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前 言

随着我国外语教学改革的深入发展,对广大大、中专院校师生的外语水平要求越来越高,广大师生迫切需要一本内容新颖、功能齐全、实用性较强的英语习惯用法工具书,以便掌握正确的英语学习方法。因此,我们组织有关专家、学者编写了这本《现代英语惯用法词典》。

要掌握地道的英语,习惯用法是必须“闯”过的一大关。本词典针对中国人学习外语的特点与难点,从语用、语义、语言文化知识等方面介绍了现代英语的习惯用法,既注意应用现代语言学研究的新成果解释习惯用法现象,又不纠缠理论问题,注意语言的事实、语言的实践性和实用性,我们的目标只有一个——帮助英语学习者解决语言使用中的疑难问题,提高运用地道英语进行交际的能力。

本词典共收录词条约 12000 条,体例新颖独特,释义简洁通顺,例句简明并富有新意,是广大师生和英语爱好者的良师益友。

随着人类社会不断发展与变化,英语中会不断涌现出反映新事物的新用法;限于时间与水平,疏漏之处在所难免,恳请广大专家、读者批评指正,以便再版修订。

编 者

体例说明

1. 本词典所列词组是指按一定语法规则或习惯用法搭配而成。

2. 为了统一编排和方便查阅, 本词典所有词组均按英语字母顺序排列, 用黑正体排印。

3. 每个词组均有释义, 并配有典型例句, 例句用白斜体, 中心词(即词组)用黑斜体, 释义用楷体排印。

4. 每一个词组有多种释义时, 分别用 1. 2. 3. …… 标出, 并附有例句。

5. 词组中“/”表示斜线前后单词可以替代。

6. 鉴于使用本词典的读者均具备一定的英语水平, 所以本词典单词均不标注国际音标。

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A a

a / one heck of a 极度的, 糟糕的, 极好的, 极长的

△*They had a heck of fighting.* 他们大打一场。△*That is a heck of a situation that I've ever experienced.* 那是我经历过的糟糕局面中的一个。

a / one heck of a lot 许多

△*The students have learned a heck of a lot in the countryside.* 学生们已经在农村学到许多东西。△*He earned a heck of a lot of money in two years.* 两年中他挣了很多钱。

(a) / one's change of heart (个人、团体或国家) 改变想法 / 回心转意, (尤指向理解、合作或友好的) 态度转变

△*Scott used to be prejudiced against Blacks, but since he had a Black roommate at college, he has undergone a change of heart.* 斯科特对黑人一向抱有偏见。但自从在大学里有了一位黑人室友之后, 他的想法改变了。△*Upon reflecting on how badly he had been treating his wife, George had a change of heart about demanding a divorce.* 在反省了自己对待妻子的恶劣行径

之后, 乔治回心转意, 不要求离婚了。△*There is danger of being so pre-occupied with defence that we would miss or discourage a Soviet change of heart that would possibly lead to a settlement.* 现在有一种过分强调防卫的危险, 这会使我们失去一次让苏联转变态度的机会, 或者说会迫使它放弃这种转变, 而这一转变是有可能导致问题的解决的。△*Industry's part has been to act more responsibly. The changing economic climate as well as the public concern has influenced this change of heart.* 工业界已经在扮演更负责任的角色了, 经济环境和公众的关切影响了这种思想转变。

(a) / the case in point (所谈话题的一个) 恰当的例子, 切题的例子

△*A case in point is Chen Jing-kai, who improved world records on eight occasions.* 一个典型的例子就是陈镜开, 他曾八次改写世界纪录。△*He is rather selfish. His unwillingness to help his brother is a case in point.* 他是一个非常自私的人, 他不愿帮助他

的兄弟就是一个例子。△Some crimes are very serious, a case in point is the recent bank robbery. 有些犯罪非常严重,最近的银行抢劫案就是一例。

a / the shadow of 一点点

△There's not a shadow of a doubt about his guilt. 毫无疑问,他是有罪的。△The shadow of smile played over Harlin's face. 哈林的脸上掠过一丝微笑。

a bag of 一袋子……

△a bag of flour / potatoes 一袋子面粉 / 马铃薯

a bagful of … 满满一袋的……

△a bagful of waste paper / peanuts 满满一袋子废纸 / 花生

a bar of 一条……

△a bar of soap / chocolate 一条肥皂 / 巧克力

a barrel of

1. 一桶……

△a barrel of beer / oil 一桶啤酒 / 油

2. 许多,大量

△a barrel of money / fun 许多钱 / 很有趣

a basket of 一篮子……, 一筐……

△a basket of tomatoes / eggs 一篮子西红柿 / 鸡蛋

a basketful of 一满篮子, 一满筐……

△a basketful of grapes / egg-plants 满满一篮子葡萄 / 茄子

a bed of thorns / nails 不愉快的时候 / 境况, 困难的时期 / 境况

期 / 境况, 困难的时期 / 境况

△At any period of history it is the unemployed who find life to be a bed of thorns. 在任何历史时期, 都是失业者感到生活很艰辛。△He seems to lie in a bed of nails. The situation is unpleasant and difficult. 他如卧针毡。现在的情况非常不好。

a bicycle saddle 自行车车座

△He often fell from the bicycle saddle when he just began to learn to cycle. 他刚学骑自行车时, 经常从车座上摔下来。

a big noise 大人物, 大亨

△His father is a big noise in the steel industry. 他父亲在钢铁工业界是个有影响的人物。△He's a tennis star, big noise, so he can get anything he wants. 他是一个网球明星, 一个声名显赫的人物, 因此他能得到他想要的一切。

a bit

1. 多少, 有点儿, 相当

△My tooth is better, but it still hurts a bit. 我的牙好点儿了, 但还是有点儿疼。△Your article is a bit (too) long for our paper. 对于我们的报纸来讲, 你的文章太长了。

2. 少量的时间, 一小会儿, 片刻

△I'm going out for a bit. 我要出去一会儿。△Wait a bit, I'm coming. 等会儿, 我就来。

a bit of

1. 少许, 一点儿

△*I did a bit of teaching before I became a lawyer.* 在当律师之前, 我教过一点儿书。△*He is going to do a bit of shopping.* 他要出去买点东西。

2. 相当数量的, 相当规模的, 相当不小的

△*I must have a bit of a chat with you—this very night.* 我必须得好好跟你谈谈——就今晚吧。△*The humor of it takes a bit of finding.* 这其中的幽默需要好好体会才行。

a bit of a ... 相当地, 有几分……, 有些……的味道

△*He is a bit of a humorist.* 他颇有几分风趣。△*The place is a bit of a backwater.* 这地方多少有点闭塞。

a bit thick 太过分了

△*Three weeks of heavy rain is a bit thick.* 连下了三个月的大雨, 真是太过分了。△*They thought it a bit thick when he called himself a genius.* 当他称自己是个天才时, 他们认为他说得太过分了。

a black sheep 败家子, 害群之马, 不肖子

△*They say I'm the black sheep of the family because I decided to be a dancer.* 他们说我是家中的不肖之子, 因为我决定当一个舞

蹈演员。△*There are a few black sheep in the society.* 在社会上有一些害群之马。

a blade of 一叶……, 一根……

△*a blade of glass / wheat* 一根草 / 麦子

a bottle of 一瓶……

△*a bottle of ink / milk* 一瓶墨水 / 牛奶

a bowing / nodding acquaintance (with) (与……) 点头之交; (对……) 略知一二, (有关于……的) 肤浅知识

△*As far as I know, she only had a nodding acquaintance with Joseph.* *She couldn't know him very well.* 就我所知, 她与约瑟夫只是点头之交。她不可能很了解他的。△*That guide has a nodding acquaintance with local history.* 那位导游对当地历史略知一二。

a bowl of 一碗……, 一钵……, 一盆……

△*a bowl of rice / flowers* 一碗米饭 / 一盆花

a bowlful of 一碗碗……

△*a bowlful of soup / dumplings* 一碗碗汤 / 饺子

a box of 一箱……, 一盒……

△*a box of chocolates / jewelry* 一盒巧克力 / 珠宝

a boxful of 一满箱……, 一满盒……

△*a boxful of books / clothes* 满

满一箱书 / 衣服

a bunch of

1. 一串……, 一束……

△a bunch of keys / flowers 一串钥匙 / 一束花

2. 一群……, 一伙……

△a bunch of boys / monkeys 一群男孩 / 猴子

a burst of 一个短暂、猛烈、突然的动作, 一阵迸发

△The soldiers heard a burst of guns in the distance. 士兵们听到远处突然的一阵枪声。△He

finished the third part of his novel with a burst of energy. 他一鼓作气写完了小说的第三部分。△a burst of anger 一阵发怒

△a burst of applause 一阵掌声

△a burst of benevolence 突然动了惻隐之心 △a burst of emotion

感情的迸发 △a burst of gunfire 一阵炮火射击 △a burst of

flame 一股火焰的喷出 △a burst of hope 突然生出一种希望 △a

burst of speed 突然加速 △a burst of sun 太阳破云而出 △a

burst of tears 一阵眼泪 △a burst of thunder 一阵响雷 △a burst

of weeping 突然大哭

a cake of 一块……

△a cake of soap / tobacco 一块肥皂 / 烟草

(a) can / bag of worms 棘手的事, 烦杂的问题; 一团糟

△The Social Security problem is

a can of worms. 社会保障制度是复杂而又麻烦的一大难题。

△He was handed a bag of worms soon after he was appointed the head of the committee. 他被任命为委员会主席后不久就接过了

一项棘手的任务。△Merit pay? Let's not open up that can of

worms. 考绩奖? 这个问题太复杂, 还是别捅马蜂窝吧。

(a) card / ace up one's sleeve 藏着不用的一张牌, 锦囊妙计, 应急方案或办法

△Bill always has a card up his sleeve, so when his first plan failed he tried another. 比尔总是

藏有一手, 因此他的第一个计划失败后他又开始尝试另一项计划。△John knew his mother

would lend him money if necessary, but he kept that card up his sleeve. 约翰知道他母亲在必要时会借钱给他, 不过, 他把这一

手留作应急办法。△The president candidate believes he has some aces up his sleeves in the final campaign. 这位总统候选人

自信在竞选的最后关头有一些不为人知的绝招可以使出来。△He wasn't ruined by his business failure; he has another card

up his sleeve—his wife's fortune. 他并未因商业失败而完蛋; 他另有一张王牌——他妻子的财产。

- (a) case / matter of conscience 凭良心解决的问题, 良心问题, 道义问题

△ I can't advise you on such questions; it is a case of conscience. 这种问题我无法提供建议, 只有问你自己的良心了。
△ Sometimes the law can do nothing when it comes to a case of conscience. 有时在涉及道义问题时, 法律是无能为力的。

- (a) case of life and death 生死攸关的事

△ This is a case of life and death, you must be extremely cautious about it. 这可是关系性命的事, 你们可要极为小心。
△ A heart operation is sometimes a case of life and death, so the surgeon shoulders a great responsibility. 心脏外科手术有时是件生死攸关的大事, 因此外科医生担负着重大的责任。

- a change of air 易地疗养, 改变环境

△ He's got tired of the city, so he really needs a change of air. 他已厌倦这个城市, 所以他真的需要改变一下环境。
△ Having worked hard for the whole semester, Professor Brown is going to the seaside during the summer vacation to have a change of air. 在辛辛苦苦地工作了整整一学期之后, 布朗教授决定在暑

假期间去海边换换环境。

- a chief secretary 秘书长

△ Mr. Robinson will be the chief secretary of the committee. 罗宾逊先生将就任这个委员会的秘书长。

- a chorus of 一致的……, 异口同声的……

△ a chorus of approval / disapproval / praise / protest / replies in the affirmative 一致赞成 / 反对 / 表扬 / 抗议 / 肯定的回答

- a close / near thing (在选举、比赛等最后阶段) 几乎势均力敌, 几乎平局

△ The last race was a near thing. 上次的比赛几乎胜负难分。
△ The boat race was a near thing, it was an almost equal finish between competitors at the end of the race. 这次船赛双方势均力敌, 比赛结束时, 双方选手几乎同时到达终点。

- a close call / shave 侥幸的脱险, 死里逃生

△ The old man's life is no longer in any danger, but it was a close call. 这位老人已经脱离危险期了, 但当时确实是死里逃生。
△ I just managed to jump out of the way of the car, but it was a pretty close shave. 我侥幸躲过了那辆汽车, 但的确差一点就被撞上。

a couple of

1. 两个, 一对, 一双

△I saw a couple of cats in the garden. 我在花园看见两只猫。

△I found a couple of socks in the bedroom, but they don't make a pair. 我在卧室里找到两只袜子, 但它们不成双。

2. (口语或非正式用法) 两三个, 几个

△I'll be back in a couple of minutes. 我过几分钟就回来。

△He met a couple of friends and they had a couple of drinks. 他碰见几个朋友, 他们一起喝了几杯。

a cup of 一(小)茶杯……

△a cup of tea / coffee 一杯茶 / 咖啡

a dual share 应得的一份

△He insisted on his dual share. 他坚持要他应得的那份。

a fact of life 无可争辩的事实, 无法改变的事实, 不可回避的事实

△Don't regret. That's a fact of life. 别后悔了, 那是个无法改变的事实。△That smoking does harm to your health is a fact of life. 吸烟有害于身体, 这是一个无可争议的事实。

(a) fat chance (作反语用) 几乎没有可能, 微小的机会

△The unknown tennis player has a fat chance of defeating the tennis star. 这个默默无闻的网球选

手几乎不可能战胜那位网球明星。△Jane is pretty and popular; you will have a fat chance of getting a date with her. 珍妮又漂亮又招人喜欢, 你很难有机会和她约会。

a few (of) (修饰可数名词, 表示肯定) 少数, 几个

△I told a few of my friends about it. 我把这件事告诉了几个朋友。△Did they really catch a few fish that day? 那天他们真的抓到几条鱼吗?

a fit of (病等的) 一阵发作, 一时……

△a fit of pain / coughing / curiosity / anger 一阵剧痛 / 咳嗽 / 一时好奇 / 愤怒

a free hand

1. 自由行动(权), 自行决定(权)

△The government gave them a free hand to promote the international trade. 政府放手让他们自行开展国际贸易。△They have a free hand in signing contracts. 他们有自行签约的权力。

2. 慷慨, 大方

△He often helps the poor with a free hand. 他经常对穷人慷慨相助。△The conceited young man always shows a free hand before girls. 那个自负的年轻人经常在女孩们面前大手大脚的。

a gallon of 一加仑……

△a gallon of petrol / water 一

加仑汽油 / 水

a gift from the Gods 天赐, 走运的机会

△That he could be chosen as a monitor is a gift from the Gods. 他能够被选为班长简直是天赐良机。△It seems that I have never got a gift from the Gods. 我好象从来都不走运。

a glass of 一玻璃杯……

△a glass of water / beer 一杯水 / 啤酒

a good 相当大(或多)的, 十足的, 至少的

△It took him a good long time to finish that picture. 他花了相当长的时间才完成那张画。△It's a good five miles to the station. 到车站至少有5英里。

a good / great deal 非常, 极其

△Don't worry about me. I'm a good deal better. 别担心我了, 我好多了。△Tom likes to skate a great deal. 汤姆非常喜欢滑冰。

a good / great deal of (多用于修饰不可数名词)大量的, 许多的

△He took a great deal of trouble looking for his lost wife. 他费尽心力寻找他走失的妻子。△The government attaches a good deal of importance to education. 政府高度重视教育。

a good few 相当多的, 颇有几个

△A good few college students have passed TOEFL exam and

want to study abroad. 不少大学生通过了托福考试并想出国留学。△Although he is only eight, he has remembered a good few English words. 虽说他只有八岁, 但他已经记住相当多的英文单词了。

a good job 幸运的事, 好事

△It's a good job that you are late. 你来晚了倒是件好事。△It is a good job that you had such a good teacher. 你有过这么好的一位老师真是件幸运事。

a good / great many (of) (修饰可数名词)许多, 大量的

△A good many lives lost in the earthquake. 那次地震中许多人丧生了。△A great many of us have seen the film The Waterloo Bridge. 我们中许多人都看过电影《魂断蓝桥》。

a grain of 一(小)粒……

△a grain of sand / salt / rice 一粒沙 / 盐 / 米

a great / considerable / huge / large amount of (修饰不可数名词)许多的, 大量的

△The joint venture earns a large amount of money every year. 那家合资企业每年赚大量的钱。△They had to sustain a considerable amount of damage. 他们不得不蒙受相当大的损失。

a group of 一群……, 一片……

△a group of girls / trees / hous-

es 一群女孩子 / 一片树木 / 一片房屋

a handful of

1. 一把……

△ *a handful of sand / earth* 一把沙子 / 土

2. 少量, 少数

△ *a handful of people / days / money* 少数几个人 / 不多几天 / 少量的钱

a hang of a 极其, 非常

△ *That's a hang of an exciting play.* 那是一个极其振奋人心的剧。△ *Winter in the North is a hang of a cold season.* 北方的冬季是非常寒冷的季节。

a hard / tough nut (to crack) 难题, 难事, 难对付的人

△ *The question of world hunger is a very hard nut to crack. I doubt if we'll find the answer to it in my lifetime.* 世界人口饥饿是一个难题。我怀疑在我有生之年, 我们是否能找到解决它的办法。△ *Don't annoy him. He is a real tough nut.* 别把他惹恼了, 他可是个难对付的人。

(a) hard case

1. 棘手的事情, 困难的局面

△ *This is a hard case, so we must ask the advice of a lawyer.* 这是一个棘手的事情, 因此我们必须请教律师。△ *They have been in a hard case since last year's financial crisis.* 自从去年金融危

机以来, 他们一直处于困境之中。

2. (常指罪犯) 冥顽不化的人, 难以对付的家伙

△ *You shouldn't annoy him. He is a hard case.* 你别招惹他, 这家伙可不好对付。

a hell of a

1. 糟糕的, 坏透的, 很麻烦的

△ *Every neighbor has found that family is a hell of a mess.* 每个邻居都发现, 那个家庭乱极了。△ *Tom Sawyer had a hell of a job to whitewash the front fence on Saturday.* 汤姆·索娅在星期六把前面的栅栏粉刷得真够糟糕的了。

2. 极好的, 极度的, 异常的

△ *We had a hell of a time last night.* 昨天夜里我们玩得很痛快。△ *Lending money to such a person is really a hell of a risk.* 把钱借给这样的人真是一种极大的冒险。

a hell of a lot

1. 许多, 大量

△ *The ten-year-old boy has read a hell of a lot of classical masterpieces.* 这个十岁的男孩已经读过许多古典名著了。△ *The young lady has a hell of a lot of property.* 这位年轻女士有许多财产。

2. 远远, 非常

△ *The film was a hell of a lot*

more interesting than I had expected. 这部电影比我预想的有趣得多。△She likes pet dogs a hell of a lot. 她非常喜欢宠物小狗。

a hole in the wall 狭小而黑暗的住所或店铺

△Many a family in that large city lives in a little hole in the wall. 那个大城市里的很多家庭都住在又小又黑的房子里。

△How can you run a business in such a hole in the wall? 在这么个狭小而黑暗的地方你怎么能做买卖?

a home from home 像自己家一样的地方,使人感到舒适自在的场所

△This motel is a home from home for drivers. 这家汽车旅馆是司机之家。△This villa is a home from home for a tired person. 对于一个疲倦的人来说,这个别墅是个很舒适的地方。

a hop and jump 短距离

△The school is only a hop and jump from my house. 学校离我家很近。△You can go to the railway station on foot. It's just a hop and jump from here. 你可以步行去火车站,那儿离这儿很近。

a horse of a different / another colour 完全另外一回事,风马牛不相及的事

△Why did you mention it on such an occasion? It's a horse of a different colour. 这种场合下为什么提这事?这是风马牛不相及的事。△You'd better use another method. This is really a horse of a different colour. 你最好用另一种办法,这可完全是两码事。

(a) house / castle of cards 纸牌制的房子/城堡,空中楼阁,不可靠的计划

△John's business fell apart like a house of cards. 约翰的生意像纸牌制的房子一样垮掉了。

△Their plan for a trip to Europe proved to be just a house of cards. 他们要去欧洲旅行的计划已证明是完全不切实际的。

(a) hundred and one 许多

△The young man tried to be favorable with your sister in a hundred and one ways. 这个年轻人千方百计地讨你妹妹的喜欢。

△I have hundred and one problems to solve. 我有许多问题要解决。

a hundred to one 十有八九,可能性极大

△It's a hundred to one that the red team will win. 十有八九红队会赢。△If there's nothing abnormal, it is a hundred to one that my son will pass the entrance examinations. 如果不出什

么意外的话,我儿子极有可能通过入学考试。

- a Judas kiss 犹大的吻,口蜜腹剑,阴险的背叛

△*Luckily I recognize that it's a Judas kiss in time.* 幸好我及时认识到这是口蜜腹剑。△*Don't accept his proposal. It's a Judas kiss.* 别接受他的建议,那是阴险的背叛。

- a kilo of 一公斤 / 千克……

△*a kilo of eggs / cabbages* 一斤鸡蛋 / 白菜

- (a) kind of 有点,稍稍

△*I have a kind of suspicion that they're graduates.* 我对他们是大学生有点怀疑。△*He kind of believed that there was gold on the island.* 他不很相信岛上有金子。

- a kiss of death 看上去对人有好处实际具有毁灭性的行为

△*Pay attention! It may be a kiss of death.* 注意! 这可能是个看上去有好处实际具有毁灭性的圈套。△*I see through that it's a kiss of death.* 我看透那个看似有好处而实际具有毁灭性的行为。

- a knowing card 机灵鬼,精明的家伙

△*The secretary was a knowing card and always understood what the manager wanted her to do.* 这个秘书是个机灵鬼,总是能够

领会经理要她做的事。

- (a) labour of love 乐意做的工作,出于爱好而不计报酬去做的工作

△*I dislike gardening myself, but to my brother it is a labour of love.* 我本人不喜欢园艺,可对我弟弟来说,却是一种嗜好。

- (a) ladies' man 喜欢和女人厮混的男人;对妇女献殷勤的男人

△*He had always been a ladies' man but he did not marry until he was over 50.* 他一向喜欢在女人堆里厮混,却年过五十才结婚。

- (a) lady of leisure 不工作的妇女

△*"But I can't take up your time."* "I'm a lady of leisure, Lewis!" *Caroline retorted gaily.* "我可不能占用你的时间"。"刘易斯,我可是闲人一个呀!"卡罗琳笑嘻嘻地反驳道。

- a (large) sum of 一定金额的……

△*a large sum of money* 一大笔钱

- (a) law unto oneself (不顾法律)爱怎么干就怎么干,无法无天,为所欲为

△*You never know what John will do; he's a law unto himself.* 你永远也搞不清楚约翰要干什么,他爱怎么干就怎么干。△*Everybody in Germany feared Hitler because he was a law unto himself.* 在德国每个人都对希特

勒有恐惧感,因为他无法无天,为所欲为。

(a) **leap in the dark** 后果未可预料的举动,盲目的行动

△ *His move to America was a leap in the dark, and he knew that he would need luck as well as courage to make it successful.*

他移居美洲是无把握的冒险,他知道成功需要勇气也需要运气。

a **length of** 一段……,一节……

△ *a length of cloth / stove pipe*
一段布 / 一节炉管

a **little** (修饰不可数名词)一些,少许

△ *A little more sugar, please.* 请再给我一点糖。
△ *He knows a little English.* 他稍懂一点英语。

a **loaf of** (长形的)一大块……

△ *a loaf of bread / cake* 一大块面包 / 蛋糕

(a) **lost cause** 注定要失败的事,无法达到的目的

△ *She wanted very much to become a film star, and paid no attention to me when I told her it was a lost cause.* 她一心想成为电影明星,我告诉她这不可能,她却不予理睬。
△ *As an unexperienced beginner, he wants to do such a complicated experiment all by himself; it is bound to be a lost cause.* 作为一个没有经验的初学者,他竟要完全由他自己来做这个实验,这是注定要失败的

事。

a **lot**

1. 很大程度,非常

△ *Thanks a lot.* 非常感谢。

△ *Jane is feeling a lot better than before.* 简现在感觉比以前好多了。

2. 久久地,常常

△ *That couple stroll a lot after supper.* 那对夫妇晚饭后常常散步。
△ *If you want to get a lift at night, you'll have to wait a lot.* 如果你在夜里想搭便车的话,你不得不等很久。

a **lot of** 大量的,很多

△ *a lot of money / friends* 很多钱 / 朋友

a **lump of** 一(小)块……

△ *a lump of sugar / coal* 一块方糖 / 煤

a **man of iron** 意志坚强的人;残酷无情的人

△ *He's regarded as a man of iron.* 他被认为是个意志坚强的人。
△ *He punished a relative of his, and was believed as a man of iron.* 他处罚了他的一个亲戚,而被大家认为是个残酷无情的人。

a **mouthful of** 一满嘴……,一口的……

△ *a mouthful of food / whisky / good teeth* 一嘴食物 / 一口威士忌酒 / 一口好牙

a **name to conjure with** 鼎鼎大名