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前言

英语中有很多词汇或读音相同、相似，或拼写相近，容易造成混淆。这些读音相仿或词形相似的单词或短语，不仅有着同义、近义、异义的差别，用法上也有很大的不同。有些易混词虽然在搭配上只有细微的差别，意义却截然不同；有些近义词可以相互替换，有些的用法却泾渭分明。这类易混词在中学阶段的考试中向来都是考查的重点，阅读理解、完形填空等题型都涉及对易混词的考查。近年来，对易混词、同义词、近义词用法的考查更是呈现题量逐渐增多、难度逐渐增大的趋势。而考生最感棘手的一个问题就是，这些词乍看起来意思相同或相近，容易使人望文生义，产生混淆，以致出现理解错误或曲解原意，造成大量丢分。

为了使考生快速、准确地掌握这些易混词的区别与用法，编者从实用角度出发，结合多年英语教学实践经验，对考生在考试中经常出错的英语易混词汇进行了收集整理，经过精心筛选，编成《中学英语易混词辨析手册》一书。本书共收录易混淆的英语“词对”约600组，词语总量约1800个，引用例句约4500条。编者从词义差别、习惯用法、搭配关系、使用场合等多个方面对常见的易混词进行了详细的阐述，并举例分析，有些易混词还做了正误对比分析。每组易混词条目中的例句均配有中文翻译，语言地道、规范，具有很强的实用性。本书通过大量的实例分析来阐述每组易混词之间的异同点，能够帮助考生了解、掌握易混词可能出现误解或误用之处。相信广大英语考生通过阅读本书，一定可以极大地提高英语成绩。

在本书的编写过程中，编者参阅了大量国内外相关图书和文献资料，同时也注意借鉴和吸收一些语言学者在英语易混词搭配用法方面的研究成果，在此对他们一并表示感谢。

鉴于水平有限，书中难免会有疏漏舛误之处，希望广大读者多提宝贵的批评意见。

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A man, like a watch, is to be valued by his manner of going.

一个人，正如一块手表，是以他的行动来确定其价值的。

a bit / a bit of / a few of

- **a bit** 和 **a bit of** 都表示“一点；一些”，其中 **bit** 是名词，其复数形式是 **bits**，表示“碎屑；吃剩的食物”。**a bit** 常用作状语，修饰动词和形容词等；**a bit of** 是形容词词组，通常修饰不可数名词。

试比较

(1) I'm *a bit* tired. 我有点累。

(2) Can you move up *a bit*? 你能挪上去一点吗？

(3) Give me *a bit of* water, please. 请给我一点水。

- **a few of** 意为“少数几个”，后面的名词或代词常使用复数形式。

比如

(1) *A few of* them speak Russian. 他们当中有几个人说俄语。

(2) *A few of* the seats were empty. 有几个座位空着。

a bit / a little

这两个词组均含有“有点；一点；一些”的意思，但在用法上有些差异。

- **a bit** 是名词词组，表示“一点；一些”。该词组可以代替 **a little** 来修饰不可数名词，但必须在名词前加介词 **of**。

比如

(1) He is *a bit of* a humorist. 他有点风趣。

(2) I know *a bit of* Spanish. 我懂一点西班牙语。

(3) Would you please give us *a bit of* good advice.

你能给我们提一点宝贵意见吗？

- **a little** 既可以作为形容词与不可数名词连用，表示“少量的；稍微的”(= a small amount of sth; some but not much)；又可以作副词修饰形容词，表示“有些；几分”(= to some extent)。

试比较

(1) He knows *a little* Spanish. 他懂一点西班牙语。(作形容词)

(2) She seemed *a little* afraid of going inside. 她好像有点怕往里走。(作副词)

- (3) He was *a little* worried about the expense. 他有点担心那笔开销。(作副词)
 (4) There is *a little* water in it. 里面有些水。(作形容词)

able to do sth / capable of (doing) sth

- 这两个形容词短语均含有“有能力做某事”或“能做某事”的意思。

比如

- (1) Will you be *able to* come? 你能来吗?
 (2) You are better *able to do* it than I am. 你比我更有能力做这件事情。
 (3) You are *capable of* better work than this. 你能比这个做得更好。
 (4) He is *capable of running* a mile in four minutes. 他能在四分钟内跑完一英里。

不过,这两个短语在用法上也存在着一些差异。

1. *able* 后面要接带 *to* 的动词不定式; 而 *capable of* 后面要接名词或动名词作宾语。

2. *able to do* 所表示的能力属于褒义词; 而 *capable of (doing) sth* 所表示的意思既可以是褒义的, 也可以是贬义的。

试比较

- (1) They are *able to do* anything. 他们什么都能干。(褒义)
 (2) They are *capable of* anything. 他们什么事情都做得出来。(表达的内容是褒义还是贬义视上下文而定)
 (3) She is *capable of doing* any crime. 她什么坏事都干得出来。(贬义)

aboard / abroad

- aboard** 既可作副词, 又可作介词, 意为“在(船、飞机、公共汽车或火车)上” [= on or onto (a ship, aircraft, bus or train)]。

比如

- (1) We spent two months *aboard*. 我们在船上过了两个月。
 (2) The train's about to leave. All *aboard*! 火车马上就要开了。全体上车!
 (3) He was already *aboard* the ship. 他已经上船了。

- abroad** 既可作形容词, 又可作副词, 意为“在国外, 到国外, 出国; 广为传播” (= in or to a foreign country or countries; away from one's own country; being spread widely)。

比如

- (1) They perform regularly both at home and *abroad*. 他们定期在国内外演出。
 (2) He always goes *abroad* on business. 他经常到国外出差。