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# 大学英语语法



# 内容简介

本书系高职高专英语语法的英文版本教材,包括词法和句法两个部分。词法主要就名词、名词属格、限定词、代词、形容词、副词、动词、介词和连词等用法进行系统讲解,而句法则对句子的结构、句子的种类,即 It 句型、主谓一致、名词性从句、关系从句、状语从句、条件从句、倒装句等进行翔实剖析。为了增进趣味性,书中引入大量的古诗、英语字谜、猜谜、游戏、幽默故事等。本书配有练习题,并提供了参考答案,书后还附有语法术语英汉对照表。本书可作为高职高专英语专业学生的英语语法教材,亦可用作高校学生英语学习以及英语语法爱好者自学使用。

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# **PREFACE**

Tide College English Grammar, specially designed and compiled for college students majoring in English, is a simple and practical grammatical teaching material, concentrating on the main knowledge points of English grammar. It consists of 18 chapters and divides into two parts: morphology and syntax. A general survey of morphology is described in the first eight chapters in Part 1. In morphology, different classes of English words are discussed to a certain degree. In syntax, the arrangement of words is studied in the following nine chapters in Part 2, that is, how words of different classes are combined into sentences. Different types of sentences, their structures, functions, meanings, etc are also concerned.

This book provides a detailed, full and accurate study of English grammar with a large number of typical and various exercises for practice. In order to fuse English grammar teaching with fun, English puzzles, riddles, games, humors, as well as some famous Chinese ancient poems are attached to the exercises. We wish grammar teaching and learning a happy and funny experience for teachers and students.

This book is compiled to meet the demands of grammar teaching and learning to fill up the market vacancy, as few grammatical textbooks in English version are available for the English majors at the present book market. While preparing and writing the book, the author has referred to lots of books, and thus feels most grateful to their authors. Any suggestions and comments about this book are welcome.

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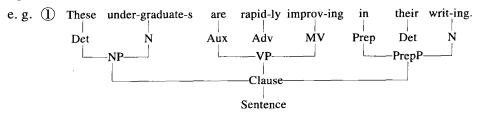
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#### CHAPTER I

# INTRODUCTION

Grammar is the structural system of a language. The grammar of the English language is organized into five ranks: the sentence, the clause, the phrase, the word and the morpheme. The sentence is the highest rank of grammatical unit, while the morpheme is the lowest rank. A sentence can be segmented rank by rank down to its smallest unit — the morphemes. Each rank is composed of one or more than one grammatical unit of the immediate lower rank.



Det: determiner N: noun Aux: auxiliary Adv: adverb MV: main verb

Prep: preposition NP: noun phrase VP: verb phrase PrepP: prepositional phrase

# § 1 Morphemes

The morpheme is the smallest meaningful element of speech. Morphemes fall into two categories: free morphemes and bound morphemes.

# 1. Free morphemes

A free morpheme has a complete meaning and can stand by itself as a simple word.

e. g. 2 boy, chair, kind.

# 2. Bound morphemes

Bound morphemes are mostly affixes. The meaning is not complete in itself unless it is attached to some other forms. A bound morpheme can not stand by itself.

# § 2 Words

The word is composed of one or more than one morpheme. In terms of word-formation,

words can be divided into simple words, derivatives and compounds.

A simple word is a free morpheme.

e.g. 4 at, foot, make.

A derivative is made up of a free morpheme with a derivational affix.

e. g. ⑤ discover, supermarket, prewar.

A compound is composed two or more than two free morphemes.

e.g. 6 snowfall, something, outside.

# § 3 Phrases

The phrase is a group of words organized in a specific way with a key word as its head. The word class of the head determines the class of the phrase and the way in which the words are organized.

- 1) Noun phrases: (determiner +) (premodifier +) noun ( + postmodifier).
- e. g. 7 the tall boy sitting in the corner
  - (8) the author's book that will soon come out
- 2) Verb phrases: (auxiliary +) (modifier +) main verb.
- e. g. 9 She ought to have told him about it.
  - ① Joan will certainly object and so will Mary.
- 3) Adjective phrases: (modifier +) adjective ( + postmodifier / complementation).
- e. g. 1 The course is pretty difficult.
  - 12 I'll be glad to help you repair the car.
- 4) Adverb phrases: (modifier +) adverb ( + postmodifier).
- e. g. (13) She spoke very clearly indeed.
  - (4) He lives farthest from the station.
- 5) Prepositional phrases: (modifier +) preposition + complementation.
- e. g. 15 They followed close behind me.
  - 16 The weather has been fine except in the north.

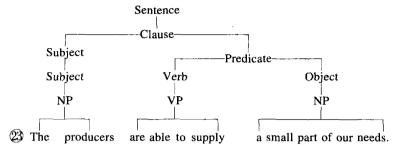
# § 4 Clauses

The clause is composed of one or more than one phrase. It is a construction of "subject + predicate". When a clause consists of only one construction of "subject + predicate", it is a simple clause.

When a clause comprises another clause or other clauses as its element or elements, it is a complex clause. There are nominal clauses, relative clauses, adverbial clauses.

e. g. 17) What she lacks is experience.

- (18) I don't think he knows everything about it.
- 19 The man who wore dark glasses could not see clearly.
- 20 This is the house which Lu Xun once lived in.
- 21) If that hat does not fit, try another.
- 2 They arrived before I left.



# § 5 Sentences

Based on one or more than one clause, the sentence can stand alone and perform a function in social communication.

Classified by use, sentences may be divided into:

- 1) Declarative sentences
- e. g. A That was a trap.
- 2) Interrogative sentences
- e.g. 25 Who phoned last night?
- 3) Imperative sentences
- e. g. 26 Let's take a taxi.
- 4) Exclamatory sentences
- e. g. Mow fluently she speaks Chinese!

Classified by structure, sentences are of four kinds:

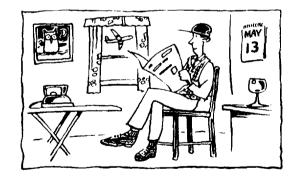
- 1) Simple sentences
- e. g. B The students have made letter grades in the past few weeks.
- 2) Compound sentences
- e. g. 29 Miss Lin came to the party, but Mrs Sherman did not.
- 3) Complex sentences
- e. g. 30 What he said is not true.
- 4) Compound-complex sentences
- e. g. 3 They watched television and enjoyed themselves, but we couldn't see the program because our television was broken.
  - Description Everyone is embarrassed when they make mistakes and everyone makes mistakes.

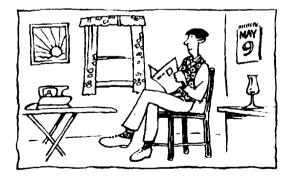
# [ENJOYING YOURSELF I]

# What's the Difference?

Which things in the pictures are different? Write down their names in the spaces below. The top line should spell the name of a city in the U.S.A.

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The Parts of Speech

Three little words you often see
Are ARTICLES, a, an, and the.
A NOUN's the name of anything,
As school or garden, hoop or swing.
ADJECTIVES tell the kind of noun,
As great, small, pretty, white, or brown.
Instead of nouns the PRONOUNS stand:
Her head, his face, our arms, your hand.
VERBS tell of something being done:
To read, count, sing, laugh, jump, or run.
How things are done the ADVERBS tell:
As slowly, quickly, ill or well.
CONJUNCTIONS join the words together,
As men and women, wind or weather.
The PREPOSITION stands before
A noun, as in or through a door.
The INTERJECTION shows surprise,
As oh! How pretty! Ah! How wise!
The whole are called nine parts of speech,
Which reading, writing, speaking teach. ુ તુમાં તુમા તુમાં તુમા તુમા કર્ત

## CHAPTER II

# **NOUNS**

A noun is the name of a person, place, or thing, some quality, state or action.

e. g. ① Mary, England, apple, dependence, loneliness, measurement.

# § 1 Classification of nouns

Nouns can be classified according to word-formation, lexical meaning and grammatical form.

1. According to word-formation, nouns can be divided into simple, compound and derivative nouns.

Simple Noun is a noun that contains only one free morpheme.

e.g. 2 chair, sea, room, man.

Compound Noun is a noun that is composed of two or more free morphemes.

e.g. 3 armchair, chairman, farmland, seaside, classroom.

Derivative Noun is a noun that comes from a verb, an adjective or a simple noun with an affix.

- e. g. 4 arrangement, greatness, unfair, questionnaire.
- 2. According to lexical meaning, nouns are divided into two kinds: proper nouns and common nouns.

Proper Noun is a name for a particular person, place or thing, and spelt with a capital initial letter.

e.g. (5) China, Lenin, The New York Times.

Common Noun is a name common to a class of people, things or abstract ideas. Common nouns can be further classified into individual, collective, material, and abstract nouns.

- 1) Individual nouns indicate individuals of living beings or things.
- e.g. 6 boy, house, tiger.
- 2) Collective nouns are names given to a collection of living beings or things.
- e.g. 7 family, police, team, cattle.
- 3) Material nouns are names of substances which things are made of.
- e.g. (8) air, snow, bread, rice.

- 4) Abstract nouns are names of actions, states or qualities.
- e. g. 9 education, failure, honesty, glory.

# 3. According to grammatical form, nouns can be divided into two classes: count nouns and non-count nouns.

Count noun has singular form and plural form. Count nouns can take a / an in the singular and can be used in the plural. Their plural forms can be regular or irregular. Non-count noun has only singular form and is not used with a / an.

- e. g. 1 A good teacher must be strict with himself. (Count noun in the singular)
  - ① Hot heads and cold hearts never solved anything. (Count noun in the regular plural)
  - ② All possible means have been tried. (Count noun in the irregular plural)
  - (3) Knowledge is strength. (Non-count noun)

# § 2 Function of nouns

The noun (phrase) can function as all the elements in a sentence except the predicate verb.

e. g. (14) Tom arrived.

(Subject)

15) Tom is an actor.

(Subject complement)

16 I saw Tom.

(Object)

(17) They elected Tom chairman.

(Object complement)

18 Tom returned last night.

(Adverbial)

A noun can also be in the possessive case.

- e. g. 19 Tom's books
  - 20 Mike's parents

# § 3 Number forms of nouns

Number indicates whether a noun denotes one or more than one person, place or thing. If it denotes only one, it is in the singular number. If it denotes more than one, it is in the plural number.

# 1. Regular and irregular plural

Individual nouns are all countable and therefore have singular and plural forms. The singular form shares the same form as the base of the word. The plural form can be regular or irregular.

- 1) Regular plurals
- a. The regular plurals are usually formed by adding -s to the singular.
- e.g. ② bed beds

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	b. Nouns ending in o, s, x, ch, sh	, take the plural ending -es.	
	e.g. 22 tomato — tomatoes	hero — heroes	
	brush — brushes	class — classes	
	box — boxes	bench — benches	
	But words of foreign origin or abbre	eviated words ending in o add -s only.	
	e.g. 🕲 kilo — kilos	photo — photos	
	piano — pianos	dynamo — dynamos	
	Words ending in o preceded by a vo	owel take -s as the ending.	
	e.g. A radio — radios	bamboo — bamboos	
	c. Nouns ending in y following a cons	sonant form their plural by dropping the $y$ and adding	; -ies
	e.g. 🕸 baby — babies	army — armies	
	Nouns ending in $y$ following a vower	el form their plural by adding -s.	
	e.g. 26 boy — boys	donkey — donkeys	
	A proper noun ending in y following	g a consonant form their plural by adding -s.	
	e.g. 😰 Henry — Henrys	Mary — Marys	
	d. Twelve nouns ending in f or fe d	drop $f$ or $fe$ and add -ves. These nouns are wife, $k$	nife
$wol_j$	f, self, calf, shelf, loaf, thief, sheaf,	half, life, leaf.	
	e.g. 🕸 wolf — wolves	shelf — shelves	
	The nouns hoof, scarf and wharf take	e either -s or -ves in the plural.	
	e.g. 29 hoof — hoofs or hooves	scarf — scarfs or scarves	
	wharf — wharfs or wharves		
	Other words ending in $f$ or $fe$ add - $s$	in the ordinary way.	
	e.g. 30 cliff — cliffs	safe — safes	
	handkerchief-handkerchief	fs	
	2) Irregular plurals		
	The irregular plural is not formed in	the above way but by other means.	
	a. A few nouns form their plural by	a vowel change.	
	e.g. 3 man — men	tooth — teeth mouse — mice	
	woman — women g	goose — geese foot — feet	
	louse — lice		
	b. A few nouns form their plural by	changing the ending.	

e. g. ② ox — oxen child — children

c. Some nouns have the same form in both numbers.

e.g.  $\mathfrak{V}$  a deer / sheep / fish — ten deer / sheep / fish a Chinese / Swiss / Japanese — a group of Chinese / Swiss / Japanese e.

## 2. Number forms of the collective, material, abstract and proper noun

1) Some collective nouns are countable, some are not. An uncountable collective noun has no plural form. If we want to count the number, we will have to use a kind of individual noun related semantically to the collective.

g. ③ COLLECTIVE NOUN	INDIVIDUAL NOUN
poetry	poem
police	police man
furniture	table, chair, etc
equipment	tool
foliage	leaf
luggage	trunk, $bag$ , $etc$
we a ponry	gun, pistol, etc
machinery	machine

Some collective nouns can be used either in the singular or in the plural sense. When viewed as a single unit, the collective can take a singular verb; when the noun refers to the individuals that form the collective, it takes a plural verb.

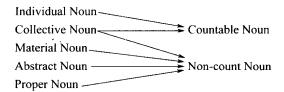
- e. g. 35 a committee several committee
  - 36 Our team is the best.
  - 3 Our team are wearing their new jerseys.
- 2) Material nouns are generally uncountable and have no plural forms. But there are some items that can be used either uncountably or countably. When used to mean the material itself, they are uncountable, But when used in other senses, they are countable.
  - e. g. **3** Two coffees means two cupfuls of coffee.

    foods means a variety of food.

    sands means large expanse of sand.
- 3) Abstract nouns are mostly uncountable. They can not take such determiners as a(n) / one or plural forms. But some abstract nouns with a plural ending have the effect of changing the meaning of the base.
  - e.g. ③ experience 经验 experiences 经历relation 关系 relations 亲戚 youth 青春 youths 男青年worry 忧愁,烦恼 worries 烦恼事kindness 善意 kindnesses 善行
- 4) Proper nouns are unique in reference and therefore have no plural forms except for such proper names as the United States, the Philippines, etc., which are themselves plural in form.

When a proper noun takes a plural ending, it takes on some characteristics of a common noun.

- e. g. 40 Have you invited the Browns?
  - (1) There are two Miss Smiths in the class.



It is to be noted that a noun does not always belong to the same kind. Whether a noun is countable or uncountable is often determined by the sense or the usage.

- e. g. D I saw a fish / three fish in the bowl. (Individual nouns)
  - (3) There are many fish in the pool. (Collective noun in irregular plural)
  - These pools swarm with a great variety of fishes. (Collective noun in the regular plural)
  - (Material noun)
  - 6 Fish stories are always fishy. (Collective noun)
  - 1 His writings sparkle with wit (= liveliness of spirit).
  - (B) He has quick wits ( = intelligence) to realize what to do in the emergency.
  - 9 She is a beauty! I should as soon call her mother a wit (= a man or woman of much intelligence).
  - 50 Some better-liked plays were once declared as depicting the life of the wit (= the group of persons possessing wit) and the beauty, and then driven from the stage.

# [EXERCISE II]

- 1 Give answers to the tricky questions and tell out the classes of the nouns as the answers.
- 1. What man cannot live inside the house?
- 2. What is black when it's clean, and white when it's dirty?
- 3. What key is difficult to move?
- 4. What doesn't stop forever?
- 5. What ship never goes down to water?
- 6. Why does Xiaohong have a class with her mother in the same classroom?
- 7. Why did Xiaoming kick off the present which his grandpa sent him for his birthday?
- 8. What goes up and never comes down?

9.	The more there is, the less you see. What is it?
10.	Two little brothers live near each other. One lives on one side, the other on the other side.
	They hear what you say, but they don't see each other. What are the two brothers?

	They hear what you say, but they don't see each other. What are the two brothers?
2	Fill in a suitable noun to complete each sentence.
1.	Can you describe the car? The police need a full in order to find it.
	I've already arranged for your appointment, and this cannot be changed.
3.	He expected to win the election, but the vote he got exceeded his
4.	There's no point in arguing about this situation, because this can never be resolved.
5.	Drinking water must be pure. Chemicals are added to maintain its
6.	He knocked on the kitchen door. He had been told to deliver the groceries at the rear
	The young boy had no friends there. His made him unhappy.  The professor never remembered where he had left his notes. He was known for his
9.	The children were laughing and having a good time. Apparently their lives were filled with
10.	Although the newspapers described the crisis, many people underestimated the
	of the world situation.
3	Choose a countable or uncountable noun form to fill each blank.
	art, an art
1.	A city without is dead.
	Painting is
	rest, a rest
3.	After a big meal, you should take
4.	Everybody needs food, drink and
	space, a space
5.	In writing English, we leave after each word.
6.	Beyond the stars there is nothing but
	pleasure, a pleasure
7.	I will come with
	It will be to see you.

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	kindness, kindnesses	
9.	. His many were much appreciated.	
	Don't take advantage of his	
	fruit, fruits	
11.	Now people are eating more than before.	
12.	Various are on sale there.	
4	Explain the italicized nouns in Chinese.	
1.	a. All plants need light.	
	b. Do you have a light by your bed?	
2.	a. The artist's clothes were covered in paint.	
	b. I have left my paints at home.	
3.	a. The kettle is made of copper.	
	b. I gave the boy a few coppers.	
4.	a. How much cloth does it take to make a dress for this girl?	
	b. One by one he took out the books and wiped them with a cloth.	
5.	a. She doesn't like beer.	
	b. He ordered two beers and a whisky.	
6.	a. We enjoyed the beauty of the West Lake.	
	b. He regarded his wife as a beauty.	
7.	a. Trade between our two countries has increased.	
	b. I think every boy should learn a trade.	
8.	a. He kept a lot of lambs.	
	b. Would you like some more <i>lamb</i> ?	
9.	a. There is <i>paper</i> on the desk.	
	b. He is preparing a paper on world population for our next meeting.	
	c. Where are my papers?	
10.	a. Mr Smith used his authority, and ordered Ann to come here.	
	b. He is an authority on grammar.	
	c. The authorities did not interfere with us.	

1. The news is bad. All food is to cost more, especially fish and fruit.