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《英语报刊选读》由三大部分组成，第一部分为导论，第二部分按照话题来介绍英语报刊，第三部分按照文类来介绍英语报刊。全书共13个单元，每单元又分两个部分，第一部分是本单元的背景介绍，第二部分是各单元的主体，由三篇课文组成，均为英美主流报刊最新选段，每篇课文后附有词汇注释和练习。练习中，除了课文理解方面的问题之外，我们还设计了“批判阅读”(critical reading)类问题，引导学生对课文内容进行深度思考，形成自己的观点。这恰恰也是我们阅读报刊的另一重要目的：发现别人的观点，评价别人的观点，找到自己的观点。“批判阅读”有助于学生养成独立思考的习惯。此外，网络上还有补充材料，供有余力和兴趣的读者阅读。

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But after the banks collapsed in early October , the currency slumped and domestic interest rates rose sharply (see chart 2) . Exchange controls imposed in the heat of the crisis have severely restricted access to hard currency. Initially , there were fears for the payments system. But after an initial panic , credit and debit cards appear to work normally again ; Reykjavik's stores are filled with Christmas shoppers , and restaurants still serve up expensive delicacies such as grilled whale. But people are mostly living on borrowed time as well as borrowed money. The IMF programme forecasts that the economy will contract by 9.6% next year. Many workers have been laid off but , thanks to Iceland's labour laws , they have three months' notice , so the impact is not yet being fully felt. Many young Icelanders are expected to lose their jobs as businesses shut down. Vilhjalmur Egilsson , head of the Confederation of Icelandic Employers , the main business organisation , says that corporate Iceland is technically bankrupt because of its foreign debts. It is unable to refinance loans because the new capital controls mean all credit to the country has dried up. With unemployment rising , citizens talk openly about defaulting on their home and car loans (those flashy Range Rovers are now known dryly as Game Overs) . Principal payments on local-currency mortgages are indexed to inflation , which is expected to be 20% this year. Because of this and their foreign-currency exposure , many households' debts have doubled in krona terms. Sirry Hjaltsted , a pre-school teacher who joins in the Saturday protests , says that her grocery bills have gone up by half in a few months. She blames the country's reckless bankers for the ruin of the economy. If I met a banker , she says , I'd kick his ass so hard , my shoes would be stuck inside.

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