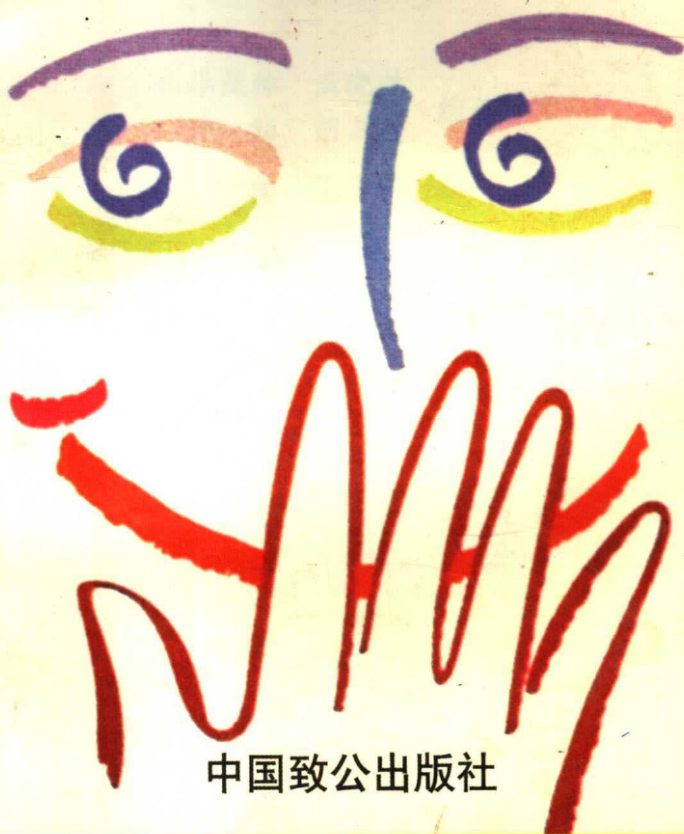


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前 言

在世界上使用的各种语言当中,英语的词汇量是极其丰富的一种语言,各种同义的、近义的、相似的、反义的词或短语不胜枚举。极其丰富的词语赋予英语以无穷无尽的表达力,各种意思、各种层面以及各种场合都可以找到最恰当、最贴切的词语,语言的生动活泼由此而产生,这是英语能够准确地表达各种细微意思的主要原因。同时,各种相似而其实不同,同义而用法各异的词语,给学习英语的人们带来许多困难,使得掌握和准确使用英语并非易事。有志学好英语的青年同学们,必须在这方面狠下功夫。

在中学阶段青少年朋友们所接触到的英语词汇和短语大多是最常用、最活跃、搭配能力最强的一些所谓“Heavy-duty words”,掌握和准确使用这些词语至关重要。这些词语有的在词义上有细微差别,有的使用场合不同,有的具有不同的用法特点和搭配关系,有的内含不同的修辞色彩……。准确理解和恰当使用这些词语,是进一步学习和掌握英语的关键,也是顺利通过各类考试所必不可少的。

本书将高中阶段英语教学中所接触到的词语进行归纳、分类,比较它们的词义,分析它们的用法。我们将同义的词语分组,每组中的词语按“常用—较常用—不太常用”的先后顺序编排,全书正文以每组第一个词语的字母顺序排列。书中的说明和例句,基本上按照我国高中学生的水平编写,有的地方略有拔高和拓宽。

由于编者水平有限,书中所讲解的内容未必精当,例句未必道地,请读者不吝指正。

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a bit * a little

这两个短语都有“一点儿”的意思,有时可以互换,有时则不能。使用时,应当注意以下几种场合:

1. a bit 和 a little 都可用作副词,用来修饰形容词和副词(原级和比较级)以及动词,例如:

The shirt looks a bit / a little large. Have you got any smaller one? 这件衬衫看样子大了点,你有小点的吗?

The teacher told her to speak a little / a bit louder. 老师叫她说大点声。

The earth is actually a bit / a little nearer to the sun in January than in July. 实际上地球在一月份比在七月份更靠近太阳。

His words encouraged me a little. 他的话给我一些鼓舞。

2. a bit 后不能直接接名词,要用“a bit of + 名词”结构;而 a little 后可以直接跟名词,如:

Jack speaks a bit of / a little Chinese. 杰克会说点汉语。

He has saved a bit of / a little money. 他已存了一些钱。

a bit of 和 a little 后接的名词均为不可数名词。

3. not a bit 意为“一点也不”;not a little 意为“很”,“非常”。两者意思不同。如:

I'm not a bit tired. 我一点也不累。

I'm not a little tired. 我很累。

a most * the most

这两个短语都可接形容词加名词,但词义不同。

前者中的 most 作“很、非常”(very)解,而后者中的 most 与

其后形容词(多音节)构成形容词最高级,相当于汉语中的“最”。例如:

It is a most interesting book. 这是一本很有趣的书。

Young people are the most active force in society. 青年是整个社会力量中的一部分最积极的力量。

Professor Li is a most famous physicist. 李教授是非常有名的物理学家。

Premier Zhou was the most outstanding statesman. 周总理是最卓越的政治家。

“most+形容词”作表语时,前面加不加定冠词其意义区别同上。

Iron is most useful. 铁非常有用。

Of all things in the world, people are the most powerful.
世间一切事物中,人是最有力量的。

a number of * the number of

这两个短语后面均接复数名词,但词义和用法均不相同。

“a number of + 名词”意思是“一些、许多……”,作主语时,谓语动词用复数;“the number of + 名词”意思是“…的总数、数目”,作主语时,谓语动词用单数。例如:

A number of people are coming today. 今天许多人要来。

The number of students in this school is increasing every year. 这所学校里学生人数逐年增加。