**八年级（下）英语第5周第1课时**

**Module 5 Unit 1 学程拓展**

**Cartoons: fun for everyone?**

Last week's topic: Why are cartoons so popular among adults?

Emouse (Anhui): Those who hold that cartoons are childish must have a strong prejudice against cartoons and their lovers. Cartoons can be profound, ironic and relaxing. Some cartoons require intelligence in the viewer and keen observation. Cartoons may challenge even adults and be a lot of fun. In each adult, there is a child. That's why adults can become devoted cartoon fans.

Maggiea (Shaanxi): Cartoons were my favourites when I was a child. But after entering college, I gave them up because I found I couldn't trace their plots any more. I think this is because the logic of cartoon characters is closer to that of children, than adults. No doubt, cartoons belong to children.

Leijunray: I think it very reasonable that cartoons are becoming more popular with adults. Cartoons are very imaginative. The characters in them seem to be able to tackle all hardship and difficulties. Whenever I'm in trouble, I always imagine that I am a certain cartoon character, which helps me a lot in troubled times.

Wawaelma: I don't like cartoons. But I sympathize with cartoon fans. Cartoons can help release the pressure and anxiety of fierce competition.

Shidxy (Shanxi): As a mother, I always watch cartoons with my child. I believe this is a good way to communicate with him. Our favourites include "Tom and Jerry," "Big-Head Son and Little-head Dad" and "Blue Cat and the Naughty 3,000 Questions."

Changle (Fujian): I can't imagine what an adult who immerses himself in the cartoon world would be like. Certainly, cartoons are a good escape. But adults must leave them and create their own mature world.

Anonymous: I am 19, but I still wear clothes with Mickey Mouse on them. I believe no matter how old I am, I will love Mickey and regard him as my good friend. The cartoon characters often remind me of my pleasant childhood.

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