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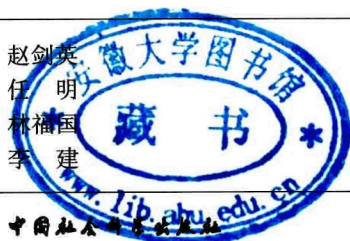
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## 前 言

同义词在英语词汇中占有很大的比重,正确恰当地使用同义词是中国英语学习者突破英语词汇的重要环节,也是提高英语写作及交际能力的关键。

本书作者在多年的大学英语教学过程中,经常遇到学生问该如何有效记忆单词。他们中很多都买有四级词汇书背单词,但结果却收效甚微。英语课本每一单元后都有大量的词汇需要记忆,学生感到无从下手,从而对英语学习产生了厌倦,有的甚至放弃了对英语的学习。这种结果的出现是由于学生对于词汇的学习还处在起始阶段,还没有正确掌握词汇学习的方法。通过背诵词汇工具书上的词汇来学习词义,这种方法是为了在短时间内提高词汇量而采取的突击手段,其结果是学生囫圇吞枣,并没有真正掌握词汇意义。尽管投入了大量的时间去背诵词汇,但是如何在恰当的场合选择合适的词语表达自己的想法却是一筹莫展,这体现在书面词汇辨析、写作、口语表达时词语贫乏,有时甚至是词不达意,让听者或读者不知所云,这也挫伤了学生学习英语的积极性。

有感于此,作者根据教学经验和亲身感受,结合学生在学习过程中经常遇到的问题,历经4年寒暑,精心搜集、整理和撰写了这本囊括400组词的《现代大学英语同义词辨析》,希望本书对中国非英语专业大学生、英语专业大学生、硕士研究生和希望提高英语水平的各类英语爱好者有所帮助。

事实上,词汇在英语学习过程中是一个基础,就如修一栋楼房砖头是基本的材料,如果没有一定的词汇量,那就会直接影响到学生的听、说、读、写能力,而这其中很重要的一点就是如何区分同义词,正确掌握它们的差异。如果学生只是单个的死记硬背单词,这样大脑中所形成的词汇库中的词与词之间就没有建立起有效的连接机制。只有建立起一个有效的词汇网络系统,正确掌握英语语言中词与词之间的有机联系与差异,才能形成多个既相关又互相区别的语义场。这样,他们在记忆某一个单词时,激活与此相关的词,而不是单独机械的背诵某

一孤立的单词,就能有效地扩大英语词汇量并提高其准确度。

本书精选了400组在大学英语学习和考试中常见的同义词进行辨析,对一组同义词在词性相同的基础上作深入的比较和分析,先指出这组词的共同意思,然后从词频、语义反映的侧重点、语体的差异、语义的情感色彩差异、搭配的差异和类联接等方面研究,详细探讨各词的特殊之处以及各词之间的相联关系等。书中的词条以字母为序排列,所给例句翔实易懂、能有效证实词义辨析、紧扣四六级考点、极具时代性,格式编排清晰,一目了然。本书还提供与原例句深度融合的译文,能有效帮助读者迅速扩大词汇量,可作为英语翻译爱好者的自学工具书或者英语教师的教学参考书。

在本书的写作过程中,作者的家人和同事给予了很大的帮助,在此深表感谢。

由于专门针对中国大学生的英语同义词辨析的书尚不多见,本书对于同义词差异的表述主要借鉴国内外有关的权威资料和图书,例句表达方式可信。但本书作者毕竟水平有限,疏忽和错误在所难免,请广大读者批评指正,请前辈同行不惜赐教。

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2013年10月31日 于昆明

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| 310. practice, exercise, drill, training .....              | (230) |
| 311. prepare, ready .....                                   | (230) |
| 312. prescribe, assign, define .....                        | (231) |
| 313. press, squeeze, jam, crowd, pinch .....                | (232) |
| 314. prevent, block, hinder .....                           | (232) |
| 315. price, charge, cost, expense .....                     | (233) |
| 316. probable, possible, likely .....                       | (234) |
| 317. process, procedure, proceeding .....                   | (234) |
| 318. product, production, produce .....                     | (235) |
| 319. program, schedule, timetable, agenda .....             | (236) |
| 320. prove, testify, certify, demonstrate .....             | (236) |
| 321. pull, draw, drag, haul, tug, tow .....                 | (237) |
| 322. pure, absolute .....                                   | (238) |
| 323. quality, property, character, attribute .....          | (239) |
| 324. quantity, amount, number, sum .....                    | (240) |
| 325. quote, cite, repeat .....                              | (240) |
| 326. random, casual .....                                   | (241) |
| 327. real, actual, true .....                               | (241) |
| 328. reap, gather, harvest .....                            | (242) |

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329. reason, deliberate, meditate ..... (243)
330. regular, normal, typical, natural ..... (243)
331. rely, trust, depend, reckon, bank ..... (244)
332. reveal, discover, disclose, betray, expose ..... (245)
333. rise, arise, ascend ..... (246)
334. rival, competitor, enemy, opponent ..... (246)
335. safe, secure ..... (247)
336. seem, look, appear ..... (248)
337. select, elect, picked ..... (248)
338. send, dispatch, forward, transmit, remit, route, ship ..... (249)
339. sensation, sense, feeling ..... (250)
340. separate, part, divide, divorce ..... (251)
341. serious, grave, solemn, sober, earnest ..... (252)
342. settle, fix, establish, fasten ..... (253)
343. sharp, keen, acute ..... (253)
344. show, manifest, evidence, demonstrate ..... (254)
345. sign, token, badge ..... (255)
346. single, sole, unique, only ..... (255)
347. size, dimensions, extent, volume ..... (256)
348. sketch, outline, diagram, draft ..... (257)
349. sly, cunning ..... (257)
350. small, little, tiny, minute ..... (258)
351. smell, scent, odour ..... (259)
352. soft, bland, mild, gentle ..... (259)
353. sorrow, grief, distress ..... (260)
354. special, specific, particular, individual ..... (261)
355. speed, accelerate, quicken, hasten, hurry ..... (261)
356. spend, expend ..... (262)
357. spine, backbone, back ..... (263)
358. splendid, glorious, superb ..... (263)
359. spontaneous, automatic, mechanical ..... (264)
360. state, condition, situation, status, circumstance ..... (265)
361. steady, stable ..... (266)
362. strange, peculiar, odd, curious ..... (266)

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363. stress, strain, pressure, tension ..... (267)
364. stubborn, obstinate ..... (268)
365. suggest, imply, hint ..... (268)
366. sum, amount, number, total, whole ..... (269)
367. sure, certain, positive ..... (270)
368. surprise, astonish, amaze ..... (270)
369. take, seize, grasp, clutch, snatch, grab ..... (271)
370. task, assignment, job ..... (272)
371. teach, instruct, educate, train ..... (273)
372. tend, attend, mind, watch ..... (273)
373. therefore, hence, consequently, then, accordingly ..... (274)
374. thing, baggage, luggage ..... (275)
375. think, conceive, imagine, fancy, realize ..... (276)
376. thoughtful, considerate, attentive ..... (277)
377. threaten, menace ..... (277)
378. throw, cast, toss, fling, hurl, pitch ..... (278)
379. tie, bind ..... (279)
380. touch, feel ..... (279)
381. transform, convert ..... (280)
382. treat, deal, handle ..... (280)
383. type, kind, sort, class, classification, category ..... (281)
384. understand, comprehend, appreciate, apprehend ..... (282)
385. universal, general, common ..... (283)
386. use, employ, utilize, apply, avail ..... (283)
387. usual, customary, habitual, accustomed ..... (284)
388. vanish, disappear, fade ..... (285)
389. variety, diversity ..... (286)
390. vocal, outspoken, candid ..... (286)
391. wages, salary, pay ..... (287)
392. watchful, vigilant, alert ..... (287)
393. weak, feeble, frail ..... (288)
394. whole, entire, total, all, gross ..... (288)
395. work, employment, occupation, career, vocation ..... (289)
396. work, product, production ..... (290)