

# THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES



The United States has a rich and diverse history, shaped by the actions of many individuals and the events of many centuries. From the first settlers to the present day, the story of the United States is a story of growth, change, and progress.

## THE FOUNDING OF THE NATION

- 1. The first settlers arrived in North America in the early 17th century.
- 2. The Pilgrims established the first permanent settlement in Plymouth, Massachusetts.
- 3. The Dutch established a trading post in New York City.
- 4. The British established a colony in Virginia in 1607.



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# P 前 言 PREFACE

在大学英语四六级考试中,词组是词汇部分的测试重点和难点,仅次于同(近)义词辨析。最新《大学英语教学大纲》列出的四六级词组由原来的 722 条增加为 1809 条,可见新大纲对考生应掌握词组的要求有了很大的提高。

为此我们编写了这本《大学英语四六级词组速记手册》,目的在于帮助广大四六级考生掌握最新大纲要求。

本手册收录了新大纲全部四六级词组,其中 1~4 级词组为彩色印刷,其余为 6 级词组,以便考生复习时重点把握。每一词条均给出详细释义,并针对各义项给出例句,有利于考生阅读时一目了然,对词组的用法做到心中有数,可达到事半功倍的效果。

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**a bird in (the) hand** 已到手的東西,已定局的事情

*A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.*

一鳥在手,勝於二鳥在林(最好滿足於現有的以免因貪心而失去一切)。

**a bit** 多少,有點兒,相當

*Let's rest for a bit.*

我們休息一會兒吧。

*He is a bit of a coward.*

他有點兒膽小。

**a bolt from/out of the blue** 晴天霹靂,意外事件

*The news of his death was (like) a bolt from the blue.*

他逝世的消息猶如晴天霹靂。

*It is a bolt from the blue to me.*

這對於我來說是一個晴天霹靂。

**a case in point** 有關的事例,例證

*Barbara likes to wear blue; her new skirt is a case in point.*

巴巴拉喜歡穿藍色的衣服,她的新裙子就是很好的證明。

*Where there is a will, there is a way. A good case in point is your eventual success in the experiment.*

有志者事竟成。一個很好的例子就是你的實驗最終



成功了。

**a dime a dozen** 不希罕,不值钱

*Novels like this one are a dime a dozen; write something original!*

这样的小说多得很,还是写些新鲜的东西罢!

*There are a dime a dozen of the coats in this shop.*

这家商店有多得很的大衣。

**a far cry from** 与…相差很远

*Life on a farm is a far cry from what I've been used to.*

农场生活与我已过惯的日子迥然不同。

*The state of affairs in industry last year is a far cry from what it is now.*

去年的企业状况与现在相差甚远。

**a few** 有些,几个

*I know a few of these people.*

这些人当中我认识几位。

*We are going away for a few days.*

我们要离开几天。

**a good/great deal** ① 大量 ② 非常,极其

(1) *It snowed a great deal in Toronto last winter.*

去年冬天多伦多常常下雪。

*A great deal of work awaits us.*

大量的工作等着我们去做。

(2) *The motor runs a great deal better than before.*

这台发动机转动得比以前好多了。

*She is a great deal better today.*

她今天好多了。

**a good/great many** 相当多, 很多

*A great many of us went to the movie yesterday.*

我们许多人昨晚去看了电影。

*We have a good many things to do at school.*

我们在学校里有相当多的事要做。

**a little** 一些, 一点

*There is a little milk in the mug.*

杯子里有一些牛奶。

*Whenever I have an appointment, I like to arrive a little ahead of time.*

当我有约会时, 我喜欢稍微提前一点赴约。

**a lot** 很, 非常, 很多

*Thanks a lot!*

多谢!

*It will cost a great lot.*

这要花去许多钱。

**a lot/lots of** 大量的, 许多的

*What a lot of time you take to dress!*

你穿衣服花的时间真多!

*There were such a lot of people in the shops!*

商店里的人真多!

**a multitude/multitudes of** 许多, 大量

*A multitude of thoughts filled his mind.*

他满脑子都是想法。

*There are multitudes of islands in the Pacific.*

太平洋中有无数岛屿。

**a number of** 若干, 许多

**A a piece of cake** 4

*A number of students were absent yesterday evening.*

昨晚有好些学生缺席。

*Since 1970s, a large number of families have bought TV sets.*

70年代以来,相当多的家庭都购置了电视机。

**a piece of cake 容易的事**

*The proficiency test was a piece of cake, most of us finished it in less than an hour.*

智力测验很容易,我们大多数人不到一个小时就做完了。

*The job is anything but a piece of cake.*

这工作一点也不容易。

**a sea of 大量,茫茫一片**

*There is a sea of faces in the market on Sunday.*

星期天,市场上人山人海。

*He saw a sea of flames when he looked out of the window.*

当他向外看时,他看见了一片火海。

**a trifle 有点儿,稍微**

*This dress is a trifle short.*

这件连衣裙稍短了点。

*Isn't the meat a trifle tough?*

这肉有点老吧?

**a variety of 种种,多种多样的**

*Every spring a variety of birds come here.*

每年春天,各种各样的鸟飞来此地。

*For a variety of reasons, he escaped from his wife and*

went abroad.

由于种种原因,他抛下妻子,去了国外。

**abandon oneself to** 沉溺于

*He abandoned himself to despair.*

他陷入绝望中。

*Don't abandon yourself to playing football, Jim.*

不要沉溺于踢足球,吉姆。

**abide by** 遵守,履行

*I abide by what I said.*

我坚持我所说的话。

*You'll have to abide by the referee's decision.*

你得遵从裁判的决定。

**above all** 首先,尤其是

*He was above all a good and tireless writer.*

他首先是一位优秀的、不知疲倦的作家。

*Children need many things, but above all they need love.*

儿童需要许多东西,但他们首先需要的是爱。

**above board** 光明正大的,公开的

*The deal was completely above board.*

这笔交易完全是光明正大的。

*A hero is the man who is above board.*

英雄是光明磊落的人。

**above/over one's head** 难以理解

*That subject is above my head.*

那个话题太难,我理解不了。

*The lecture was/went way above my head.*

这个讲座太深奥,我理解不了。

**across the board** 包括一切地,全面地

*The worker's wage was increased across the board.*

工人的工资全面提高了。

*This firm needs radical changes across the board.*

该公司需要彻底大改组。

**act on** ① 遵照…行动,奉行 ② 作用于,影响

(1) *If my advice had been acted on, the firm would not have gone bankrupt.*

如果按照我的意见办,公司就不会破产。

*He suggested what I should do and I acted on his advice.*

他建议我做什么,我就做什么。

(2) *The medicine acted on his fever at once.*

这药立即使他的高烧退了。

*The stirring music acted on the emotions of the audience.*

那场动人心弦的音乐令听众激动万分。

**act up** ① 出毛病,运转不正常 ② 耍脾气,捣蛋

(1) *My sprained ankle has been acting up badly all week.*

我的脚扭伤了,整整难受了一个星期。

*The car's acting up again.*

这辆汽车又出了毛病了。

(2) *The children always act up in school the day before a holiday.*

放假前一天孩子们在学校里总是很调皮。

*Don't take any notice of the baby. If you scold him, he'll only start acting up.*

别理会那个孩子,如果你训斥他,他只会耍脾气。

**add up** ① 加起来 ② 说得通

(1) *Add up these figures and see if the sum is correct.*

把这些数字加在一起,看看总数是否正确。

*These figures don't add up correctly.*

这些数字算得不对。

(2) *I can't understand this case; the facts just don't add up.*

这件事我搞不懂,这些事实根本不能说服人。

*I understand; it all adds up now.*

我明白了,现在看来一切都说得通了。

**add up to** 合计达,总括起来,意味着

*The figures add up to 18867.*

这些数字加在一起是 18867。

*The evidence all adds up to a case of murder.*

所有证据都说明这是一起谋杀案。

**after all** 毕竟,终究,究竟

*So you're come after all!*

你到底还是来了!

*After all, what does it matter?*

归根结底,那有什么关系呢?

**again and again** 再三地,反复不止地

*I've told you again and again not to do that.*

我三番五次地告诉过你,不要做那种事。

*I warned him again and again.*

我再三警告过他。

*I have told him again and again that he should no longer smoke.*

我再三告诫他该再抽烟了。

**against all (the) odds** 8

**against all (the) odds** 尽管有极大的困难, 尽管极为不利

*Against all odds, they didn't give up.*

尽管形势不利, 他们也没放弃。

*Against all the odds she achieved her dream of becoming a ballerina.*

尽管有极大的困难, 她还是实现了当芭蕾舞演员的梦想。

**ahead of** 比...提前, 比...更早

*The shipyard fulfilled the production plan ahead of time.*

船厂提前完成了任务。

*The workers fulfilled the task ahead of schedule.*

工人们提前完成了任务。

**ahead of schedule** 提前

*He got to ahead of schedule.*

他提前到达了。

*The bus arrived ahead of schedule.*

公共汽车提前来了。

**ahead of time** 提前

*They finished their work ahead of time.*

他们提前完成了任务。

*They married ahead of time.*

他们提前结婚了。

**all along** 始终, 一直

*I knew that all along.*

我从一开始就了解那事。

*You've been nice to me all along, and I appreciate it.*

你一贯对我好,我很感激。

**all at once** ① 突然,忽然 ② 同时,一起

(1) *Then all at once there was a crash of breaking glass.*

接着突然传来一阵玻璃的破碎声。

*We were sitting peacefully at dinner when all at once the light went out.*

我们正安静地坐着吃晚饭,突然灯灭了。

(2) *Don't eat them all at once, save some for later.*

不要一下全吃光,留点儿以后吃。

*When he heard the news, he was happy and sad all at once.*

听到这消息,他悲喜交集。

**all but** ① 几乎,差不多 ② 除了…都

(1) *His poem is all but finished.*

他那首诗差不多写好了。

*The climbers were exhausted and all but frozen when they were found.*

登山者被发现时已筋疲力尽,而且几乎冻僵了。

(2) *I have read all but the last chapter of that novel.*

那本小说除了最后一章以外,我都看了。

*All but one were present.*

除一人以外全都到了。

**all in all** 从各方面说,总的说来

*There were some slightly cloudy days, but all in all the weather was good.*

有几天是多云,但总的来说天气是好的。

*All in all we had a good time.*

总之,我们玩得很开心。

all manner of 各种各样的,形形色色的

*All manner of vehicles were used.*

使用了各种各样的车辆。

*In a five-and-ten-cent store you can buy all manner of things.*

在小杂货店里你可以买到各色各样的东西。

all of a sudden 突然,冷不防

*All of a sudden it began to rain.*

天突然下起雨来。

*It seemed as if all of a sudden the animal had smelled danger in the air.*

动物们好像突然间嗅到空气中的危险。

all over 到处,遍及

*I have been looking all over for you and your house.*

我一直在寻找你和你的家。

*He has traveled all over the world.*

他游遍了世界各地。

all over again 再一次,重新

*Let's do it all over again.*

让我们从头重做。

*He failed to pass the exam all over again.*

他又没通过考试。

all right ① 令人满意的,不错的 ② (健康)良好的,安然无恙的 ③ 好,行

(1) *Your plan sounds quite all right.*

你的计划听起来挺不错。

*He said that everything seemed to be all right.*

他说,一切似乎均令人感到满意。

(2) *"Do you feel all right?" "Yes, I feel quite all right."*

“你感觉好吗?”“是的,我感觉很好。”

*I hope the children are all right.*

我希望孩子们平安而健康。

(3) *"Will you post this for me?" "Yes, all right."*

“你把这个寄给我行吗?”“好吧。”

*All right. I'll come at six o'clock tomorrow.*

行,我明天六点钟来。

**all the same** ① 都一样,无所谓 ② 尽管如此,仍然

(1) *You can do it now or leave it till later; it's all the same to me.*

你可以现在做,也可以留待以后再做,这对我完全一样。

*It's all the same to him whether you stay or go.*

你去还是留对他反正都一样。

(2) *When I was away, things went on all the same.*

我不在时,一切照旧。

*Beethoven was deaf, but he conducted the symphony orchestra all the same.*

贝多芬虽然耳聋,但照样指挥交响乐队演奏。

**all the time** 一直,始终

*I was with him nearly all the time.*

我几乎一直都和他在一起。

*Conditions are changing all the time.*

情况在不断地变化着。

**all the way 一直,完全**

*All electronic facilities work all the way up to midnight.*

所有的电子设备一直工作到半夜。

*The earth goes all the way around the sun.*

地球始终围绕太阳旋转着。

**all the while 始终**

*Most traffic lights work all the while.*

大多数交通指示灯一天到晚不停地工作着。

*Mary went to college in her home town, and lived at home all the while.*

玛丽在家乡读大学,一直住在家里。

**all things considered 从各方面考虑起来**

*All things considered, it's a good plan.*

从全面考虑,这个计划是好的。

*The dealer has offered you ¥ 500 for the furniture and, all things considered, it's probably a fair price.*

这个商人出 500 元买你的这件家具,从全面考虑这也许合理的价钱。

**all thumbs 笨手笨脚**

*His fingers are all thumbs.*

他笨手笨脚。

*She couldn't undo the string of the parcel. She was all fingers and thumbs.*

她解不开包裹的绳,真是笨手笨脚。

**all told 总共,合计**

*A large crowd of persons filed in the room, twelve or thirteen all told.*

一大群人鱼贯而入,总共有十二、三个人。

*All told, it was a great credit to their college.*

总之,这给他们学校大大增了光。

**allow for** 考虑到,顾及,为…留出余地

*You'd better start earlier; you should allow for traffic delays.*

你最好早点动身,要考虑到路上交通可能造成的延误。

*You should allow for his poor eyesight.*

你应该考虑到他视力差。

**allow of** 容许,容许有…的可能

*The facts allow of only one explanation.*

这些事实只能有一种解释。

*The situation does not allow of any delay.*

形势不允许有任何拖延。

**and so on/forth** 等等

*My wife wants to employ somebody to do the washing, ironing, and so forth.*

我妻子想雇个人来干洗衣、熨衣之类的活。

*We need to buy some cups, plates, and so on.*

我们要买些杯子、碟子等物品。

**angle for** 谋取,猎取

*He angled for transient fame all his life but accomplished nothing.*

他一生追求浮名而毫无成就。

*Mary has been angling for an invitation to your party.*

玛丽一直在暗示想得到你的聚会邀请。