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序

对于英语学习者和应试者来说,最易弄错且最难掌握的是语义相近、语形相近或语形语义都相近相似的英语词汇。在对英语的学习中,尤其是在应试中,这样的词语序列如:provide, supply, afford, support, furnish, accommodate, acquaint with; seldom, rarely, hardly, scarcely, barely, nearly; shake, tremble, quiver, shiver; 或如: principal, principle, mast, must, mask; 或如: glide, slide, slip, slither; immigrant, migrant, emigrant; numeral, numerical, numerous; 可以说是最难处理的词汇问题。在以上所列中,一类是语义极相近,一类是语形极相近的,一类是语形语义都十分相近相似的英语词汇。这些词既在语形上引起记忆和区分的不便,更在语义上互相纠缠不清,令人不知所措,一筹莫展。要确切把握住这些词的意义并使它们互相区分,的确不是一件易事。而这类词汇恰恰又是各类英语考试的测验重点。

本书的编著者在这方面做了非常切实的工作,进行了卓有成效的研究探讨。首先,他们从两方面对有关材料进行了收集:一方面搜集整理了现行的各类高校教材中的资料,另一方面对照了上百套的各类英语试题,如全国大学英语四、六级考试,研究生英语考试,EPT、TOEFL、GRE 考试以及全国普通高校招生考试的试题。材料内容丰富,覆盖面广。在分析方法上,该书编者也有独到之处。对于书中所编的词汇,尤其是语义纠缠不清的部分,编者作了精确的分析和实质性的辨析,如对 accept, receive 两词,编者认为前一词侧重主观意愿,后一词侧重客观行为;对于 careful, cautious,编者认为前者侧重细致、仔细,后者侧重小心、提防;对于 bring, take, fetch,编者指出第一词指由彼及此的动作,第二词指由此至彼的动作,第三词指由此至彼并

由彼返回至此的拿取动作。这种透彻的解剖和精辟的界说可谓言简意赅，一针见血，对读者的帮助无疑是很大的。

本书的编写贯彻了国家教委颁发的大学英语四、六级考试大纲，并以研究生考试、出国留学生考试、英语高考等多种考试大纲为依据，是为大学生、研究生、留学生、高考生以及英语自学者提供的最好的词汇辨义书籍，书后附有的五套测试题使该书所能产生的实效又增了一层，是广大英语学习者乃至英语教学中不可多得的一本好书。因此，特为写序。

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前 言

若干年来,英语学习者在进行英语词汇学习和准备英语考试时,始终采用的做法一方面是最大量地积累英语词汇量,一方面是做一些有限的试题。这种操作一方面学习的范围广大无边,另一方面找不到词汇学习的规律,使词汇的学习虽然在数量上似有增加,但在质量上越来越成问题。尤其是,当学习到一定阶段,许多在词义或词形上相似或相近的词汇在头脑中制造的混乱,则更增加了词汇学习的疑难,直接影响英语考试水平。

对于这些造成混乱的词,若把它们收集在一起,指出它们的相同并给出一个粗泛的定义是不解决问题的;若将它们收集之后进行逐一释义并举例说明,则无异于一本重新排列组合的词典,也无济于事。指出它们的相同或进行一般性的释义都不是学习者所需要的。真正能解决问题的是指出这些易混词的相异之处。本书就是要解决这一问题,并使这一问题解决到比较令人满意的地步。

书中所收近 3000 个词汇均为中国学生在英语学习实际中经常遇到的难解词汇。按照这些词在测试中的实际出现规律,将它们编排成 600 多个词条。由于有的词在多次测试中的出现,它与左右的词可连成一长串词条,这就导致有的词条所收词数达到了 9~10 个,甚至更多。在词义辨析中,笔者借鉴了国外有关英语同义、近义词辨析词典《Cassell's Modern Guide to Synonyms and Related Words》,《Use the Right Word》等的辨义思路,结合多年高校英语教学实践中对词义讲解的经验,采取以精辟辨义为主、例句为辅的编写格式,尽量使词的可对比之处、异同之处突现,以达到真正释通词义的目的。

本书所收词汇参照了 150 余套各类英语测试题,其中大多为大学英语四、六级考试、研究生英语考试测试题,兼有英语高

考及各类出国留学英语考试的测试题。

本书应广大英语学习者,尤其是笔者所担任过课程的高校学生之再三要求编写。本书由蒋平同志任主编,余先伟、欧阳美和参加编写,成稿后由蒋平同志负责统稿和整理。对书中遗漏之处与浅薄之处,望广大读者提出宝贵意见。

蒋 平

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第一部分 意义相近的词语

a/an, one	(1)
abandon, give up, desert, forsake, renounce	(1)
ability, talent, capability, potential, power, force, strength, energy	(2)
able, capable, competent, qualified, strong	(3)
about, around, round	(4)
above, over	(4)
absorb, take in, digest, suck, soak, drain, leak, immerse, drench	(4)
accelerate, speed up, quicken, expedite	(6)
accept, receive	(6)
accident, event, incident, happening	(6)
accomplish, complete, fulfil, finish, end up, conclude ...	(7)
accuse, charge, blame	(8)
acknowledge, admit, confess, recognize	(8)
allow, permit, promise	(9)
across, along, through	(9)
act, behave	(10)
active, vivid	(10)
address, greet, salute, hail	(10)
adequate, suitable, proper, appropriate, moderate, right	(11)

adequate, enough, sufficient, ample, rich	(12)
adjust, regulate, adapt, accustom	(12)
advantage, benefit, profit, interest	(13)
affect, effect, influence	(13)
afraid, fearful, terrible, awful, frightful, dreadful, scare	(14)
after, behind	(14)
again, once more, any more, once again	(15)
ago, before, in front of, in the front of	(15)
agree, concur, consent, assent, approve, ratify	(16)
aim, goal, purpose, target, objective, end, destination	(16)
air, atmosphere	(18)
alike, like, resemble, similar, analogous, identical, same, equivalent, uniform, universal	(18)
already, still, yet, however, but	(19)
always, often, usually	(20)
amaze, puzzle, confuse, bewilder, perplex, astound, astonish, surprise	(20)
amidst, among, between	(21)
amplify, enlarge, magnify	(22)
amuse, entertain, enjoy, interest, fun	(22)
and, as well as, as well	(23)
angle, corner	(23)
angry, annoyed, bored, bothered, disturbed, troubled, indignant, irritated, vexed, fury	(24)
animal, beast, pet, mammal	(25)
answer, reply, respond, reflect	(25)
appear, emerge, pop	(26)
area, region, district, zone, place	(26)
arise, rise, arouse, raise, lift	(27)

arms, weapon	(28)
army, troop	(28)
arrive, get, reach	(29)
article, essay, composition, thesis, dissertation, paper, document	(29)
artificial, synthetic, false	(30)
ask, question, inquire(enquire), require, request, demand	(31)
at random, by accident, by chance, on occasion	(32)
attach to, stick to, adhere to	(32)
attempt, try, manage	(33)
attract, tempt, induce	(33)
aware, conscious	(34)
away, off	(34)
bag, sack	(34)
bare, empty, naked, blank, vacant	(35)
base, basis, foundation, location, ground	(35)
battle, fight, combat, campaign, war, struggle	(36)
beach, bank, seaside, coast, shore	(37)
bear, endure, stand, support	(38)
beat, hit, strike, bang, attack, tap, pat	(38)
beautiful, handsome, fair, graceful, pretty, lovely, good-looking	(39)
because, as, since, for	(40)
begin, start, commence, undertake	(40)
believe, trust, confident, credit, convince, be sure, faith, loyalty, honesty	(41)
below, beneath, underneath, under	(42)
besides, except, except for, apart from, but	(42)
bind, tie	(43)
bite, sting, prick	(43)

blossom, bloom, flower	(43)
both, either, neither	(43)
brave, bold, courageous	(44)
break, rest	(44)
bright, clever, wise, brilliant, shrewd, talented, gifted, genius, intelligent, wit	(44)
bring, take, fetch	(45)
broad, wide	(46)
budget, invest, expense	(46)
build, establish, set up, found	(46)
bundle, pack, package, packet, parcel	(47)
buy, purchase	(47)
by, through	(48)
cabin, hut, room, cell, lodge	(48)
calculate, compute, count, estimate, reckon	(49)
candy, sugar, sweets, desserts, gum, mint	(49)
cap, hat	(50)
car, vehicle, automobile, van, coach, truck, bus, carriage, taxi	(50)
careful, cautious	(51)
career, profession, occupation, position, job, work, labour	(51)
carry, convey, transport	(52)
case, box, crate	(52)
catch, arrest, capture, seize, trap	(53)
cause, reason, lead to, result in, bring about, induce, arouse	(53)
centre, middle, midst	(54)
chance, occasion, opportunity	(55)
change, alter, convert, turn, transform, transmit	(55)
charm, glamour, fascination, enchantment, appeal	(56)

check, inspect, examine, look over, look into, go over	(56)
chief, main, major, principal, primary	(57)
choose, select, pick	(58)
clap, applaud, flap	(58)
climate, weather	(58)
close, near, in the vicinity	(59)
clothes, clothing, cloth, dress, garment	(59)
college, institute, university, higher institution	(60)
common, ordinary, normal, average, usual, conventional	(60)
compel, force, oblige, impose(upon), compulsory	(61)
competition, contest, compete, match, game, play	(61)
complicated, complex, compound, mixture	(62)
conceal, hide, suppress	(63)
condition, state, situation, status	(63)
conference, meeting, session, convention, meet, party, committee, congress, council	(64)
connect, link, join, associate	(64)
conquer, beat, defeat, overcome, tame	(65)
consist of, be made of/from, be made out of, be made up of, be composed of	(66)
consume, waste, expend, exhaust, use up	(66)
contain, include	(67)
content, satisfy, please	(67)
contract, condense	(68)
contribute, devote, dedicate	(68)
correct, right, rectify	(68)
cost, take, spend, pay for	(69)
cost, charge, price, expense	(69)
country, nation, state, power, motherland, race	(70)

couple, pair	(70)
crime, offence , sin	(71)
cry, sob, weep , break into tears, wail	(71)
cunning, tricky, sly, foxy	(72)
cure, treat, heal, recover	(72)
damage, wreck, ruin, spoil, destruct, destroy, hurt, injure, wound, harm	(73)
danger, risk, hazard	(74)
dark, dim, black	(74)
deal with, handle, treat, dispose of, cope with	(75)
decay, collapse, wreck	(75)
decide, decide on, determine, resolve	(76)
declare, announce, state, claim, proclaim	(76)
decrease, reduce, shorten, diminish, shrink	(77)
decrease, reduce, drop, fall, lower, minimize	(78)
defend, protect, safeguard	(78)
degree, extent, range	(79)
delay, postpone, put off, defer	(79)
depend, rely	(80)
dependable, reliable, trustworthy	(80)
derive from, come from, result from, inherit	(81)
desperate, frightful, irritable	(81)
despite, in spite of(that), regardless of, though, although, nevertheless	(81)
different, various	(82)
difficult, profound, hard	(83)
dimension, size, magnitude, volume	(83)
direct, straight, upright, erect, vertical, plump, perpendicular	(84)
disappear, vanish	(85)
discover, invent, create, find	(85)

discuss, argue, debate, dispute	(86)
disemploy, dismiss, fire, sack	(86)
distinguish, differentiate, tell	(86)
distribute, spread, scatter	(87)
divide, separate, subdivide, classify, distinguish	(88)
doctor, physician, surgeon, dentist	(88)
doorway, threshold, entrance	(89)
doubt, suspect	(89)
drag, draw, pull	(90)
drawing, picture, photo, painting	(90)
dress, wear, put on	(90)
drill, practice, exercise, training	(91)
due to, owing to, thanks to, because of, for the sake of, by/in virtue of, as a result of	(91)
duty, responsibility	(92)
duty, tax, tariff	(93)
each, every	(93)
eager, anxious	(93)
earth, world	(94)
eat, chew, swallow, gulp, gobble, devour	(94)
edge, margin	(95)
emit, give off, send out, send off, let off	(95)
emphasis, stress	(95)
employ, hire	(96)
endure, suffer, undergo, bear, stand, put up with, tolerate, support	(96)
engage, occupy, concentrate, absorb	(97)
environment, circumstance, surroundings, condition ...	(97)
error, mistake, fault, flaw, shortcoming	(98)
escape, flee, get away, avoid, get rid of	(98)
essential, necessary, indispensable	(99)

estate, property, possession	(99)
evidence, proof, witness	(100)
example, model, pattern	(100)
excellent, outstanding, famous, remarkable, distinguished	(101)
excite, inspire, thrill, encourage	(101)
excuse, pardon, forgive, apologize	(102)
expand, extend, spread, stretch	(102)
expect, look forward to, hope, wish	(103)
experiment, test	(104)
factory, mill, plant, works	(104)
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fair, market	(105)
fair, just	(106)
fairly, rather	(106)
fame, honour, reputation	(107)
famous, eminent, noted, renowned, well-known	(107)
fast, rapid, quick, swift, haste	(108)
feature, trait, character, characteristic	(109)
feeling, emotion, passion	(109)
figure, diagram, graph, chart, sketch	(110)
figure, image	(110)
fit, suit	(111)
fix, repair, mend	(111)
flag, banner	(112)
fling, throw, toss, cast, sling, hurl	(112)
foam, lather, spray, surf, wave	(113)
follow, pursue, chase	(113)
following, succeeding, successive, subsequent, consequent	(114)
foolish, stupid, dull, retarded, silly	(115)

forbid, prohibit, ban	(115)
forest, grove, jungle, woods	(116)
freckle, dimple, wrinkle, spot	(116)
gaze, glare, stare, peep, glance, glimpse, peer, look, watch, see, catch sight of	(117)
get, gain, obtain, attain, acquire, master	(118)
gift, present	(119)
give, grant, entitle, present, credit	(119)
glide, slide, slip, slither	(120)
go, leave	(120)
govern, control, administer	(121)
great, big, large, giant, grand, magnificent, huge, enormous, immense, tremendous	(121)
grip, grasp, catch, snatch, hold, probe	(122)
habit, custom, usage, tradition, routine, practice, manner	(123)
hairdresser, barber	(124)
hang, suspend	(124)
happen, occur, take place	(124)
happy, glad, cheerful, gay, joyful, merry, delightful	(125)
harbour, port, dock	(126)
hate, resent	(126)
have, own, possess, belong	(126)
health, body, physical, labour	(127)
hear, listen	(127)
heart, mind, brain, soul, spirit, nerve	(127)
heaven, sky	(128)
help, aid, assist	(128)
herd, flock, swarm, cluster, crowd, group	(129)
high, tall	(129)

hire, rent	(130)
home, family, house	(130)
humble, inferior, minor, awkward	(130)
idea, thought	(131)
if, in case, suppose, provided, given, on condition that, unless	(131)
in case, lest, for fear that	(132)
in effect, in practice	(132)
install, mount, fix	(133)
instinct, impulse, consciousness	(133)
instrument, equipment, apparatus, tool	(134)
intend, mean	(134)
interfere, intervene, disturb	(135)
introduce, recommend	(135)
jail, prison	(136)
join, unite, combine	(136)
join, take part in, attend, participate, engage	(137)
journey, voyage, travel, trip, tour, excursion, hitchhike, sightseeing, cruise, expedition	(137)
judge, arbiter, arbitrator, referee, umpire	(139)
jump, leap, bounce, hop, spring	(139)
kill, murder	(140)
kind, sort, type, size, variety, species, category	(141)
know, learn, study, understand	(141)
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last, final, terminal, eventual, ultimate	(143)
lasting, permanent, durable, enduring	(143)
latent, potential, dormant, abeyant	(144)
laugh, chuckle, smile, giggle	(145)
lawful, legal, legitimate	(145)
lawyer, attorney, counsel, barrister, solicitor	(146)