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前 言

中国人学英语,大凡都喜欢从字面上理解英语词语和句子,特别是汉语中有与英语字面意思相对应的表达时,更容易想当然地去理解,往往犯望文生义的错误。这些字面意思与其含义不同,甚至完全相反的英语词语和句子就如同"陷阱",很具有迷惑性,不仅一般英语学习者,就是具有一定英语水平的人,甚至有的辞书编译者也未能幸免。

实际上,英语中的固定短语(习语、成语、谚语等)或习惯表达是英、美国家的人民在长期生活实践中逐渐形成的,具有特定的含义。因此,若想学好英语,就必须首先跳出这些"陷阱"。

本书共收入英语学习中最常出现的"陷阱"700余个,并在[说明]中进行了适当扩展和归纳,以期在有限的篇幅内向读者展现更多的信息和内容。

本书编写是以句子形式呈现在读者面前的,旨在通过完整的句子理解英语中容易误解或容易望文生义的词语和句子。实际上,任何英语句子都有其重点词语(关键词语),词语中又有其重点词(关键词)。因此,为了方便读者,本书先找出每句中容易引起误解或容易望文生义的词语,然后再在这些词语中找出重点词(关键词),最后根据这些重点词(关键词)首字母的先后排列顺序进行排列。比如,在[003] Tom is an able seaman. [004] This book is above my child. [005] Her husband was all abroad when she shouted at him. [006] Bill's absence of mind in driving caused the accident. [007] Her heart ached for her husband. 这几句中, able, above, abroad, absence 和 ached 是重点词(关键词),本书

就是以这些词的首字母先后顺序排列句子的。

需要说明的是,本书在取舍内容、选择编排方式以及对某条词 语或句子理解等方面不免带有编者的主观判断,诚望读者和专家 学者批评指正。

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T2/11	Get along with you! Don't bother me	(110)
T2/19	The driver told me where to get off	(TIO)
T212	7 Pill is anxious to get through with the examination	(TTT)
T344	I wouldn't have it as a gift	(1111)
T345	That is the Greek gift. It'll get you into troubles	(111)
T3/16	We must put some ginger into it in order to do it well	(111)
[347	The girl is a bus girl.	(111)
[348	Don't come up to her. She is a street girl.	(112)
240	Tom has got a girl into trouble	(TTT)
[250	This sister gives as good as she gets	(110)
[2E1	John and Rill were fighting with the gloves oil	(119)
[OFO	This are fite me like a glove	(119)
253	How dangerous it is! We just had a near go.	(114)
FOF 4	A no group leaving? — No. I must go somewhere	(114)

	355]		(114)
	356	The old man can't go without cigarettes	(114)
	357	—How about the interview? —Don't go there	(115)
	358	Tom got my goat	(115)
	359]	His sister is a good and kind girl,	(115)
	360]	She is good with children.	(116)
	361]	The actress got the goose on the stage	(117)
	362]	How do you dare to teach your grandmother to suck eggs?	(117)
		It's not strange for one to have such an idea between grass	
		and hay.	(118)
	364]	The computer language is all Greek to me	(118)
	365]	The tall boy is a green man.	(118)
	366]	These students are in the green	(118)
	367]	There is a greenroom there.	(119)
	368]	His mother is a woman with gray hair,	(119)
	369]	They were in on the ground floor	(119)
	370]	The old woman died in the gutter	(120)
	371]	The girl was of lean habit.	(120)
	372]	It is not half so easy as you think	(120)
	373]	We agreed on you one half	(120)
	374]	She is the better singer by half	(121)
	375]	He married with the left hand last year	(121)
	376]	I'll be hanged if Mary married Tom	(121)
	377]	The driver didn't die happily.	(122)
	378]	I had hardly opened the door when the dog barked	(122)
	379]	She was very hateful to him	(123)
	380]	If you ask me, some oil companies are really making hay	
			(124)
	381]	Have you heard from him?	(124)
	382]	Her mother will not hear of her going there	(124)
	383]	She left him, because he had gone to her heart	(125)
	384]		(125)
	385]	He is a fairly heavy drinker	(126)
	386]	There is a hen and chickens on the house	(126)
	387]	It's high time we go to school	(126)
	[388]	They used to live in a hole in the wall	(126)
	389]	We should correctly treat a home question	(127)
	[390]	Her brother likes talking horse,	(127)
		He is in (a) bad (an ill) humour	
	392]	He is earning 50,000 pounds a year, if not 60,000	(128)
	[393]	He is nothing if not careful.	(129)
-	3947	He'll return in two weeks	(130)

[395]	The man is indebted to us for a large sum	(131)
[396]	Such a thing will have interest with her	(131)
[397]	This is an invaluable book	(132)
[398]	It is a wise father that knows his own child	(132)
[399]	It is a good horse that never stumbles	(133)
[400]	She has an itch for being a teacher	(133)
[401]	Some people have itching ears	(134)
[402]	We like to eat Iew's ear	(134)
[403]	He did justice to a dinner yesterday	(134)
[404]	Because of the war, he has the key of the street now	(134)
[405]	The boss kicked Tom upstairs,	(135)
[406]	Her husband is a man of the right kidney	(135)
[407]	The pig kills	(135)
[408]	She kills herself to learn English	(135)
[409]	You said you were the best guy here? You are killing me	(136)
[410]	She was got up to kill	(136)
[411]	That is a King's highway	(137)
[412]	John was as high as a kite vesterday evening	(137)
[413]	I know a thing or two about that thing.	(137)
[414]	She certainly knows better than to go there by herself	(137)
[415]	—Has Tom been ill? —Not that I know of	(138)
[416]	For all I know, he may already have left for Europe	(139)
[417]	Bill did hard labour	(140)
[418]	His wife is a woman in labour.	(140)
[419]	Your brother is the last man I wanted to see	(140)
[420]	The Trojans became wise too late	(141)
T4217	My uncle is laughing all the way to the bank	(141)
422	Don't leave the window open	(142)
[423]	The boy's father read him a good lecture after it	(142)
[424]	John doesn't have a leg to stand on	(142)
[425]	It's eight o'clock. Show a leg!	(143)
[426]	I think that runner in red will win because he has legs	(143)
427	You may do it at leisure	(143)
[428]	We decided to teach the naughty boy a lesson	(144)
[429]	He is really on the level	(144)
[430]	That man can lick you.	(144)
[431]	He will catch up with them as likely as not.	(145)
[432]	People prefer to wash their dirty linen at home	(146)
433	I was not a little surprised, because it came so unexpectedly	(146)
T434	What you said goes right where she lives	(147)
[435]	The boy is a love child.	(147)
[436]	I would not do that for love or money	(147)

437	Mr Smith is a mad doctor	(148)
[438]	John received a black mail yesterday.	(148)
[439]	You'll reach your majority next month.	(149)
[440]	He began to make a living at the age of eighteen	(149)
[441]	They've made up.	(149)
[442]	All the students answered yes to a man	(150)
[443]	The woman lived a simple life man and boy	(150)
[444]	Mr Smith is a man for all seasons	(150)
[445]	That young man is really a man Friday to me	(150)
[446]	Laura married a man in a million	(151)
[447]	Angela is a man of a woman	(151)
[448]	He may marry anyone, as he is a public notary	(151)
[449]	You have matches?	(151)
[450]	I paid a matter of 800 yuan yesterday	(152)
[451]	Try as she may, she never succeeds,	(152)
[452]	She may not be there	(152)
[453]	It is said that set meals are usually cheaper	(153)
[454]	Her child suffered from German measles	(153)
[455]	Would you like to eat dark meat?	(153)
[456]	Laura often takes her medicine	(153)
[457]	He is a medicine man	(153)
458	If you don't want to mend your manners, you will be punished.	(154)
[150]	Her grandfather was a merchant of death	(154)
[460]	She is losing her mind.	(154)
[461]	I am in two minds about what to do next	(155)
[462]	We're going to give him a piece of our mind	(155)
[463]	She always mistakes me for my brother	(155)
464	That fellow was a Monday morning quarterback	(155)
465	Mad Monday always makes me tied up	(156)
466	Tom put me monkey up	(156)
467	It is said that they have gone on a lot of monkey business	(156)
T468	He likes to promise the moon	(157)
469	This is in a blue moon. You must grasp it	(157)
[470]	The farmer got fifty more heads of cattle	(158)
T471	Do you love the morning glory?	(158)
472	I want to buy two mouses	(158)
[473]	The woman has a real talent for putting her foot in her mouth.	(159)
	Don't care for what she said.	
	She is a person having a big mouth	(159)
[475]	The old couple have made beautiful music together	(159)
476	When you are in trouble, you must face the music	(159)
T477	Your choice is the nail in the coffin	(160)