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前 言

《大学英语》是由国家教委审定批准,根据《大学英语教学大纲(文理科本科用)》(以下简称《大纲》)编写的教材,由上海外语教育出版社出版,1997年进行了修订,目前为全国高等院校广泛使用。

理解和记忆词汇,掌握和运用词汇举足轻重,是学好英语的关键。为此我们编写了《大学英语精读词汇详解》一书,以配合大学英语教学,满足广大读者的迫切需要。

《大学英语精读词汇详解》含《大学英语精读》(修订本)1—4册的词汇。全书内容编排与教材同步,词条以相关课文词汇表顺序编排。每个词条一般由以下几个部分组成:词目、音标、词级、基本构词、同义词(Syn.)、词性、释义、例证和短语。

本书以《大学英语教学大纲通用词汇表》(简称《通用词汇表》)为依据,对词目标明词级。E级(Elementary)为中学词汇,I级(Intermediate)为1—4级词汇,A级(Advanced)为5—6级词汇。词目下属词义项中,先列出课文出现的词义。如果该词义超过《通用词汇表》(1—4级)规定范围,在其下面用圆点标明。A级词目下仅列出课文出现的词义,《通用词汇表》以外的词目不标词级。这样做有利于读者在学习课文词汇时区别对待,分清主次,同时为教师有重点地进行词汇教学提供参考依据。

《大纲》要求,学生应掌握前缀、后缀等基本构词,以识别新词,扩大词汇量。本书采用同义联想的方法,以有效地记忆词汇。词目中的构词、同义词旨在帮助读者快速记忆词汇,以期取得事半功倍的效果。

本书词义项附例句说明用法,例证力求简明规范,通俗易懂,体现词义和用法。例后不附汉译,其目的是希望读者通过直接阅读原文句子,培养英语的思维能力,增强语感。

《大学英语精读词汇详解》由方飞雷、吴燮元主编。编者有:方飞雷(第一册1—5课、第四册1—5课、全书定稿)、汤德纲(第一册6—10课、第四册6—10课)、贝聿建(第二册1—5课、第三册6—10课)、吴燮元(第二册6—10课、第

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本书为《大学英语精读》教材配套用书,可与教材同步使用,供大学生、英语自学者以及英语教师参考之用。

由于时间仓促,编者学识与经验有限,书中疏漏和错误在所难免,敬请读者批评指正。

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Book One

Unit One

How to Improve Your Study Habits

average /'ævərɪdʒ/ (I)

Syn. ordinary 普通的; normal 平常的; mean 平均的, 平均值

a. 普通的, 中等的, 平常的

Mary is merely an average student in the class.

an average family 普通家庭

a man of average height 一个中等身材的人

the average citizen 普通老百姓

an average performer 演技平平的演员

平均的

An airship flies at an average speed of two miles a minute.

the average income (yield, output) 平均收入 (产量)

the average rate of increase/growth 平均增长率

n. 平均数, 平均

This year's rainfall came close to the average.

The average of the students' scores is 80.

take/strike an average 算出平均数

above (below) the average 在一般水平以上 (以下)

v. 平均

If you average 7, 14 and 6, you get 9.

These basketball players average six feet in height.

The children average 10 years of

age.

on (the/an) average

平均, 通常

On the average, there are 1000 visitors a day.

These youth are on the average better educated than those in other villages.

intelligence /'ɪntelɪdʒəns/ (I)

Syn. wit 智力, 才智; wisdom 智慧; information 情报, 消息; news 消息, 新闻; word 消息

n. 智力, 聪明

The pupils were given an intelligence test.

A person who quickly learns and understands has good intelligence.

He writes with intelligence and wit.

情报, 消息

The spy was trying to gather secret intelligence of the enemy's plans.

This intelligence comes from a reliable source.

an intelligence agent 情报员

an intelligence bureau (department) 情报局 (处)

the joyful intelligence 令人高兴的消息

necessarily /'nesɪsərɪli/ (I) (necessary + 副词后缀-ly)

Syn. certainly 肯定; naturally 当然

ad. 必定, 必然地

Rich people are not necessarily happy.

The study of a foreign language is necessarily difficult.

case/keis/ (I)

Syn. circumstance, state 情况; condition, situation 状况; fact 事实

n. 事实, 情况

A: Is it the case that you have lost your passport?

B: No, that is not the case.

That's often the case with him.

I can't make an exception in your case.

In many cases regulations alone will not work.

病例

The doctor is treating several cases of this disease.

an emergency/urgent case 急症

病例

案件

The case will be brought before the court tomorrow.

The police studied the murder case.

in any case

无论如何, 不管怎样

In any case, catch the train tomorrow.

It may rain tomorrow, but we are leaving in any case.

in case

假使, 以防万一

In case I forget, please remind me about it.

Wear your raincoat in case it rains.

in case of

假如, 如果发生

In case of my not being there, ask my brother to help you.

防备

The wall was built along the river in case of floods.

in no case

无论如何不, 决不

In no case must force be resorted to.

In no case are you to leave your post.

additional/ə'diʃənl/ (I) (addition + 形容词后缀 -al)

Syn. extra 外加的, 额外的; further, other 另外的

a. 附加的, 另外的

There will be no additional conditions.

It will take an additional two weeks to finish the work.

additional charges 附加费用

addition n. (I)

weekly/'wi:kli/ (I) (week + 形容词后缀 -ly)

a. 每周的, 一周一次的

a weekly wage 周薪

a weekly newspaper (magazine) 周报 (刊)

ad. 一周一次地

They shop weekly in the town.

n. 周刊, 周报

A weekly is a newspaper or magazine that is published once a week.

schedule/'ʃedʒu:l, 'skedʒul/ (I)

Syn. timetable 时间表; arrange, settle, fix 安排

n. 时间表, 时刻表, 日程安排表

May I have a train schedule?

What's your schedule for tomorrow?

set up a schedule for the next two days 提出以后两天的日程安排

vt. 安排, 排定

The test is scheduled for August 12th.

He has scheduled another meeting with them for Friday.

schedule a match for the next week 在下周内安排一次比赛

on schedule

按时间表, 准时

I am also aware of the importance of completing this job on schedule.

Despite setbacks, I think we shall manage to finish the work on schedule.

chart/tʃɑ:t/ (I)

Syn. graph 图, 图表; figure 图表

n. 图, 图表

The chart showed the decline in the company's sales during the year.

The course of the ship was marked on the chart.

a flight chart 航空地图

a physical chart 地势图

a statistical chart 统计图

a weather chart 天气图

commit/kə'mit/ (I)

vt. 指定...用于

The committee committed ten million yuan's worth of steel in capital construction.

犯(罪), 干(坏事)

commit a crime 犯罪

commit murder (suicide) 凶(自)杀

commit a mistake (an error) 犯错误

aside/ə'said/ (I)

ad. 在旁边, 到(向)一边

She stepped aside to let me pass.

We turned aside from the main road.

aside from

除...以外(尚有)

Aside from being fun and good exercise, swimming is a very useful skill.

etc. /it'setə/

等等

We need to buy coffee, sugar, tea, etc.

normal/'nɔ:məl/ (I)

Syn. usual 通常的, 平常的; regular 正规的

a. 正常的, 平常的

a normal state 正常状态

in normal times 在平时

正规的

Normal working hours here are from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

reading/'ri:diŋ/ (I) (read+名词后缀-ing)

Syn. reader 读物

n. 阅读, 读书

Children learn reading and writing at school.

Prof. Smith is a man of wide reading.

读物, 选读

The book is healthy reading for the young people.

读数, 仪器指示数

The thermometer has a reading of sixty-five degrees.

assignment/ə'sainmənt/ (I) (assign+名词后缀-ment)

Syn. homework (学生的) 家庭作业, 课外作业; task 作业, 任务

n. (布置的) 作业, (分配的) 任务

The student's assignment was to write a book report.

What are today's assignments? 分配, 指配

The foreman is responsible for the assignment of jobs.

His assignment to a new post was still not official.

occupy/'ɒkjupai/ (I)

Syn. own 拥有; possess 占有; seize 占据; engage 使从事, 使忙于

vt. 占, 占用, 占领

His lecture occupied three hours.

My time is fully occupied by daily work.

Is anyone occupying this seat?

Enemy troops occupied the city.

使忙碌, 使从事

His work occupies him for the

whole day.

He occupies himself with unimportant matters every day.

The newcomers were occupied in writing letters home.

The people of that country are mainly occupied with agriculture.

relaxation /ri:læk'seifən/ (relax + 名词后缀 -ation)

n. 休息, 娱乐

What do you like to do for relaxation?

Golf is one of his relaxations.

a place for off-duty relaxation 供工余休息消遣的地方

relax *v.* (I)

hobby /'hɒbi/ (I)

n. 业余爱好

A hobby is something that you enjoy doing in your spare time, such as collecting stamps or painting.

Reading children's literature is a hobby with him.

entertainment /'entə'teɪnmənt/ (A) (entertain + 名词后缀 -ment)

n. 娱乐

Solving puzzles is an entertainment for many.

entertain *vt.* (I)

solve /sɒlv/ (I)

Syn. settle, resolve 解决; resolve 解决, 解答

vt. 解决, 解答

He has solved all the problems in the lesson.

I finally solved the difficulty of translation.

solve a mathematical equation 解一项数学方程式

aware /ə'weə/ (I)

Syn. conscious 意识到的

a. 知道, 意识到的

I was not aware that you had arrived.

Are you aware of the danger?

furthermore /'fɜ:ðə'mɔ:/ (I)

Syn. also, further, moreover 而且;

besides 此外

ad. 而且, 此外

He wants to leave for home; furthermore, he wants to go right now.

The house isn't big enough for us, and furthermore, it's too far from the town.

enable /i'neɪbl/ (I)

vt. 使能够, 使可能

The scholarship enabled him to go to college.

The microscope enables small objects to be observed.

activity /æk'tɪvɪti/ (I) (active + 名词后缀 -ity)

Syn. movement 活动; deed, move 行动

n. 活动, 活跃

The organization's main task is to organize cultural and social activities.

There is not quite so much activity in the gold market.

mental (physical) activity 脑力 (体力) 活动

extracurricular/after-class activities 课外活动

行动

Activity is the test of one's faith.

adequate /'ædɪkwɪt/ (I)

Syn. abundant 充足的; enough, sufficient 足够的; due 适当的; suitable 合适的; fit, proper, appropriate 恰当的; competent, qualified 胜任的

a. 充足的, 足够的

What should be done to assure adequate supplies of energy?

His wages are adequate to support his family.

The supply is not adequate to the

demand.

适当的, 胜任的

an adequate description of the situation 对情势的恰当描述

an adequate person for the job 一个适合做此项工作的人选

take adequate measures 采取适当措施

be adequate to the task of doing sth. 能胜任做某事

distraction /dis'trækʃən/ (distract + 名词后缀 -ion)

n. 干扰

Noise is a distraction when you are trying to study.

There are too many distractions here to work properly.

concentrate /'kɒnsəntreɪt/ (I)

Syn. focus (使) 集中; centre 集中; accumulate 积聚; collect, group 聚集; condense 凝聚

vi. 集中, 专心

The bulk of the population concentrates in the cities.

The speaker asked the audience to concentrate hard.

You'll solve the problem if you concentrate upon it.

vt. 集中

If you concentrate all your energies on the study of English, you will master the language.

She concentrated herself upon her subject.

concentrate one's attention (efforts, thoughts) on/upon/toward sth. 把注意力(精力、思想)集中在某事上

聚集

The radio-set operator's whole being was concentrated in the tips of his fingers.

浓缩

concentrate fruit juice 把果汁浓缩

skim /skim/ (I)

Syn. scan 浏览

vt. 浏览, 略读

He skimmed the book, which he would read in detail later.

It took me an hour to skim the novel.

撇去

Mother skimmed the cream from the milk.

skim the soup to remove the fat 撇去汤面上的油

掠过, 擦过

Many birds skimmed the waves looking for food.

A jetliner appeared to skim buildings in the city.

preview /'pri:vju:/

vt. 预习

Have you previewed your new lesson?

content /'kɒntent/ (I)

n. (pl.) 内容, (书刊的) 目录

He knew nothing about the contents of the book.

Look up the contents at the beginning of the book.

含量

Oranges have a high vitamin C content.

High day temperatures increase the sugar content of the grapes.

organize (-ise) /'ɔ:gənaɪz/ (I) (organ + 动词后缀 -ize)

Syn. establish 组织, 创设; arrange 安排

vt. 组织, 把...编组

The students union organized an English contest.

Officers and men were organized into three groups to help farmers gather crops.

later /'leɪtə/ (I)

Syn. after, afterward (s) 以后, 后来; next 然后

ad. 后来

Later, she went up to the police

station and reported the strange event.

过一会儿

I'll call again later (on).

skip/skip/ (A)

vt. 略过

He skipped the dull parts of the book.

portion/'pɔ:ʃən/ (I)

Syn. proportion, part, section 部分;
fraction 小部分; share 一份

n. 一部分, 一份

A portion of the blame for the accident must be borne by the driver.

We were all given a portion of pudding to eat.

His portion of the money amounted to \$100.

double/'dʌbl/ (I)

vt. 使加倍, 把...增加一倍

He doubled his income in three years.

The new airport will double the capacity of the existing one.

a. 两倍的

I'm double your age.

He'll be double his pay with this new job.

双的, 双重的

"Add" is spelt a, double d.

The date had a double significance.

a double purpose 双重目的

双人的

I've got a double ticket to a dance.

double up

弯着身子

The pain caused him to double up.

He received a blow in the stomach which doubled him up.

comprehension/kəm'pri:henʃən/ (I)

(comprehend + 名词后缀-sion)

Syn. understanding 理解(力); grasp

领会, 理解

n. 理解(力), 领悟

Each paragraph may also be followed by comprehension questions.

beyond/above all comprehension 难以理解

be slow/dull of comprehension 理解力迟钝

achieve a better comprehension 进一步领会

mention/'menʃən/ (I)

vt. / n. 提及, 说起

Did you mention this to my sister?

He mentioned hearing from her often.

She mentioned to me that she had glanced through it.

He mentioned how his uncle likewise had been questioned by the police.

The newspaper made no mention of him.

He brightened up at the mention of his name.

confused/kən'fju:zd/

a. 迷惑的, 混淆的

If you try to learn too many things at a time, you may get confused.

I'm afraid I'm a little confused about these things.

confuse *vt.* (I)

textbook/'tekstbuk/ (I)

n. 教科书, 课本

performance/pə'fɔ:məns/ (I) (perform + 名词后缀-ance)

Syn. show 演出

n. 成绩

Regular review leads to improved performance on tests.

演出, 表演

The theatre gives two performances a day.

His performance of Hamlet was very good.

the afternoon (evening) performance 午场(夜场)演出

a benefit performance 义演

履行, 执行

He is faithful in the performance of his duties.

the performance of a command

执行命令

工作情况, 表现

They were disappointed with the performance of the government.

We must watch the performance of the stock market.

meaningful /'mi:nɪŋfʊl/ (meaning + 形容
词后缀 -ful)

Syn. significant 有意义的, 意义(或
意味)深长的

a. 富有意义的

a meaningful life 富有意义的生活

attitude /'ætɪtʃu:d/ (I)

Syn. manner 态度; opinion, view 看
法; position 姿势

n. 态度, 看法

He took a sympathetic attitude towards my problem.

He has not as yet made up his mind what attitude to adopt towards her.

What's your attitude towards the present situation?

姿势

The madman assumed a threatening attitude.

He raised his fists in the attitude of a boxer ready to fight.

purpose /'pʊ:pəs/ (I)

Syn. aim, end, goal, object, objective
目的, 目标; motive 目的, 动机;
intention 意图; function 作用; ef-
fect 效果

n. 目的, 意图

What was his purpose in coming here?

For what purpose or purposes do you want it?

Did you come to Beijing for/
with the purpose of seeing your
family, or for business purposes?
for peaceful (military, scientific)
purposes 为了和平(军事上、科
学上)的目的

用途

The purpose of a screen door is
to keep flies out.

效果

time spent to good (no) purpose
花得有成效(无意义)的时间

on purpose

故意, 有意

Did you break it on purpose or
by accident?

I came on purpose to talk to you
about the holidays.

excessively /ɪk'sesɪvli/ (excessive + 副
词后缀 -ly)

Syn. extremely 极度(端)

ad. 过多地, 过分地

Some people talk excessively
when they are nervous.

I am sorry I was excessively an-
noyed.

excessive a. (I)

permanent /'pɜ:mənənt/ (I)

Syn. lasting, enduring 持久的;
durable 耐久的; fixed 固定的;
steady, stable 稳定的

a. 永久(性)的, 固定的

May I know your permanent ad-
dress?

After doing odd jobs for a week,
he got a permanent position as
office boy.

technique /tek'ni:k/ (I)

Syn. skill 技巧, 技能, 手艺; technol-
ogy 技术; craft 手艺

n. 技巧, 手艺

Technique can only be gained by
practice.

She is a pianist with good tech-
nique but poor expression.

The young artist has imagination

but needs to improve his technique.

技术, 技能

You have to learn various techniques before you can do this job properly.

A technique is a particular method of doing something.

adopt/introduce advanced techniques 采用先进技术

helpful /'helpful/ (I) (help + 形容词后

缀-ful)

Syn. useful 可助益的; beneficial 有益的; constructive 建设性的

a. 给予帮助的, 肯帮忙的

He is helpful to his friends.

They were all very kind and helpful.

有益的, 建设性的

I found his theories quite helpful.

He put forward a helpful idea.

Phrases & Expressions

fill in (I)

填写, 填充

Please fill in this form with your name and address.

Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with appropriate prepositions.

decide on

选定, 决定

Finally, he decided on a blue coat.

Let's put our heads together and decide on a plan of action.

set aside (I)

拨出, 留出

He set some money aside for later use.

It's important to set aside time for relaxation, hobbies and entertainment.

把...置于一旁, 不理睬

Let's set aside our personal feelings.

He set all our objections aside.

as well (I)

也, 还, 同样

Tom is captain of the football team and is on the baseball team as well.

be aware (of)

知道; 意识到

As far as I am aware, that's cor-

rect.

It was several minutes before he was aware of what was happening.

She was aware (of) how dangerous it was.

concentrate on

全神贯注于

We have concentrated on recording the changes taking place in contemporary English.

look over (I)

把...看一遍, 把...过目

Will you look over this essay of mine, and tell me what you think of it?

察看, 参观

We must look over the house before we decide to move in.

The parents looked over the school before sending their children there.

go over (I)

复习

He went over his notes before the exam.

仔细察看, 检查, 审查

The police went over the gun for fingerprints.

The doctor went over the girl carefully but could find no broken bones.

The accountant comes in once a month and goes over the books.
lead to

Unit Two

Sailing Round the World

single-handed /'sɪŋgl'hændɪd/

Syn. alone 单独的 (地)

a. /*ad.* 单独的 (地)

She accomplished the task by her single-handed efforts.

If you do something single-handed, you do it on your own, without help from anyone else.

adventure /əd'ventʃə/ (I)

Syn. venture, risk 冒险

n. 冒险, 冒险活动

An explorer must have a spirit of adventure.

They were bored, and looking for adventure.

solo /'səʊlə/ (A)

a. 单独的

his first solo flight 他第一次的
单飞

transatlantic /'trænzət'læntɪk/

a. 横渡大西洋的

the first solo transatlantic sailing
race 首届横渡大西洋单人航海比赛

lung /lʌŋ/ (I)

n. 肺

Did you have your lungs X-rayed?

cancer /'kænsə/ (I)

n. 癌

a cancer causer 致癌物质
cancer of the lung (stomach,
liver) 肺 (胃、肝) 癌症
cancer cells 癌细胞

determined /dɪ'tə:mɪnd/

导致

Disobeying the law can lead to trouble.

a. 下定了决心的

For a long time he was determined to propose a new method.

determine *v.* (I)

determination *n.* (I)

retire /rɪ'taɪə/ (I)

Syn. retreat, withdraw 撤退

vi. 退休

His father retired at the age of 60.

退出, 退下

He retired from business.

He retired to his own room.

He made his speech, bowed, and retired.

retire from the world 退隐, 隐居

retire from office (service) 退职 (役)

retire on a pension 领养老金退休
就寝

Finally he retired for the night.

I like to retire early whenever I can.

voyage /vɔɪdʒ/ (I)

Syn. sail 航行; journey, trip, travel, tour 旅行

n. /*vi.* 航海, 航行, 旅行

We have made an ocean voyage.

Columbus voyaged across unknown seas.

The novelist has voyaged in imagination from planet to planet in rockets.

make/take a voyage to Shanghai
航行到上海

route/ru:t/(I)

Syn. path, line, way 路线; journey 行程; way 路途

n. 路线, 路程

The climbers tried to find a new route to the top of the mountain. It's the quickest route to Europe.

a train (bus) route 火车 (公共汽车) 路线

clipper/'klipə/

n. 快速帆船

crew/kru:/(I)

n. 全体船员, 全体机务人员, 一队 (或一班、一组) 工作人员

The Captain ordered his crew to prepare for action.

A train crew runs a railroad train.

The crew was / were annoyed at the captain's decision to visit the port.

All sixty-eight passengers and crew members perished in the crash.

She has her own crew of 21 persons.

They are the stage crew for the new play.

a train crew 列车乘务组

a maintenance crew 维修组

steer/stiə/(I)

Syn. pilot 驾驶; sail 驾驶 (船只)

vt. 驾驶, 为...掌舵

Steer your car slowly into the garage.

He steered the boat between the islands.

device/di'vais/(I)

Syn. appliance 器具, 装置; apparatus 设备, 器械, 器具; equipment 装备, 设备; facilities 设备; instrument 器械, 仪器

n. 装置, 设备, 器具, 仪器

I have fitted a device to my car which opens the garage doors au-

tomatically.

a pick-up device 拾音器, 拾波器
a measuring device 测量仪器

steering device n. 操舵装置

damage/'dæmɪdʒ/(I)

Syn. destroy 破坏, 毁灭; ruin 毁灭, 毁坏; hurt, injury, harm 损害; injure 损害, 损伤; destruction 破坏

n. 毁坏, 损害

Did the accident do any damage to the car?

do damage to sb. (sb.'s reputation) 损害某人 (某人的名誉)

(**pl.**) 损害赔偿金

He was awarded \$ 500 damages for the injury he suffered in the accident.

vt. 毁坏, 损害

The fire damaged everything in the store.

Her heart was slightly damaged as a result of her long illness.

gale/geil/(I)

n. 大风

The tree was blown down by the gale.

cover/'kʌvə/(E)

Syn. include, comprise, embrace 包括, 包含; contain 包含; involve 包含, 牵涉; concern 涉及; lid 盖, 盖子

vt. 行过一段距离

The Red Army covered 25 000 li on their Long March.

盖, 覆盖

The ground is covered with snow.

She covered her face with her hands.

包括, 涉及

This dictionary does not cover the whole of the English vocabulary.

We've covered a wide range of subjects today.