**8年级英语第34课时**

**《语言知识的灵活运用—Module 2》拓展资源**

一、阅读短文, 根据短文内容回答问题。

Experience Is the Best Teacher

Are you prepared to be operated on by a surgeon (外科医生) who has read all about it in books but has never done it before? Have you had your car repaired by someone reading from a manual (使用手册) but who has never been an apprentice (学徒)? No! We define experience as direct personal participation (参与). We define best as most excellent and we define a teacher as someone or something that teaches others.

My first example about why experience is the best teacher is because you may be trained extremely well but without experience you are likely to do worse than a person with less training but a lot of experience. My second example is about our law system. My final example is about some real-life experiences.

If a child touched an iron and was burnt by it, he or she is more likely to remember not to do such a thing in future than another who is told time and time again not to touch it. Many times, as teachers would know, when you teach a pupil something on one day and he nods his head and says “yes, I know”, and ask him the next day, there is a high chance that he has forgotten. However if he has learned it by an experiment or by experience, he is likely to remember for a very long time, sometimes even to adulthood (成年). There is nothing better than experience— experience is the best teacher.

We gain this through our lives and by putting ourselves in different live situations to get it. We can read about how to debate (辩论) but it is never as adequate (足够) as the experience of it, standing in front of an attentive audience, conscious (清醒) of saying the right thing, even feeling self-conscious and embarrassed (尴尬) but having done this several times, gaining the experience to deal with it and to improve from it. We try saying the debate to ourselves, to our colleagues and family before coming here today just to get the experience!

To my second example. Our law system is based upon experience through punishment (惩罚). Take for example a criminal (罪犯) being sentenced to five years imprisonment (坐牢). He will be less likely to commit such a crime.

My third and final example of why experience is the best teacher is that you cannot be a barrister (大律师), a doctor or an engineer as soon as you finish university. You have to become an articles clerk (实习秘书), an intern (实习医生) or an apprentice to get sufficient experience first. You have to get a L or P driver's license before you gain sufficient experience to obtain a full license. Experience is most definitely the best teacher.

1. What is the best teacher?
2. How many examples does the author give us to support the idea?
3. Which is a better way of learning, being taught directly or by experience?
4. Can you be a doctor as soon as you finish university? Give a reason.