A ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) official also wrote on twitter 5\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ shoot at sight orders have been issued.

The clashes 6\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(break) out between pro- and anti-Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) groups in the northeastern part of the city on Sunday and took 7\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ugly turn on Monday.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in his third appeal during the day asked people to maintain peace and stop the "8\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(mad)." "Everyone has received injuries whether it is Hindus, Muslims 9\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ police personnel. No one will benefit from it and this madness must 10\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(stop)," Kejriwal told reporters.

**4. useful expressions and sentence structures:**

1. bring the overall death toll to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. take refuge \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. be broadly beneficial to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 4. account for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. with more than 1,200 species included \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 6. with the exception of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. lie in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 8. as if to better understand \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9. be equipped with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 10. the extend of damage to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

11. wreak havoc on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 12. of biblical proportions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

13. three times the size of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 14. rise to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

15. take an ugly turn \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 16. whether...or... \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. If humans hung upside-down from a tree for several hours, it wouldn’t take long before they passed out.

**5. translate the following sentences using the expressions above.**

1. 权威表明，到目前为止，已有20多医务人员死亡，这使得死亡总人数达到了1900多。

1. 因为包含了20几名医务人员，死亡总人数达到了1900多，这约占受感染人数的3.6%。
2. 尽管受新冠肺炎感染人数上升至8万多，但是由于采取的措施及时有效，疫情已经有了很大的好转。
3. 我们相信，再过不久我们就可以去上学啦。
4. 无论是老师还是学生，配备了现代化技术，都从中收益很大。
5. 许多人围着我，他跑过来似乎想看看到底发生了什么事。