

懒人这样学英语

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前言

中国已经是旅游和经济大国，每年接纳外国人士超过千万。我们接触外国人的机会也越来越多，因而在工作和学习中，拥有基本的英文沟通能力显得十分必要。

然而，现代人在工作、生活等压力下，已经有点喘不过来气了。学起英文也就很容易三天打鱼，两天晒网，难以成功。

针对这一英文学习难的现状，笔者有以下两点感受：

第一：我们中的绝大多数并非英文专业出身，难以达到像英文专业所期望的程度：即不借助中文用英语去思考、交流。对多数人而言，更实际的是，如何更快、更好地把脑子中的中文翻成简单的英文表达出来。这是多数人的学习习惯。

第二：笔者在美国生活有 20 多年，又在国内教授英语口语多年。在多年的国外生活和口语教学中，笔者发现，说完美、地道的英文很难，但说简单、能够沟通的英文并不难。而且，简单、能够沟通的英语口语更有利于培养学生的兴趣和信心，也利于学习效率的提高。

根据以上两点，聪明的读者一定会发现，笔者意在根据多数读者讲英语的习惯——先想到中文再翻译成英文，提供一本通过中文来学习英文的英语口语用书。

这本书的目的是让读者尽快掌握能够沟通、交流

的英语。为此，笔者精挑细选，首先选出中文中常用的口语表达词组约 1000 个。选词以日常生活中常用为标准。

然后，再给出这些词组简单而常用的例句的英文表达。熟练掌握这些英文表达，足以进行日常的英语口语交流。

本书中，这些词组均按汉语拼音顺序加以排列，以方便读者查找使用。

书中给出的常用例句实用、简单、易记，方便读者掌握。同时，对于部分例句书中提供了多种英文表达，便于读者灵活使用。

笔者希望，读者在熟悉掌握这些英文表达和常用例句之后，能够轻松地用英语进行交流。

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笔者自身的经历

20 世纪 70 年代初期,笔者留学美国,获得硕士学位,后在美国成家立业,一呆就是 20 多年。现从事投资顾问的工作,在美国、中国台湾和中国大陆三地穿梭,同时还是业余的英语口语教师。

笔者做过多种生意,接触过地道的美国人以及一些来自其他地区的人,如欧洲人、墨西哥人、韩国人、日本人和越南人等。依个人的亲身经历和体验,笔者悟出一个比较简单轻松的学习方法。使笔者体会最深的是,说简单而且能够沟通的英语并不难。

许多人向笔者请教学习英语口语的方法,笔者也很愿意以自己的经验供他们参考。由于笔者对学习各种语言的爱好以及在教学中积累的经验,越来越多的人向笔者索求讲义,因此才有了出书的想法。

《懒人也能说英语》自 2004 年出版以来,受到读者的喜爱,并得到了很多有益的反馈意见和建议。进一步的考虑使笔者认识到,目前多数读者在讲英语时多是脑中先有中文再有英文的习惯。于是,笔者有了出版一本给出常用中文的英文表达的书的想法。在很多朋友的支持下,遂有这本《懒人这样学英语》的出版,希望本书中简单而地道的英文表达能给渴望掌握英语口语的读者以更多的帮助。

为谁而写

对大部分人来说,离开了学校,学习英语也就中断了。因各方面的需要,许多人选择上英语补习班。上补习班固然好,但花时间、花钞票、花精力。若不能配合补习班的进度,效果不见得好。笔者编写此书,以便读者随时阅读,省时、省钱又省力。

本书专为下列人士而写:

1. 懒人

人都习惯三天打鱼,两天晒网,因此成功的人总是少数。但只要偶尔念念背背,加上有效的学习方法,说简单的口语,是肯定可以做到的。

2. 忙人

上班、小孩、家务及应酬,已经喘不过气来的人。

3. 管理者

身为主管或老板,但英语水平急需提高的人。

为方便懒人、忙人掌握基本而实用的英语口语,本书中的内容按汉语拼音顺序进行编排,便于随时阅读、掌握。

笔者衷心希望借此书能给上述朋友一些帮助,争取为懒人和忙人一族杀出一条血路!

懒人的核心法则

对懒人来说，学习英语不是要 studying hard，
而是要 studying smart。

朋友的母亲因战乱仅读了三年小学，就从苏州到台湾，后来到洋人家当管家。起初，她 ABC 不识一个，但她以简单的方法学习。一年下来，她的英语口语程度不亚于许多大学生！

她的方法就是，背诵常用的句子，不断地重复使用。小孩子学说话不也是如此吗？

后来，她跟着洋人迁往美国。在申请美国公民考试时，她才学习书写一些简单的句子，强记一些考官可能要考的句子，如：I love my children. I have a big family. 等等。经过许多天的折腾，她居然过关了。这给我留下了非常深的印象。

大学毕业后，笔者开始学习一些方言（如闽南话、广东话、上海话等），在很短的时间内（几个月至一年）就能用简单的口语跟当地人交谈。虽然经常会闹出笑话，但并不妨碍沟通。

可见，懒人学习口语的核心法则就是：

把复杂的事情变简单，
把简单的句子重复说，
如此而已。

看看下面的中文如何用英语来表达。对于这些，我们只要经常念念记记，不断重复使用，就可以轻松说出来。相信读者会发现，轻松的英文交流并非难事。

A

爱

我爱打篮球。 I love basketball.

I like to play basketball.

你最喜欢的运动是什么？ What are your favorite sports?

你最爱吃什么菜？ What are your favorite dishes?

爱好

我有许多爱好（嗜好）。 I have several hobbies.

爱护

请爱护公物。 Please take good care of public property.

爱哭

她是个爱哭鬼。 She cries easily.

爱面子

他爱面子。 He hates to look bad.

爱人

我爱人是位科学家。 My wife is a scientist.

注：爱人意为太太，lover 意为情人。

爱现

我老板很爱现。 My boss likes to show off.

My boss likes to report things to the public.

挨骂

他常常挨骂。 He is always blamed.

He always gets some blames.

安分

他安分守己。 He obeys the law.

He does his duty and watches his behavior.

安心

请你安心。 Please don't worry. / Please feel at ease.

B

把柄

他有许多把柄被人抓住。

His wrong doings were found out by others.

把握

我很有把握。 I have lots of confidence.

I hold strong confidence.

他应该把握住好机会。

He should seize the good opportunity offered him.

把戏 (花样)

别搞什么把戏。 Don't play any tricks.

Don't play any games.

霸道

那流氓非常霸道。 That gangster is very brutal.

白痴

白痴! Idiot!

你是白痴吗? Are you an idiot?

白忙

结果白忙了。 The result was in vain.

Nothing came out of it.

百思不得其解

那件事让我百思不得其解。 I was puzzled about that.

I was confused on that event.

摆布

她任人摆布。 She was controlled by others.

拜托

拜托帮我下忙。 Please help me. / Please do me a favor.

般配

他们很般配。 They matched perfectly.

They are a good match.

你的夹克与帽子很般配。

Your jacket matches well with the hat.

搬弄是非

有人爱搬弄是非。

Some persons like to make something out of nothing.

办公

你在哪儿办公? Where do you work?

Where is your office?

办法

我会想办法。 I will figure out a way.

I will think of the means.

半斤八两

他们是半斤八两! They are two of a kind.

They are about the same.

半价

那些商品半价出售。

Those commodities were sold at half price.

半工半读

许多学生半工半读。

Many students study and work part time.

半路出家

她半路出家当尼姑。 She became a nun late in her life.

半途而废

他做事老是半途而废。 He often gives up half way.

He always does something half way.

半信半疑

我对他告诉我的故事半信半疑。

I doubt the story he told me.

I don't fully believe his story.

帮倒忙

你反而帮倒忙。 You made it even worse.

You are more of a trouble than a help.

榜样

明星们塑造好榜样。

Many stars set some good examples.

棒 (好棒)

棒! (好棒!) Great! / Excellent! / Super! / Wonderful!

傍大款

她梦想傍大款。 She dreams to be with a wealthy man.

包办

我公司包办婚礼。 My company will arrange everything concerning a wedding party.

包房

那饭店没有包房。

That restaurant does not have a private room for dining.

包含

目录中包含十种产品。

The catalogue includes ten different products.

包涵

照顾不周,请多多包涵。 Please excuse the poor service.

我表演不好,请多包涵。

Please excuse me for not performing well.

包饭

公司有中午包饭。 My company has a chartered lunch.

注:包租 charter; 包车 chartered bus

包机

没有包机飞往九寨沟。

There is no chartered flight to Jiuzhaigou.

宝贝

宝贝,快点! Darling, hurry up! / Honey, hurry up!

猫是她的宝贝。 The cat is her baby.

宝刀不老

他宝刀不老。 He acts like he is still in his youth.

饱经风霜

他饱经风霜。 He has experienced many hardships.

He has experienced lots of ups and downs.

保重

请保重! Please take care!

Please take good care of yourself.

保底 (保证最少)

公司保底给他 1000 元薪水。 The company guarantees him one thousand yuan a month.

报答

我不知如何报答你的恩情。

I don't know how to pay you back.

I don't know how to pay back your kindness.

报价

他的报价太高。 He asked too much.

He quoted it too high.

报警

他赶快报警去抓强盗。

He hurried to notify the police of a robber.

报销

餐费可以报销吗?

Can dining expenses be reimbursed?

报效

我们应该报效祖国。

We shall do something for our motherland.

报应

他会得到报应的。 He'll get what he has done.

He'll deserve some type of retribution.

抱歉

抱歉，没空位。 Sorry, there are no vacancies.

爆冷门

那匹名不见经传的马爆了冷门，得了第一。

The unknown horse unexpectedly won the first place.

暴发户

南方有许多暴发户。 There are many people in southern China who are trying to get rich schemes.

杯

干杯！ Bottoms up! / Cheers!

悲

悲哀（可悲）！ How sad! / How miserable!

背黑锅

别老让他背黑锅。

Don't always make him the scapegoat.

Don't always leave him holding the bag.

注：带罪羔羊 scapegoat

本行

他的本行是厨师。 Cook is his profession.

我干老本行。 I follow my old profession.

本来

本来就是如此。 That's the way it is.

我本来不想买。 At first I didn't want to buy it.

本领

他的本领真大。 He has great ability.

He has super capability.

笨蛋

笨蛋。 Stupid!

笨蛋才相信他说的。

Only fools will believe what he said.

Only some stupid persons would buy his story.

笨手笨脚

他总是笨手笨脚的。 He is always clumsy.

He is always awkward.

比赛

你要与我比赛吗？

Do you want to enter the contest with me?

逼人

别逼人太甚！ Don't push me too far. / Don't force me.

比比皆是

错字比比皆是。

Wrongly written characters are everywhere.

避口不谈

他们避口不谈贪污的问题。

They didn't want to talk about the embezzlement.

鞭长莫及

分店太远，鞭长莫及。 The branch office is too far away to be controlled (helped).

变卦

他已经变卦了。 He already changed his mind.

He didn't keep his promise.

变脸

他很容易就变脸。 He turns hostile easily.

变心

她变了心。（对事） She changed her mind.

他变心了。（对人） He is unfaithful.

变形（变样）

这件衣服洗一次就变形了。

The cloth changed the shape since the first wash.

变质

这些猪肉干已变质了。 These pork jerk went bad.

牛奶容易变质（变酸）。 Milk goes bad easily.

便车

可以给我搭便车吗？ Can you give me a ride?

Can I have a ride?

便当

我带了便当。 I brought my lunch box.

那很便当（方便）。 It's very convenient.

便饭

到我家吃个便饭吧。

Come over to have an ordinary meal at my house.

闭嘴

请闭嘴。 Please shut up! Please be quiet.

别人

若是别人，我才不理呢！ I wouldn't want to get involved with you if you were others.

别扭

别老是闹别扭。

He usually doesn't get along well with others.

别管我

别管我。 Leave me alone. / None of your business.

别来无恙

别来无恙？ How are things going?

别理他

别理他！ Forget him! / Don't pay any attention to him.

别闹了

别闹了！ Don't talk nonsense. / Don't play funny.

别装蒜

别装蒜！ Don't play stupid.

Don't pretend you are innocent.

别惹我

别惹我！ Don't bother me. / Get off my back.

冰天雪地

我家乡过年时总是冰天雪地的。 Around New Year my home town is always covered with ice and snow.

病假

我今天请病假。 I asked to use sick leave today.

病逝

他去年就病逝了。 He died of illness last year.

拨弄是非

她老爱拨弄是非。 She likes to make trouble.

薄利多销

现在是薄利多销的时代。 Nowadays people are selling quantity products for small profits.

补习

我一星期补习英语两次。

I go to cram school twice a week.

不错（不赖）

不错！ Not bad!

我成绩满不错的。 I got pretty good marks.

不得已

我不得已才打工。 I have to leave to find a job.

I can't help but to make some money.

不分彼此

他们工作起来不分彼此。

We will help one another to do the work.

不分胜负

比赛结果不分胜负。 The game came out even.

The game ended up a draw. / They tied.

不敢当

我真不敢当。 I really don't deserve this. / I am flattered.

不好意思

拿了这么多礼物真不好意思。

I feel embarrassed to take so many gifts.

不怀好意

当心！他时常不怀好意。

Be careful he always has bad intentions.

不见得

不见得吧。 Not necessarily.

他不见得来。 He is not likely to come.

不见不散

不见不散！ I won't leave until I see you.

No matter what I'll wait for you.

不可能

那不可能！ That's impossible!

没有什么是不可能的。 Impossible is nothing!

不可救药

他老不听话，真是不可救药。

He won't listen to anyone, he is hopeless.

不可收拾

他们吵得不可收拾。 Their quarrel was out of control.

Their quarrel got out of hand.

不可思议

许多魔术不可思议。 Some magic is hard to believe.

Some magic tricks are amazing.

不客气

不客气！应该的。 You are welcome. You deserve it.

不客气，我自己来。 Don't worry. I will help myself.

(吃饭时，有别人要帮你夹菜时可用)

他不客气地拿走了半个蛋糕。

He was rude to take away half of the cake.

不劳而获

天下少有不劳而获的事。 There are few free lunches.

不了了之

那件事就不了了之了。

It ended up with nothing was settled.

不妙

情况不妙！ Something went wrong!

不骗你

我才不骗你！ I am not cheating!

I'll be honest with you.

不期而遇

我们在上海不期而遇。 We met in Shanghai by chance.

不切实际

他的做法不切实际。

His way of doing things is not practical.

不如

还不如去学习。 It would be better to study.

不爽

他很不爽。 He was very unhappy.

不死心

他对她一直不死心。 He is dying to go after her.

He won't give up chasing her.

不速之客

婚礼上来了些不速之客。

There were some uninvited guests in the wedding party.

不闻不问

他对国家大事不闻不问。

He shows no interest to the national events.

不务正业

他不务正业。 He doesn't have a proper job.

不惜代价 (拼命)

他不惜代价要出国念书。

He wants to study abroad at all costs.

不相干

那事与我不相干。 That is nothing to do with me.

I am not related to that.

不相上下

他们的实力不相上下。 They have the same abilities.

They are equally matched.

不像话

那太不像话了！ That's unreasonable.

That's outrageous!

这才像话。 That's more like it.

不像样

他穿得不像样。 His clothing is not presentable.

His clothing is improper.

不肖子

他是个不肖子。 He is an unworthy man.

不肖一试

抽烟不肖一试。 It's not worth smoking.

Smoking won't pay off.

不行

不行！(不可以) No way! / Certainly not!

不行！(不能) It won't work. / It won't do.

不幸说中

倒霉！被他不幸说中了。 Unfortunately he is right.

Bad luck! It came out just as what he said.

不要紧

不要紧。 It doesn't matter. Don't worry!

It's OK. No problem!

不要脸

不要脸！ Shameless!

他不要脸。 He has no sense of shame.

不一定

不一定。 Not for sure. / Not 100% sure. / Not for certain.

不用麻烦

不用麻烦了！ No bother!

不用麻烦你。 I don't want to trouble you.

不用说

不用说他在骗你。 No doubt he lies to you.

It goes without saying that he cheats.

不在

他不在办公室。 He is not at the office.

注：他在吗？ Is he in? / Is he around?

不在乎 (不在意)

他不在乎吃的东西。 He doesn't care what he eats.

He doesn't mind what he eats.

不择手段

为了目的他不择手段。

He intends to reach his goal at all costs.

不折不扣

他是个不折不扣的好人。 He is 100% a good guy.

He is definitely a nice person.

不知羞耻

不知羞耻。 It's shameless.

注：真可惜！ What a shame!

不至于

那不至于（不大可能）。 It's unlikely.

It can't go that far.

不值得

实在不值得。 It really isn't worth much.

那本书不值得一读。 That book isn't worth reading.

C

猜猜看

你猜猜看。 Guess what? / Guess!

猜想

我猜想他不会回来。 I guess he won't come back.

I suppose he won't come back.

猜中了

你猜中了！ Bingo! / Right (on)!

菜单

请给我菜单。这就是。 Menu, please! Here you are!

才怪

才怪呢！（表反面、讽刺） Yeah, right!

他看起来很聪明。 He looks like wise.

呀！才怪！（意为他一点也不聪明） Yeah, right!

才华（才干，才气）

他挺有才华。 He is very talented. / He is very capable.

材料

最近建筑材料很贵。

Building materials are quite expensive lately.

他不是当经理的材料。 He is not fit to be the manager.

财

你在哪儿发财？ Where do you work?

他去年发了大财。 He made a fortune last year.

He got rich last year.

财团

他是大财团的老总。

He is the general manager of a big financial group.

裁员

他上个月被裁员了。 He got laid off last month.

He was cut from the staff last month.

惨不忍睹

车祸惨不忍睹。 The car accident was horrible.

The car accident is terrible to look at.

惨淡经营

我们在惨淡经营。 We are managing to survive.

We take a lot of pains to run a good business.

操劳

他操劳过度。 He is overworked.

He works day and night.

操心

她为子女操心。 She worries about her children.

She takes pains to look after her children.

草包

他是个草包。 He is stupid. / He is a blackhead.

草率

他做事草率。 He did a sloppy job. / He did it carelessly.

厕所

厕所在哪儿？ Where is the restroom?

Where can I wash my hands?

参差不齐

会员水平参差不齐。 The qualities of members vary.

The qualities of members are not even.

差强人意

我的成绩差强人意。

The grades I made were barely passing.

插花

她在插花。 She is arranging flowers.

插嘴

请别插嘴。 Please don't cut in. / Please don't interrupt.

茶点

请来些茶点。 Let's have some tea and pastries.

Let's have some refreshments.

茶话会

请参加我们的茶话会。 Please join our tea party.

差不多

姐妹俩长得差不多。

The two sisters look alike (similar).

那还差不多！（表勉强同意） It's acceptable.

That's more like it.

差一点儿

他差一点儿赶不上火车。 He almost missed the train.

他差一点儿而被车撞到。

He was almost hit by a car. That was close!

差劲

差劲！ Sucks! / Lousy!

他好差劲。 He is disappointing. / He is disgusting.

差事

那不是什么好差事。 That's not a good assignment.

That's not a good mission.

柴米油盐

他为柴米油盐打拼。

He works hard for his daily necessities.

缠

我老板很难缠。 My boss is tough to deal with.

My boss is hard to get along.

缠人（黏人）

我家狗很缠人。 My dog sticks closely to me.

产

公司破产。 The company went under.

The company bankrupted.

我破产了。 I am broke. / I own nothing.

长处

你有什么长处？ What are your strong points?

What are your advantages?

长舌妇

我不喜欢听长舌妇的话。

I don't like to listen to a big mouth.

I don't like to listen to a gossip woman.

长话短说

长话短说，他最终放弃了。

Make a long story short he finally gave up.

常有的事

那是常有的事！ It happens all the time!

It's quite normal.

常客

他是我们的常客。 He is our regular customer.

He is our frequent guest.

常情

那是人之常情。 It stands to reason. / It makes sense.

常人

我仅是个常人。 I am only an ordinary person.

I am only an average person.

偿命

杀人偿命。 A life for a life.

场面

那婚礼场面盛大。 The wedding occasion was grand.
The wedding scene was majestic.

唱反调

他老是唱反调。 He always sings a different tune.

超车

不准超车！ No overtaking!

朝拜

我们朝拜祖先。 We worship our ancestors.
We pay our respects to our ancestors.

潮流

她爱赶潮流。 She loves to follow world trends.
She likes to copy the latest trends.

炒菜

我会炒菜(做菜)。 I know how to cook.
I know how to prepare many dishes.

炒股

他喜欢炒股。 He likes to speculate in stocks.
He likes to venture in stocks.

炒鱿鱼

我恐怕会被炒鱿鱼。 I am afraid I may get fired.

炒作

他的故事被新闻炒作得很利害。
His story was highly publicized.

吵得很(吵死了)

里面吵得很。 It's noisy inside.

他们吵得很。 They had an intense quarrel last night.

车程

大约有八小时车程。 It's an eight hours drive.
It takes about eight hours by car.

扯蛋

扯蛋！ Nonsense! / Ridiculous!
别扯蛋！ Don't talk nonsense!

扯后腿

别扯后腿！ Don't pull my leg. / Don't drag my feet.

沉默不语

他总是沉默不语。 He always remains silent.
He always keeps quiet.

沉迷

年轻人沉迷于游戏。
Young people go crazy about internet games.

沉住气

要沉住气。 Keep calm! / Be cool!

称呼

如何称呼你？ How do I call you?

称心

我对事业称心。 I am satisfied with my career.
I am happy with my career.
祝称心如意！ Wishing you happiness!
Wishing you the best!

称职

他十分称职。 He is qualified for the job.
He is capable of doing the job.

称霸

奥尼尔称霸男篮。
O'Neill dominates the NBA basketball.
O'Neill rules the man's basketball.

称赞

大家称赞你。 People praise you.

People speak highly of you.

趁火打劫

许多人在趁火打劫。 Some people took advantage of it.

Some people fished in troubled water.

趁早

趁早做好准备。 Get prepared as early as possible.

撑腰

他有母亲给他撑腰。 His mother backs him up.

His mother supports him.

成交

成交了！ It's a deal!

我们成交了。 We made a deal. / We signed a deal.

成千上万

成千上万的人来到篮球场。 Thousands upon thousands people came to the basketball arena.

诚意

表达我的诚意。 To show my good faith.

To express my sincerity.

承担

他愿意承担责任。

He is willing to assume responsibility.

He likes to take on the responsibilities.

城镇

城镇之间都有高速公路连接。

There are freeways connecting cities and towns.

出租车

你需要出租车吗？ Do you need a taxi?

我是个出租车司机。 I am a taxi driver.

乘务员

飞机上有许多乘务员。

There are many attendants inside an airplane.

澄清

警方澄清他是无辜的。 Police announce that he is clear.

吃

他爱吃甜食。 He has sweet tooth. / He loves sweet stuff.

他经常不吃早饭。 He always skips breakfast.

吃饱了吗？ Are you full?

吃完了吗？ Are you finished? / Are you through?

吃不下

我实在吃不下。 I can't take it any more.

I am up to my neck.

吃不消

我吃不消他的恶作剧。 I can't stand his tricks.

I can't put up with his practical jokes.

吃豆腐

我喜欢吃豆腐。 I like bean curd.

别乱吃豆腐。 No flirting!

吃吃喝喝

他喜欢吃吃喝喝。 He likes eating and drinking.

吃亏

他不想吃亏。 He doesn't want to give away anything.

吃素

他吃素。 He is vegetarian. / He is a veggie.

吃香

卖保健品挺吃香。

Selling healthy foods are getting popular.

吃相

他的吃相不好。

He doesn't have a good table manners.

痴迷

儿童痴迷于电视。 Kids are into TV.

Children are crazy about TV.

痴情

他对安妮很痴情。 He is crazy about Annie.

He deeply loves Annie.

迟早

他迟早会后悔。 You'll feel regretful sooner or later.

You'll be sorry eventually.

冲淡

茶太浓，请冲淡些。

Tea is too strong, please make it weak.

注：浓 strong；淡 weak

冲动

别冲动。 Don't get excited! / Don't lose your head!

充当

他充当中介。 He acts as a broker.

He serves as an agent.

充其量

他充其量有一万元。 At most he has ten thousand yuan.

充其量他只有高中文凭。

At best he has high school diploma.

重操旧业

他重操旧业。 He does his old profession again.

He resumes his own profession.

抽空

请抽空帮我忙。 Please find time to help me.

愁眉苦脸

他总是愁眉苦脸。 He always wears a worried look.

He always pulls a long face.

臭气熏天

洗手间臭气熏天。 It smells awful inside the restroom.

It stinks inside the restroom.

臭味相投

他们臭味相投。 They are two of a kind.

They have same characters.

出差

我快要出差了。 I am going on a business trip soon.

出丑

别出丑。 Don't make a fool of yourself.

出风头

他喜欢出风头。 He likes to seek the limelight.

He likes to show off.

出轨

火车出轨了。 The train went off the rails.

她先生出轨了。

Her husband is having an affair with another woman.

出价

你出价多少？ How much do you offer?

How much do you want to pay?

出局

他已出局。 He is out of the game. / He is out.

出毛病

机器出了毛病。 The machine went wrong.

The machine was out of order.

出卖

他不会出卖你的。 He won't sell you out.

He won't betray you.

出事

别出事！ Don't make any trouble!

车子出事了。 The car was in an accident.

他家出事了。 Something has happened in his family.

出台

投资奖励将出台。

The investment incentives will go public.

出息

他没出息。 He has no future. / He is good for nothing.

出院

他快要出院了。

He is checking out from the hospital soon.

出租

哪里有公寓出租？ Where can I rent an apartment?

Is there an apartment for lease?

闯祸

别闯祸。 Don't make any trouble!

Don't get into any trouble!

闯红灯

慢点，别闯红灯！ Slow down, don't run red light!

创业

创业是辛苦的。 Establishing a business is a lot of work.

It takes pains to set up a business.

吹灰之力

不费吹灰之力。 It's very easy. / It's a piece of cake.

吹毛求疵

别吹毛求疵。 Don't find fault! / No nitpicking!

吹牛

他爱吹牛。 He likes to talk big. / He is very boastful.

词不达意

他词不达意。 His words can't convey his message.

It's hard to understand what he meant.

慈善

他参与慈善事业。 He joins charitable organizations.

He signed up to join a charitable organization.

此路不通

此路不通！ Dead end! / Dead alley!

凑数

我来凑数吧。 Let me make up the number.

凑热闹

我们去凑热闹。 Let us join in the fun.

凑钱

我们凑钱买房子。 We pool our savings to buy a house.

粗茶淡饭

仅是粗茶淡饭。 It's only home cooked food.

It's only an ordinary food.

粗话

别说粗话。 Don't use bad language!

Don't use four-letter words.

粗活

他们干粗活。 They do manual labor.

粗心（粗心大意）

他经常粗心大意。 He is always careless.

He is always thoughtless.

促销

那商店有许多商品在促销。

The store discounts many of their products.

醋坛子

她是个醋坛子。 She is envious.

She is a jealous woman.