**八年级（下）英语第5周第3课时**

**Module 5 Unit 3学程拓展**

**阅读下列文章，思考一下，以前的卡通片和现在一样吗？**

If you talk to your parents about their favorite cartoon movies, you'll find their choices are quite different from yours. Early cartoon movies were short and mostly hand-drawn (手绘的), but today's cartoons are made with computers. So while your parents talk about Astro Boy (《铁臂阿童木》), you may prefer a 3-D (三维的) picture like Storm Rider-Clash of Evils (《风云决》). We see many foreign cartoons today. More foreign cartoons came to China after the start of the country's opening up in 1978. What's happened to cartoon movies over 30 years? Teens takes you through the years.  
**1979: Nezha Fights the Dragon King 《哪吒闹海》** This is a story about a magical boy, Nezha. He gets angry at a king's bad ways. The boy goes to the sea and fights with the third son of the king.  
 Style: Hand-drawn pictures in the Chinese tradition.  
1980s: Color TV became popular in China. More animation series (动画系列剧).  
**1981-1988: Tales of Nasreddin 《阿凡提的故事》** There are many interesting short stories in this cartoon movie. They are about a very clever man, Nasreddin. He is funny and likes playing jokes. Nasreddin always helps the poor and laughs at the rich.  
 Style: The movie is a series of 13 short stories. Puppets (木偶) played the characters.  
1981: Animations from foreign countries started to come to China. The first one was Japan's Astro Boy (《铁臂阿童木》). Then followed the Flower Angel (《花仙子》) in 1984 and Robocat (《机器猫》) in 1991.  
**1987: Calabash Brothers《葫芦兄弟》** Calabash Brothers was one of the most popular animations in China during the 1980s. It tells the story of the seven calabash brothers. Each is a color of the rainbow. In the movie, the seven beat a scorpion (蝎子) and a snake. Even today, people around 30 can still remember the seven brothers.  
 Style: Pictures in classical Chinese style.  
**1989-1992: Adventures of Shuke and Beta 《舒克和贝塔》** This animation came from Zheng Yuanjie's fairytale (童话). The story talks about the friendship between two little mice, Shuke and Beta. They both leave home to look for a new life. When they meet, they become good friends. The two mice have a human friend, Pipilu. With the help from their human friend, the two mice set up their own company to help other animals.  
1990s: Chinese animations turned to long series with the help of digital technology (数字技术). In 1993, China made the world's first VCD. Almost at the same time, the Internet took off. There was more access (通路) to movies, animations and videos.  
**1999: Lotus Lantern 《宝莲灯》** Lotus Lantern is a very old Chinese story. It is about a boy's journey to look for his mother.  
Style: Close to Japanese animation.  
2008: After 2000, cartoonists used more computer technology in animation. Computers made characters look real and more beautiful. The movie Storm Rider-Clash of Evils (《风云决》) of 2008 is a good example.

**拓展小知识：**

你知道动漫里2D (two dimensional)和3D (three dimensional) 的区别吗?  
3D: You can make 3D effects on a computer. They make it seem like you can walk into the film. The movie has width, length and depth.  
2D: 2D seems just flat. It has just width and length.