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前 言

《英语辨析大词典》终于问世了。从设计到出版,历时十年有余,其间是一个不断研究、不断锤炼、不断提升的过程。

由于独特的历史原因,英语逐步形成了广博浩瀚的词汇海洋,其中,同义词尤为绚丽多彩。几乎每一个英语词都有与之同义的词语。丰富的同义词使英语的表现力极强,然而,林林总总的同义词,有的完全同义,有的部分同义,有的意义相近;即便是完全同义词,在使用频率、位置分布及内涵意义等方面也有不同程度的细微差异。要正确理解,恰如其分地加以运用,对于以英语为母语的人来说尚且不易,对于以英语为外语的人来说,难度则更大。

《英语辨析大词典》正是为了适合中国的英语学习者和使用者实际情况而编写的一部以英语同义词为主体的工具书。全书收录常用的英语同义词、易混词及词组近 11 200 条。本词典在研究前人成果的基础上,广征博引,“以彼之丝,织我之锦”,挖掘他人之未所及,熔语义、语法、搭配、文体、修辞描述于一炉,力图使读者对英语同义词能大处见同,微处辨异,即读即用,收立竿见影之效。

本词典是由来自上海大学、上海师范大学、上海对外贸易学院、上海外国语大学等院校的英语学者和教师共三十余人,在完成繁重的教学工作之余,合力研编的;我们常为解一字之困,解一句之疑,立一意之新而食不甘味,寝不安席;“青灯黄卷”,兀兀穷年,拼搏十余寒暑,个中甘苦,不言而喻。本词典与规模相仿的同类辞书相比,如能踏上一个新的高度,即便是小小的一步,也倍感幸甚。我们虽尽了主观努力,但由于学识浅薄,经验不足,错误和疏漏势所难免,敬希读者不吝批评指正。

在整个编写过程中,我们得到许多专家的指点、有关领导和部门的支持,尤其是华东师范大学出版社领导和外语编辑室同志的鼎力相助,在此谨向他们一并表示衷心的感谢。此外,已故的老编审张云皋先生对这部辞书的贡献,我们当永记不忘。

徐 钟

2003 年 3 月

体例说明

(一) 词条与词目

1. 词条指收入词典的整个条目。本典所收词条有英语同义、近义、相关、易混之词或词组(包括介乎词与分句之间的各种组合,如:act as, act like)等。
2. 词条分总词条和分词条。总词条包括总词目、语义场和若干分词条。一个典型的分词条包括分词目、注音、词性、英汉释义、文体标签、语义辨析、语法和搭配、例证及注解。但许多分词条并不包括上述所有项目;其主要项目一般为分词目、注音、词性、英汉释义、语义辨析及例证,其他项目则根据需要收列。
3. 词目分总词目和分词目。总词目指词条开头的一组词(或词组),第一条为中心词目,其余由分词目按字母顺序排列构成;分词目如是词组,则按中心词字母顺序排列;拼法相同而词义有异的词目列入不同词条,并在词目右上角标注1,2,3等数码。例如:

taste² gusto palate relish zest

4. 词目如有英美拼法差异时,以英国拼写形式收入词条。

(二) 语义场

5. 语义场用▲引导,通常说明本组同义词所具有的共同的基本意义,即是说本组同义词是在这一基本意义的前提下进行多个层面的辨析。例如:

thoughtful² attentive considerate

▲ 均可表示体谅、关心他人的意思。

如词目是易混词(或词组)或其他易混组合,则在语义场栏内注明是易混词(语)或易混结构。例如:

tired from tired of

▲ 易混词语。

又如:

try to do something try doing something

▲ 易混结构。

(三) 注 音

6. 在分词目后用国际音标注明读音,英式音在前,美式音在后,用分号分隔,置于斜线号“/”之间。例如:

impose/ɪmˈpəʊz; ɪmˈpoʊz/

7. 由两个(或两个以上的)词组组成的分词目不注读音。

(四) 词 性

8. 词性以英语缩略形式标注。

本典采用的词性有:

名词 *n.*

动词 *vt., vi., v. aux.*

短语动词 *phr. v.*

形容词 *adj.*

副词 *adv.*

代词 *pron.*

连词 *conj.*

介词 *prep.*

限定词 *det.*

9. 一个词目采用一种词性。若所有分词目均具有两种(或两种以上的)相同词性表示相应意义,则以描述性强的一种词性进行辨析。其他词性则在该词条结束时予以注解,注解以◆引导。若分词目除有一种相同词性外,其中有若干词目还有一种(或一种以上)不同词性,亦表示相应意义,则在分词条结束时,予以说明,说明内容以◇引导。若分词目词性无法统一,则只保留原样,如在 *explain*², *account for*, *justify*, *rationalize* 中, *account* 只作 *vi.*, 其他词都作 *vt.*。

(五) 释义

10. 释义分英汉两种,是词条的纲目。
11. 英汉释义,意义相近的,用逗号;含意稍远的以及不同义项之间,用分号。
12. 释义用于标注词性的词目,未标词性的词目通常没有(英汉)释义,如 *tired from*。

(六) 文体

13. 文体分口语体和书面体两种,分别用〈口〉与〈书〉标签表示。前者代表口语体或非正式文体;后者代表书面体或正式文体。其他各种语域特点(如古体英语、文学英语、俚语等)以及地区变体(如美国英语、英国英语)等均在语义辨析内用文字叙述。若所有分词目均可用其中一种文体标签,则该标签取消,而在本词条结束时用文字注解。

(七) 语义辨析

14. 语义辨析用△引导,通过措词说明该词目与本词条内的其他词目相比较时,有关文体标签以外的其他语域特点、该词目的地区变体、该词目使用范畴及频率以及语义特点等。一个分词条内并不包括上述所有内容,但语义特点通常必不可少,如在分词条 *charity* 内,语义辨析项为:
△指慈善行为和助人的意愿,以及基督教所倡导的三德之一的仁爱。常可指公开或私下的救济。

(八) 语法和搭配

15. 语法和搭配用○引导,通过措词说明该词目与本词条内的其他词目相比较时,语法特点与搭配关系。分词条内的语法特点一致时,则该特点取消,而在本词条结束时加以说明,说明内容以●引导。搭配亦如此。
16. 名词的语法与搭配主要指数以及介词、不定式搭配的关系等。
17. 形容词的语法与搭配主要指比较等级、作前置修饰语、作补语以及作补语时与介词短语、不定式短语、*that* 分句搭配的关系等。
18. 不及物动词的语法与搭配主要指与介词短语、副词短语、不定式短语的搭配关系等。
19. 及物动词的语法与搭配主要指用被动语态、用主动语态、宾语所指(人、事物等)、单宾语的结构(名词短语、不定式短语等)、复合宾语的结构以及双宾语的结构(包括间接宾语的后移)等。

(九) 例证

20. 例证用※引导。例句紧扣文体、语义辨析及搭配的特点。所有设例均用完整句子。中心词用黑正体印刷。例证附有汉语译文。

(十) 注解

21. 用在主词条或分词条结尾。
22. 用在中心词条结尾时,用●或◆引导,主要以文字说明该词条中的词目具有同一种文体特点、语法特点或共同具有的其他词性。
23. 用在分词条结尾时,用◇引导,主要以文字及例证说明分词目具有相应意思时的其他词性的用法。

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总 词 目 表

A	arbitrary autocratic despotic tyrannical tyrannous
one	ABSORB
ABANDON	assimilate digest imbibe
desert forsake leave	ABSTRACT
ABANDONED	ideal transcendent
dissolute profligate reprobate	ABSTRACTED
ABASE	absent absentminded distraught inattentive
debase degrade demean humble humiliate	preoccupied
ABATE	ABUSE ¹
ebb subside wane	billingsgate invective obloquy scurrility vituperation
ABDICATE	ABUSE ²
cede relinquish renounce resign	ill-treat maltreat mistreat misuse outrage
ABDOMEN	ABUSIVE
belly gut paunch stomach tummy	contumelious opprobrious scurrilous vituperative
ABDUCT	ACCEPTANCE
kidnap	acceptation
ABERRATION	ACCESSARY
alienation derangement	accessory
ABILITY	ACCIDENT
capability capacity	casualty mishap
ABJURE	ACCIDENTAL
forswear recant renounce retract	adventitious casual contingent fortuitous incidental
ABLE	ACCOMPANIMENT
capable competent qualified	concomitant
ABNORMAL	ACCOMPANY
aberrant atypical	attend chaperon conduct convoy escort
ABOLISH	ACCOMPANY
abate annihilate extinguish	keep somebody company
ABOMINATION	ACCORDING TO
anathema bête noire bugbear	according as
ABORTION	ACCOUNT
miscarriage	chronicle report story version
ABOUT	TAKE ACCOUNT OF
concerning regarding respecting	take an account of
ABOVE	ACCUMULATE
over	amass hoard
ABRADE	ACCUMULATION
chafe excoriate fret gall	aggregation collection conglomeration
ABRIDGMENT	ACCUSE
abstract brief conspectus epitome synopsis	arraign charge impeach incriminate indict
ABSCISS	ACKNOWLEDGE ¹
boil carbuncle furuncle pimple pustule	admit avow concede confess own
ABSENT FROM	ACKNOWLEDGE ²
absent in	recognize
ABSOLUTE	ACQUIREMENT

accomplishment acquisition attainment

ACRIMONY

acerbity asperity bitterness harshness sourness

ACROSS

athwart crosswise

ACT¹

behave function operate react work

ACT²

impersonate play

ACT AS

act for act like

ACTION

act deed operation performance

ACTIVATE

actuate drive motivate prompt

ACTIVE

dynamic live operative

ACTOR

impersonator mime mimic mummer performer

player star thespian trouper

ACUTE

critical crucial pressing urgent

ADAPT

accommodate adjust conform fit reconcile

ADD¹

cast figure foot sum tot total

ADD²

annex append subjoin superadd

ADD TO

add up to

ADDICT

devotee habitué votary

ADDITION

accession accretion increment

ADDRESS

accost greet hail salute

ADDUCE

advance allege cite

ADHERENCE

adhesion

ADJACENT

abutting adjoining conterminous contiguous

juxtaposed neighbouring semi-detached tangent

ADJUST

fix regulate

ADMITTANCE

admission

ADMIXTURE

adulterant alloy

ADOPT

embrace espouse

ADORE

idolize worship

ADORN

beautify bedeck deck decorate embellish garnish

ornament trim

ADULTERATE

doctor load sophisticate weight

ADULTERY

fornication incest

ADVANCE¹

proceed progress rise

ADVANCE²

forward further promote

ADVANCEMENT

elevation preferment promotion

ADVANTAGE

allowance edge handicap odds

ADVENTURE

enterprise quest

ADVENTUROUS

daredevil daring foolhardy rash reckless

venturesome

ADVERSE¹

antagonistic counter counteractive inimical opposed

ADVERSE²

averse

ADVERT

revert

ADVICE

counsel

AERATE

oxygenate ventilate

AERONAUTICS

aviation

AESTHETE

connoisseur dilettante

AFFAIR

business concern matter thing

AFFECT¹

impress influence strike sway touch

AFFECT²

effect

AFFIRMATIVE

positive

AFFLICT

rack torment torture try

AFFRONT

indignity insult

AFRAID FOR

afraid of

AFRAID TO DO SOMETHING

afraid of doing something

AFTER

behind

AGE

- dotage senescence senility
AGED
 elderly old patriarchal senile superannuated
 venerable
AGENT
 attorney deputy factor proxy
OF ALL AGES
 in all ages
AGGREGATE
 agglomerate conglomerate
AGGRESSIVE
 assertive militant pushing pushy self-assertive
AGILE
 brisk nimble spry
AGO
 before
AGRARIAN
 agricultural
AGREE¹
 coincide concur
AGREE²
 accord conform correspond harmonize jibe square
 tally
AGREE TO
 agree with
AGREEMENT
 accord understanding
AGRICULTURE
 farming husbandry
AIM
 aspire pant
AIM AT
 aim for aim to do something
AIR
 atmosphere ozone
TAKE AIR
 take the air
AIRPORT
 aerodrome airfield airstrip flying field landing field
 landing strip
AIRSPACE
 aerospace
AIRY
 aerial ethereal
ALARM
 alert tocsin
ALIGHT
 land light perch roost
ALL
 each every
ALLEGORY¹
 symbolism
ALLEGORY²
- fable myth parable
ALLIANCE
 coalition confederacy confederation federation fusion
 league
ALLOT
 allocate apportion assign
ALLOWANCE
 concession
ALONE¹
 desolate forlorn lone lonely lonesome lorn solitary
ALONE²
 by oneself
ALREADY
 still yet
ALSO
 besides furthermore likewise moreover too
ALTERNATIVE
 alternate
ALTHOUGH
 though
ALTOGETHER
 all together
AMATEUR
 dabbler dilettante tyro
AMBASSADOR
 chargé d'affaires envoy internuncio legate minister
 minister resident nuncio
AMBIGUITY
 double entendre equivocation tergiversation
AMBITION
 aspiration pretension
AMBITIOUS¹
 emulous
AMBITIOUS²
 pretentious utopian
AMBUSH
 ambushade
AMENITY
 luxury
AMIALE
 complaisant good-natured obliging
AMICABLE
 friendly neighbourly
AMISS
 astray
AMOUR
 affair intrigue liaison
AMUSE
 divert entertain recreate interest
ANALOGY
 metaphor simile
ANALYZE
 break down dissect resolve

ANARCHY¹

anarchism

ANARCHY²

chaos lawlessness

ANCESTOR

forebear forefather progenitor

ANCESTRY

lineage pedigree

ANGER¹

fury indignation ire rage wrath

ANGER²

enrage incense infuriate madden

ANGRY

acrimonious indignant irate mad wrathful wroth

ANIMADVERSION

aspersion reflection stricture

ANIMALITY

animalism

ANNEX

ell extension wing

ANNOTATE

gloss

ANNOY

bother irk vex

ANNUL

abrogate quash vacate void

ANODYNE¹

narcotic nepenthean opiate

ANODYNE²

anaesthetic analgesic

ANOTHER

other

ANSWER

rejoin reply respond retort

ANTHROPOID

anthropomorphic anthropomorphous

ANTHROPOLOGY

arch(a)eology ethnology

ANTIPATHETIC

averse unsympathetic

ANTIPATHY

aversion

ANTISEPTIC

bactericide disinfectant germicide

APERTURE

interstice orifice

APEX

vertex

APOLOGY

alibi apologia excuse plea pretext

APPARENT

illusory ostensible seeming

APPARITION

fetch ghost haunt phantasm phantom revenant
shade spectre spirit spook wraith

APPEAR

emerge loom

APPEARANCE

aspect look semblance

APPENDAGE

accessory adjunct appurtenance

APPENDIX

addendum supplement

APPETIZER

antipasto aperitif hors d'oeuvre smorgasbord

APPLAUD

cheer root

APPLAUSE

acclaim acclamation plaudit

APPORTION

parcel portion prorate ration

APPRECIATE

cherish esteem prize treasure value

APPREHEND

comprehend

APPREHENSION

foreboding misgiving premonition presentiment

APPROACH

approximate near

APPROBATION

approval commendation sanction

APPROPRIATION

grant subsidy subvention

APPROVE

certify endorse sanction

APT

liable likely

AQUATIC

abyssal fluvial fluviatile lacustrine marine neritic
oceanic pelagic thalassic

ARABIAN

Arab Arabic

AREA

belt region tract zone

ARGUMENT

controversy dispute

ARISTOCRACY

county elite gentry nobility society

ARMAMENT

ammunition arms artillery matériel munitions
ordnance

ARMOURY

arsenal magazine

UNDER ARMS

in arms by arms under one's arms in one's arms

ARREST¹

check interrupt	predicate profess protest testify warrant
ARREST ²	ASSISTANT
apprehend attach detain	aid aide aide-de-camp coadjutor helper
ARRIVAL	ASSOCIATE
advent	companion comrade crony
ARROGATE	ASSOCIATION
appropriate confiscate preempt usurp	club fraternity lodge order society union
ART ¹	ASSORT
artifice craft cunning skill	classify pigeonhole sort
ART ²	ASSUME
science	affect counterfeit feign pretend sham simulate
ARTICULATE	AT
enunciate pronounce	in on
ARTIFICIAL	ATHLETICS
ersatz factitious false imitation imitative synthetic	game sport
ARTIST	ATMOSPHERE
architect artificer artisan	aura feel feeling
ARTISTIC	ATTACHMENT
aesthetic artificial arty harmonious mannered	affection crush infatuation love
precious stylized tasteful	ATTACK ¹
AS	assault onset onslaught
which	ATTACK ²
AS IT WERE	aggression offence offensive
as it was as it is	ATTACK ³
ASCEND	assail assault beset bombard charge storm
climb mount scale	ATTEMPT
ASCENSION	endeavour essay strive struggle try
ascent	ATTENTION
ASCETIC	application concentration
mystic	ATTRACT
ASCETICISM	allure bewitch captivate charm enchant fascinate
mysticism	ATTRACTION
ASCRIBE	affinity sympathy
accredit assign attribute charge credit impute refer	AUDITORY
ASH	acoustic acoustical
cinder clinker ember	AURAL
ASHAMED ¹	audible auricular
chagrined mortified	AUTHENTIC
ASHAMED ²	bona fide dinkum genuine veritable
shameful shameless	AUTHORIZE
ASK ¹	accredit commission license
catechize examine inquire interrogate query question	AUTOMATIC
quiz	spontaneous
ASK ²	AUXILIARY
request solicit	accessory adjuvant ancillary contributory subservient
ASSASSIN	subsidiary
bravo cutthroat gunman	OF NO AVAIL
ASSEMBLAGE	to no avail
assembly	AVENGE
ASSENT	revenge
accede acquiesce agree concur consent subscribe	AVENUE
ASSERT	boulevard highway lane path pavement road
affirm asseverate aver avouch avow declare	sidewalk street trail way

AVERAGE

mean median norm par

AWARE

alive awake cognizant conscious mindful onto
sensible

AWKWARD

bungling clumsy gauche gawky inept lumbering
maladroit ungainly

AWRY

askance askew

AT THE BACK OF

in the back of

BACKGROUND

backdrop environment milieu mise-en-scène setting

BACKWARD

regressive retrograde retrogressive

BAD¹

evil ill naughty wicked

BAD²

poor wrong

BAD³

badly

BADINAGE

persiflage raillery

BAG

pouch sack

BAIT

badger chevy heckle hector hound ride

BALANCE

equilibrium equipoise poise

BANISH

deport exile expatriate extradite ostracize rusticate
transport

BANTER

chaff jolly josh kid rag rib

BAPTIZE

christen

BAR

barricade barrier

BARBARIAN

barbaric barbarous savage

BARBARISM

barbarity

BARE

bald barren naked nude

BARK

bay growl howl snarl yap yelp

BASE¹

low vile

BASE²

basis foundation ground groundwork

BASE³

bottom found ground rest stay

BASELESS

groundless unfounded unwarranted

BATTLE

action engagement

BAY

cove gulf

BE

exist live subsist

BEAR¹

appertain apply belong pertain relate

BEAR²

produce turn out yield

BEAR³

abide brook endure stand suffer tolerate

BEARD

bristle moustache sideboards stubble whisker

BEARING

behaviour carriage conduct demeanour deportment
manner mien port presence

BEAT

baste belabour buffet flagellate flog pound

pummel scourge spank thrash whip

BEAUTIFUL

beauteous bonny comely cute fair good-looking

gorgeous handsome lovely pretty pulchritudinous

BECAUSE

as for inasmuch as since

BECAUSE OF

due to owing to thanks to

BECOME

grow turn

HAVE BEEN IN

have been to have gone to

BEFORE

ahead forward

BEG

adjure beseech entreat implore importune supplicate

BEGIN

commence inaugurate initiate institute launch start

BEGINNING

genesis initiation rise

ON BEHALF OF

in behalf of

BEHAVE

acquit comport conduct demean deport quit

BELCH

burp disgorge regurgitate spew throw up vomit

BELIEF

credence credit faith

BELIEVE

believe in

RING A BELL

- ring the bell
BELLIGERENT
 bellicose combative contentious pugnacious
 quarrelsome
BELONG TO
 belong in
BELOW
 beneath under underneath
BENEFICIAL
 advantageous profitable
BENEFIT
 avail profit
BENEVOLENT
 beneficent
BESIEGE
 beleaguer blockade invest
BET
 ante pot stake wager
BATTER
 preferable superior
BETWEEN
 amid amidst among amongst betwixt
BIANNUAL
 biennial semiannual
BILL¹
 beak neb nib
BILL²
 act law statute
BIOGRAPHY
 autobiography confessions life memoir
BISEXUAL
 androgynous epicene hermaphrodite hermaphroditic
A BIT
 a little
BITE
 champ gnash gnaw
BITTER
 acrid
IN BLACK
 in the black
BLAME
 culpability fault guilt
BLAME FOR
 blame on
BLAMEWORTHY
 culpable deplorable guilty opprobrious regrettable
 reprehensible
BLASPHEMY
 bad language cursing obscenity profanity swearing
 vulgarity
BLAST
 blight nip
BLAZE
 flame flare glare glow
BLEMISH
 defect flaw
BLIND¹
 purblind sightless
BLIND²
 shade shutter
BLIND IN
 blind of blind to blind with
BLOCKADE
 siege
BLOODY
 bloodthirsty gory sanguinary sanguine sanguineous
BLOSSOM
 bloom blow flower
IN BLOSSOM
 in bloom
BLUFF
 blunt brusque crusty curt gruff
BLUSH
 colour flush redden
BOAST
 brag crow gasconade talk big vaunt
BOAT
 craft ship vessel
BODILY
 corporal corporeal fleshly physical somatic
BODY
 cadaver carcass corpse remains stiff
BOIL
 braise dry-fry fry parboil poach sauté seethe
 simmer stew
BOMBAST
 fustian rant rhapsody rodomontade
BOND
 band tie
BOOKKEEPER
 accountant auditor
BOOR
 bumpkin churl clodhopper clown hick lout rube
 yokel
BORDER¹
 brim brink edge margin rim verge
BORDER²
 boundary frontier limit
BORN
 borne
BOTCH
 bungle cobble fumble muff
BOUND
 articulated bond indentured
BRAVE
 audacious bold courageous dauntless doughty

fearless heroic intrepid plucky unafraid undaunted
valiant valorous

BRAWL

broil fracas melee row rumpus scrap

BREACH¹

contravention infraction infringement transgression
trespass violation

BREACH²

break rent rift rupture schism split

BREAK¹

gap hiatus interim interruption interval lacuna

BREAK²

burst bust crack fracture shatter shiver snap

BRIEF

short

BRIGHT

beaming brilliant effulgent incandescent lambent
lucent luminous lustrous radiant refulgent shining

BRING

fetch take

BRING FORTH

bring forward

BROAD

wide

BRUSH

glance graze shave skim

BRUTAL

bestial bestial brute brutish feral

BUILD

construct erect frame raise rear

BUILDING

edifice pile structure

BULGE

beetle jut overhang project protrude protuberate
stick out

BULK

mass volume

BULWARK

bastion breastwork parapet rampart

BUMP

clash collide conflict

BUNDLE

bale bunch pack package packet parcel

BURDEN

charge cumber encumber lade load saddle tax
weigh weight

BURN

cauterize char scald scorch sear singe

BURN DOWN

burn out burn up

BUSINESS

commerce industry trade traffic

BUSY

active assiduous diligent engaged industrious
sedulous

BUY

purchase

BY

through with

CAD

bounder heel rotter scoundrel

CALCULATE

compute estimate reckon

CALL AT

call on

CALL ON/UPON

call up

CALM¹

halcyon peaceful placid serene tranquil

CALM²

compose lull quiet quieten settle soothe still
tranquilize

CAN

may

CANDIDATE

applicant aspirant nominee

CAPRICE

conceit crotchety fancy freak vagary whim whimsy

CARE

anxiety concern solicitude worry

IN CARE OF

in the care of

CAREFUL

conscientious meticulous punctilious scrupulous

CARELESS

heedless inadvertent incautious inconsiderate
insensitive thoughtless

CARESS

cosset cuddle dandle fondle hug neck pet

CARICATURE

burlesque mimicry parody send-up take-off travesty

CARNAL

animal fleshly sensual

CARRY

bear convey haul transmit transport

CARVE

chisel engrave etch incise sculp sculpt sculpture

IN CASE

in case of in the case of

CATCH

bag capture ensnare entrap nab snare trap

CATCHWORD

byword shibboleth slogan

CATER

pander purvey