

Lesson 7 The War of the Worlds

There are a lot of movies **describing** the **invasion** of **creatures** from **space**. The space invasion was reinvented by H. G. Wells, who also invented the idea of the **Invisible** Man and the Time Machine. The story starts with a person who works in an **observatory** in England. One day, he **suddenly** sees something strange happening on Mars. Then he **realizes** that London is being **invaded** by the Martians. The **Martians** have good **weapons** and the human beings cannot **win** the **battles**. **Luckily**, the invading Martians are killed by a kind of **bacteria** and we human beings **survive**.

We can **safely** say we don't know if there are Martians in the **universe**. But it is a **fact** that there are many wars in our the world. London, after the book being **published**, was **attacked** by Germany. What Wells **described** in his novel almost became true. The Second World War was a war of the **world** **because** many countries participated in the war.

Vocabulary

attack 攻擊
bacteria 細菌
battle 戰役
country 國家
creature 怪物,生物
describe 形容
fact 事實
invade 入侵(動詞)
invasion 入侵(名詞)
invisible 看不見的,隱形的
luckily 幸運的(副詞)
Martians 火星人
observatory 天文台
participate 參加
publish 出版
realize 瞭解
safely 安全的(副詞)
space 太空,空間
suddenly 忽然間

survive 生存
universe 宇宙
war 戰爭
weapon 武器,軍火
win 贏得
world 世界

More Sentences

1. No one likes war.
2. The Second World War caused great damage to many countries.
3. Our world is not a beautiful one.
4. There are many problems which our world faces.
5. He is described as a monster.
6. I don't like to describe what happened. It was simply too horrible.
7. The invasion of Martians is only a fiction.
8. The invasion of Japan to China was a terrible mistake for Japan.
9. Russia was invaded by Napoleon before.
10. France was invaded by Germany.
11. There are many strange looking creatures in this movie.
12. They are building a new observatory here.
13. America is very good in space technology.
14. Do you like to go to the space?
15. I don't realize what he is saying.
16. I don't realize that he actually hates me.
17. I don't understand why so many movies talk about the Martians.
18. In America, every one can carry weapons.
19. In our country, no one, except soldiers and policemen, is allowed to carry weapons.
20. It appears that we are winning the war.
21. No one really wins in any war. Everyone loses.
22. It is sad to see that many poor countries still spend a lot of money to buy weapons.
23. We may win the battle but lose the war.
24. This is a battle that we must win.
25. Luckily, he was not hurt badly.
26. Men cannot survive without bacteria. Many bacteria are good for us.
27. We all survived in the earthquake.

28. He did not survive.
29. Finally, we got out of the trouble.
30. Finally, we won the war.
31. We may safely say that he is the best actor.
32. We can never understand the shape of the universe.
33. Can you travel to the end of the universe?
34. This is a fact that we must face.
35. We must bravely face the fact.
36. The fact is often not very pleasant.
37. Japan attacked China during the Second World War.
38. Do not attack me.
39. He was attacked by a tiger.
40. We should be a strong country.
41. No country can be strong without a good industry.
42. I did not participate in the examination.

Grammar Points to Be Noted

1. There are a lot of movies describing ...

“describing”是一個現在分詞,作為一個形容詞,形容 movies,我們也可以用以下的句子.

There are a lot of movies which describe.

以下的句子是錯的:

*There are a lot of movies describe ...

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2. Actually, the space invasion was invented, again, by H. G. Wells, who also invented the idea of the Invisible Man and the Time Machine.

“was invented” 表示這是被動語氣

who also invented the idea 形容 H. G. Wells

who 雖然在中文翻譯中是不出現的,但絕不能省,你不可寫以下的句子:

*by H. G. Wells, also invented ...

4. London, after the book being published, was **attacked** by Germany.

這句話的主詞是 London,動詞是 was attacked, after the book being published 是形容 London 的片語

5. the book being published

being published 形容 the book.用 being published,而不用 publishing,因為這是被動語氣,書是被出版的.

6. invading Martians

invading 是現在分詞,形容 Martians

7. London is being invaded

這是被動語氣,也是現在進行式

例:

The war is being conducted very well.

The country is being attacked by a strange disease.

Mistakes to Be Corrected

1. There are many books describe the Second World War.
2. This is a book which talking about bacteria.
3. He is the student won the prize.
4. This book wrote by Dickens.
5. This book written by Dickens.
6. This is a house which built by my father.
7. China invaded by Japan before.
8. He is a risen star.
9. Our world not a good one.
10. I do not like describe it to you.
11. They build a new school there.
12. You like music?
13. I don't understand he is saying.
14. He did not survived.
15. He not survived.
16. He attacked by a lion.

Translate the Following into English:

1. 有很多小說描寫戰爭.
2. 這本書是我哥哥寫的.
3. 這是我寫的小說.
4. 日本在二次大戰期間入侵中國.
5. 中國曾被日本入侵.

6. 我們的國家很大.
7. 我不喜歡討論宗教.
8. 我不知道他喜歡什麼.
9. 他被一只狗攻擊.
10. 事實往往令人不愉快.