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本词典涵盖英语语法领域的六大板块:冠词、名词性从句、非谓语动词、虚拟语气、独立主格结构、倒装句型。以实用性为主,配有理论讲解和丰富详实的例证。

前 言

语言学习的重要一环是掌握组词成句、连句成篇的法则。常见的语法书基本上都力求罗列所有的语法规则,由此产生的弊端也是显而易见的。其一是点到为止,如论及动名词作动词宾语时仅涉及常见的几个动词,读者对没有提到的情况仍然一筹莫展;其二是不方便查找,工具书并没有发挥应有的工具作用。

《实用英语语法词典》就是本着弥补上述不足的目的编写而成的。本词典将冠词、非谓语动词、虚拟语气、独立主格结构、倒装、名词性从句等几大英语语法板块尽可能详细地展示出来。在编纂的过程中,我们时刻以满足读者的需求为取向,既有扼要的用法说明,又有具体实用的例证。简而言之,本词典以实用性为主,体现了丰富详实、轮廓分明等特点。当然,限于编者的水平,词典中的错误或不当之处一定不少。我们恭请读者予以指正,以利于我们以后进一步修订。

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the article 冠词

冠词是一种虚词,通常放在名词前面,辅助说明该名词的含义。英语中的冠词有两种:不定冠词(the indefinite article)和定冠词(the definite article)。

the indefinite article 不定冠词

不定冠词有两种形式:a 和 an。a 用在以辅音音素开头的词前;an 用在以元音音素开头的词前。

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a dictionary 一本词典 | 的人 |
| a European 一个欧洲人 | an instant coffee 一种速溶咖啡 |
| a fine paper 一种优质纸 | an MA 一名文学硕士 |
| a foreign cloth 一种外国布料 | an old man 一位老人 |
| a French champagne 一种法国香槟酒 | an umbrella 一把伞 |
| a grass 一种草 | an X-ray therapy 一种 X 光疗法 |
| a green tea 一种绿茶 | a one-way ticket 一张单程票 |
| a house 一所房子 | a rare metal 一种稀有金属 |
| a kind of 一种 | a rare old wine 一种名贵的陈酿葡萄酒 |
| a magazine 一本杂志 | a Russian vodka 一种俄罗斯伏特加酒 |
| a mineral water 一种矿泉水 | a Scottish whisky 一种苏格兰威士忌酒 |
| an English dictionary 一本英语辞典 | a soda water 一种汽水 |
| an exotic chocolate 一种外国巧克力 | a tropical fruit 一种热带 |
| an eye 一只眼睛 | |
| an honest man 一个诚实 | |

水果
a university 一所大学

a Xerox 一台(施乐)静电复
印机

a(n) = one 数量“一”;分式中的分子“一”

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

一鸟在手胜过二鸟在林。

Rome was not built in
a day.

罗马不是一日建成的。

Give knaves *an inch* and
they will take *a yard*.

予坏人一寸,他会取一码。

A stitch in time saves nine.

一针及时省九针。

*A fifth of the machines on
display were new items.*

展出的机器五分之一是新
产品。

I'm afraid we have only *a
hundredth* of possibility.

恐怕我们只有百分之一的
可能性。

*A tenth of the candidates
failed in the oral examina-*

tion.

十分之一的考生口试没有
通过。

*A third of the workers in this
factory are women.*

这个工厂三分之一的工人
是女工。

*A quarter of the inhabitants
in this area are ethnic minor-
ities.*

这个地区四分之一的居民
是少数民族。

注意

当分子大于一时,分母要用
复数形式。

*Three quarters of the inhabit-
ants belong to the Han Na-
tionality.*

四分之三的居民是汉族。

a(n) = per 每……

Take two of the tablets three
times *a day* before meals.

每日3次,每次2片,饭前
服用。

Three pounds *a gallon* is too

expensive.

1加仑3英镑太贵了。

If you drive sixty miles *an
hour*, you will arrive at the
village before dark.

如果你每小时行驶 60 英里, 天黑前就可以到达村庄。

Even the cheapest was priced at \$ 5 *a kilogram*.

即使最便宜的也标价每公斤 5 美元。

Several years ago cooking oil was sold at the price of \$ 1 *a liter*.

几年前, 食用油以每升 1 美元的价格出售。

He goes to see his parents in

the countryside once *a month*.

他每月到乡下看望父母一次。

The beef costs four dollars *a pound*.

这牛肉每磅 4 美元。

Tom is a heavy drinker and he can drink three bottles of beer at *a time*.

汤姆酒量很大, 每次能喝 3 瓶啤酒。

a(n) = the same 同样的

We are all *of an age*.

我们都是同龄人。

Birds *of a feather* flock together.

物以类聚。

The two brothers are *of a height*.

那兄弟俩一般高。

Two *of a trade* seldom agree.
同行是冤家。

These goods are *of a kind*

(*sort/ type*).

这些商品是同一种类型。

These four ropes are *of a length*.

这 4 根绳子一样长。

The two rivers are *of a width*.

这两条河一样宽。

These boxes are much *of a size*.

这些盒子大小差不多。

不定冠词的用法很多, 常见并且容易出错的用法如下:

a(n) + A + of + a(n) + B

表示像甲一般的乙。

angel 天使

The whole neighborhood

knows that Jack has *an angel of a wife*.

邻近的人们都知道杰克有一个天使般的妻子。

Two years later the wife gave birth to *an angel of a daughter*, but her husband wasn't content because he wanted a son.

两年之后,妻子生了一个天使般的女儿,可丈夫并不满意,因为他想要个儿子。

brute 野兽

Mary confided to her girlfriend that her ex-boyfriend was *a brute of a fellow*.

玛丽向女友吐露说她的前任男友是个野兽一般的家伙。

I wonder how she could tolerate her husband — *a great brute of a man*.

真不知道她怎么能够容忍她丈夫,那男人简直就像头野兽。

devil 魔鬼

Jane said that she regretted marrying *a devil of a man* and that she wanted a divorce.

简说她后悔嫁给一个恶魔

般的男人,还说她想离婚。

That guy appeared to be *a devil of a fellow* but was good in nature.

那家伙长得凶神恶煞但本性善良。

labyrinth 迷宫

The old building was *a labyrinth of a palace* with so many secret rooms inside.

那古老建筑是一座迷宫般的殿堂,里面设有许多密室。

When you enter the palace, you seem to be in *a labyrinth of a dark corridor*.

走进殿堂,你仿佛置身于一座带有长廊的昏暗迷宫。

lamb 羔羊

Mary has *a lamb of a temper* which makes her the favor of her father.

玛丽的脾气像羔羊般温顺,因此受到父亲的宠爱。

She was always *a lamb of a girl*, but for some reason she lost her temper this time.

她一向是个温顺的姑娘,但不知为什么这次却发脾气。

man 男人

As a rule, *a man of a woman*

is always too aggressive.

一般说来,男人似的女人通常太要强。

比较

I think no girl would like a woman of a man.

我想没有女孩会喜欢女人气的男人。

注意

前一个 a 也可用物主代词

替代:

My fool of a husband is sometimes too softhearted.

我那傻里傻气的丈夫有时心肠太软了。

比较

Thank goodness! I've divorced *my foolish husband*.

谢天谢地! 我和我那愚蠢的丈夫离婚了。

a(n) + abstract / material noun

与抽象名词或物质名词连用,表示具体的个体概念。

beauty 美丽

Sarah was a great beauty when she was a young girl.

萨拉年轻时是个大美人。

You are so lucky as to have such a beauty as your wife!

你真有福气! 娶了这么一个美人做老婆。

copper 铜

He produced a copper from his pocket and threw it to the beggar.

他从口袋里掏出一个铜币扔给乞丐。

Unfortunately I didn't have a single copper with me that day.

那天不巧我身上一个铜板

都没带。

democracy 民主

Do you really think that the United States is a democracy?

你真以为美国是一个民主国家吗?

Our country is a democracy.

我们是民主国家。

failure 失败

He used to be a failure as a teacher but is now a successful businessman.

他当过教师但不称职,如今经商却成功了。

My newly bought radio is an utter failure.

我新买的收音机完全是个

废品。

honour 荣誉

The scientist has become *an honour* to his country for his unprecedented discovery.

那位科学家因其前所未有的发现为国争了光。

It is *a great honour* to be invited to your country.

承蒙邀请来到贵国,十分荣幸。

iron 铁

An *iron* is an implement with a smooth flat base that can be heated to smooth clothes. 熨斗是一种底部平滑的器具,加热后可烫平衣物。

Mrs. Walker was pressing her dress gently with *an iron*. 沃克夫人在用熨斗轻轻熨烫衣服。

paper 纸

He read *a paper* at a medical conference on the result of his research.

他在医学会议上宣读了他的研究论文。

Each student is required to present *a paper* to the professor at the end of the semester.

要求每个学生必须在期末交给教授一篇论文。

power 力量

The country used to be *a great naval power* in the past.

该国曾经是海上强国。

America is *a super power* in the world.

美国是一个世界超级大国。

relation 关系

He is *a distant relation* of mine, to be specific, one of my grandfather's nephews.

他是我一个远亲,确切地说是我爷爷的一个侄子。

Tom is *a relation* of mine by marriage and I call him uncle.

汤姆是我的姻亲,我叫他舅舅。

success 成功

She was *a great success* as an actress in her thirties.

她三十多岁的时候曾是个非常成功的演员。

His novel became *a great success* the moment it came out.

他的小说刚一出版就获得了巨大的成功。

wood 木头

In the middle of a wood stood a hut in which lived seven dwarfs.

林中有个小屋,里面住着7个小矮人。

About a mile to the west of town he came upon a large wood.

在城西一英里处,他看到一大片树林。

youth 青年

a(n) + de-verbal noun

与和动词同形的名词 (de-verbal noun) 连用。

account 叙述

I should be glad if you would give me an account of the story.

如果你能把故事叙述一下,我会很高兴。

She gave the police a full account of the incident.

她向警方详细叙述了这一事件。

break 停歇

Shall we take a ten-minute break?

我们休息10分钟,好吗?

They worked for three hours without a break, but none of them complained about it.

As a youth he showed little promise but became a celebrity afterwards.

他年轻时看不出有什么出息,但后来却成了名人。

The riot was started by a drunken youth who was later arrested by the police.

这场骚乱是由一个喝醉酒的小青年引起的,他后来被拘捕了。

他们不停歇地工作了3个小时,但谁也没有抱怨。

clean 清洁

He went out into the garage and gave his car a good clean.

他到车库把汽车好好清洗了一下。

I think the dining-room needs a thorough clean.

我认为食堂需要彻底清洁一下。

comfort 安慰

He was a great comfort to his mother after his father's death.

父亲死后,他成了母亲最大

的安慰。

It's *a comfort* to know that she is still safe and sound after the earthquake.

得知地震后她仍然平安无事,是件令人宽慰的事。

cry 喊;叫

Seeing the birthday present, she gave *a joyful cry*.

看到生日礼物,她高兴地叫了一声。

When he was reading an evening paper, he suddenly let out *a cry* of surprise.

他在看晚报的时候,突然惊奇地叫了一声。

dash 冲

We jumped into the car and made *a dash* for the ferry.

我们跳上汽车,冲向码头。

Mother said lunch was ready and there was *a mad dash* for the table.

母亲说午饭做好了,大家一下子都向饭桌奔去。

dry 弄干

Would you take my overcoat and give it *a dry* in the laundry?

你能把我的大衣拿到洗衣房干洗一下吗?

We'd better take these books out of the study and give them *a good dry* in the sun.

我们最好把这些书搬出书房好好晒一晒。

excuse 借口

Tom is always giving *an excuse* for his being late for work.

汤姆上班迟到总是有借口。I didn't like the atmosphere of the party, so I made *an excuse* and left.

我不喜欢晚会的气氛,便找借口走了。

glance 瞥;看

She gave *a shy glance* at the young man and then lowered her eyes.

她羞涩地偷看了那年轻男子一下,随即垂下眼帘。

She walked off without *a glance* in my direction.

她扬长而去,都不朝我这儿看一眼。

go 走

I'll have *a go* at mending your bike today.

我今天要修修你的自行车。She's determined to make *a go* of her new career.

她决心在新的事业上有所成就。

jump 跳

Her heart gave *a little jump* when she heard her name called by the teacher.

听到老师叫她的名字,她的心怦地一跳。

A big jump in energy conservation could be achieved without much disruption of anyone's standard of living.

取得能源保护的飞跃不会对人们的生活水平造成太大的影响。

kiss 吻

He gave his daughter *a quick kiss* and then left.

他匆匆吻了一下他女儿然后离去。

She waved her handkerchief and threw him *a kiss*.

她向他挥了挥手绢,给了他一个飞吻。

laugh 笑

Mr. Smith broke into *a loud laugh* when his wife said she believed in ghosts.

史密斯先生听到太太说她相信有鬼,大声笑了起来。

They had *a good laugh* over

the clown's ridiculous performance.

小丑的滑稽表演让他们开怀大笑。

look 看;瞧

Can I have *a look* at your album on the shelf?

我能否看一看书架上你的那个相册?

He gave *a rapid look* at the stranger and then turned away.

他迅速看了一眼陌生人,然后转过脸去。

move 移动;行动

Don't make *a move* or I'll shoot.

不许动,否则我要开枪了。

Neither side is willing to make *a move*, so there is nothing that can be done.

双方都不愿意采取行动,所以没有进展。

nod 点头

As I approached, Reid gave me *a nod* of greeting.

我走近瑞德时,他向我点头问好。

The secretary simply greeted me with *a nod* because she was answering the phone at

that time.

秘书只是点头向我打招呼，
因为她当时在接电话。

polish 擦亮；擦光

He took off his glasses and
gave them *a polish*.

他摘下眼镜擦了擦。

We should give the bowls
and plates *a good polish* be-
fore the guests arrive.

我们应该在客人到达之前
把碗和盘子好好擦一擦。

push 推

John reached out his hands
and gave Peter *a push* that
sent him into the swimming-
pool.

约翰伸手把彼得推下了游
泳池。

To their joy, the door opened
at *a slight push*.

使他们高兴的是，门轻轻一
推就开了。

reply 回答；回复

He felt embarrassed for not
giving *a correct reply* to the
teacher's question.

他没答对老师的提问，感到
不好意思。

I don't think it is wise of you
to write *a reply* to that absurd

love letter.

我认为你回复那封荒诞的
情书不明智。

rest 休息

Having walked several mi-
les, they sat down by the
roadside to have *a rest*.

走了几英里后，他们坐在路
边休息。

We took *a short rest* before
starting off on a second lap.
我们稍微休息了一下，然后
开始跑第二圈。

ring 打电话

Remember to give us *a ring*
when you arrive at the air-
port.

到机场后，别忘了给我们打
个电话。

Let's give Helen *a ring* and
ask her to come over
right now.

我们给海伦打个电话，让她
马上过来。

rise 上升

The workers on strike de-
manded *a rise* in wages from
next month.

罢工工人要求从下个月起
增加工资。

The epidemic in this area

has led to *a rise* in the price of vegetables.

这个地区的流行病造成了蔬菜价格的上涨。

run 跑;一段时间

He started at a walk but soon broke into *a run*.

他开始的时候步行,但很快便跑了起来。

We've enjoyed *an exceptional run* of fine weather recently.

我们这里最近天气好极了。

shock 震惊

She was walking along the road when a sudden noise behind her gave her *a shock*. 她正在马路上走着,身后突如其来的噪声让她吃了一惊。

The news of his mother's death was *a terrible shock* to him.

母亲去世的噩耗使他非常震惊。

shout 喊;叫

They heard *a shout* of astonishment and ran to the spot. 他们听到一声惊叫,跑到了现场。

A shout of acclaim went up when the singer appeared on

the stage.

歌手出现在舞台的时候,响起了一片喝彩声。

sigh 叹息

She breathed *a sigh* of relief when she was told that her mother's illness was not serious.

听说母亲的病情不严重,她松了一口气。

He gave *a long sigh* as he lay back on the bed.

他在床上向后一躺,长叹了一口气。

sketch 概述

I will give you *a sketch* of what has happened.

我把发生的事情大概向你们描述一下。

The book begins with *a sketch* of the author's life.

这本书的开头有一段作者的生平概述。

smile 微笑

She gave me *a friendly smile* as she passed me in the corridor.

她在走廊里从我身边经过时,向我友好地笑了笑。

A smile of pleasure passed across his face when he saw