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前 言

英语常用词组是英语词类的重要组成部分,其结构相当复杂。如果没有掌握某一英语词组的真正含义,仅从字面上是无法理解该词组的正确意思的,所以英语常用词组是学习英语的一个重点和难点。英语固定词组的使用非常广泛,如果能够熟练掌握并正确运用英语常用词组,对广大中学生和英语爱好者正确理解英语原文的含义,提高阅读理解能力和英语综合运用能力是极为重要的。为了帮助广大英语学习者正确掌握英语常用词组,解决阅读理解中的困难,我们特编写了这本《中学英语常用词组词典》。

本词典共收入英语常用词组近 2800 条,并具有以下特点:

内容实用。在本词典编写过程中,着重收入初中、高中及部分大学英语课本中所出现的英语词组,其中包括国家教委要求掌握的全部必备英语词组。同时,还注意收入日常工作和生活中实用性强的英语常用词组和短语。

释义确切。本词典所收入的英语词目都注明其词性并给出简明扼要的中文释义,而对于英语词目下的英语词组词条则给出其基本意思,这样便于读者正确理解英语词组词条后的例句含义。

例句丰富。本词典所收入的每个英语词组词条下都有一个或几个例句。通过地道的例句来帮助读者正确理解、灵活运用英语词组是本书的主要特色。

查阅方便。本词典所列英语词目及该词目下各英语常用词组词条一律按英语字母顺序排列,摒弃了传统的按中心词排列的方式。这样不仅查阅方便,而且也有利于同一词不同搭配之间的比

较,从而增强理解和记忆。

本词典依托北京教育资源之优势,集多所名校一线特级英语教师强强联手而精心打造的“黄金”品牌。参加本词典编写的作者不仅具有丰富的教学经验,而且又都是相关学科的资深专家。本词典编排新颖独特、内容实用生动、例句丰富地道,将会把读者带进英语词组的精彩世界。

本词典适合在校学生,尤其是初中、高中学生使用,也适合从事初中、高中英语教学的英语教师和广大英语爱好者使用。

由于编者水平有限,疏漏之处在所难免,恳请广大读者、专家批评指正。

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A

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ability n. 能力, 才能, 技能
of ability 有才干(的), 有本领(的): He is a man of ability. 他是一个有才能的人。A man of many abilities is always seen in our society. 在我们这个社会里, 有多方面才能的人到处可见。

able adj. 能够...的; 聪明能干的
be able to (do) 能够, 会: Will you be able to come? 你能来吗? You are better able to do it than I am. 你比我更有能力承担此事。We shall be able to finish the work tomorrow. 我们明天能够完成这项工作。

about adv. 周围, 附近; 大约, 差不多
prep. 关于; 在...附近
be about to (do) 将要, 打算: The final exam is about to start. 快要期末考试了。We were about to leave when it started to rain. 我们正要离开时, 天便开始下雨了。Her father is about to retire. 她的父亲就要退休了。
what about ...? ...如何? What about Jack? We can't just leave him here. 杰克怎么办? 我们不能把他单独留在这儿。What about having a game of table tennis? 咱

们打一场乒乓球怎么样? What about his qualifications for the position? 他担任此职的资格如何?

above prep. 超过, 在...上面
adv. 在上面, 在上方
above all (things) 首先, 尤其是: Relax, and above all don't panic. 要放松, 最重要的是不要惊慌。What he should do, above all, is to criticize himself. 他首先应该做的是进行自我批评。Above all things, the policemen ought to find out the real criminal. 警察首要的任务就是应该找出真正的罪犯。

abroad adv. 到国外, 在国外; 遍布
at home and abroad 在国内外: He said things are almost the same at home and abroad. 他说在国内外的情况差不多是相同的。Some customs are completely different at home and abroad. 一些习俗在国内和国外是完全不同的。
from abroad 从国外: I just got back from abroad. 我刚从国外回来。His mother is always dreaming her son returning from abroad. 他的母亲经常梦想着儿子从国外回来。

absence n. 不在, 缺席; 缺乏, 不存在

absence from 缺席, 不在: Tom's absences from school made his teacher very angry. 汤姆旷课使他的老师很生气。

in the absence of 无...时, 缺...时: In the absence of the manager, Mr. Wang is in charge of the business. 经理不在期间, 由王先生管理业务。In the absence of these conditions they finished the task on time. 在缺乏这些条件的情况下, 他们仍然按时完成了任务。

absorb vt. 吸收; 吸引...的注意

be absorbed in 全神贯注于, 专心于: He is completely absorbed in his business. 他完全专心于他的业务。I was absorbed in a book and didn't hear you. 我全神贯注地看书, 没有听见你说什么。

abstain vi. 避免, 禁忌

abstain from 戒除, 避开: His doctor told him to abstain from beer and wine. 他的医生告诉他要戒酒。He abstained from eating for six days. 他已经 6 天没有吃东西了。At the last election he abstained from voting. 上次选举他没投票。

abstract n. 摘要, 概括; 抽象概念

in the abstract 抽象地, 理论上: In the abstract, his essay is worth reading. 从理论上讲, 他的文章值得一读。It is wrong for us to look upon the problem in the abstract. 对我们来说, 抽象地看问题是错误

的。

accident n. 意外; 事故

by accident 偶然, 无意中: I only came to London by accident. 我来伦敦纯属偶然。You might cut yourself by accident; you wouldn't cut yourself on purpose. 你可能会意外地割伤自己; 你不会故意割伤自己。

accord n. 一致, 符合; 协议, 协定
v. 和...一致

in accord (with) 和...一致, 符合: The two governments are completely in accord (with each other) on the question of preserving peace. 在维护和平的问题上, 两国政府有着一致的看法。There are few issues on which the two are in perfect accord. 双方完全相一致的问题几乎没有。

accord with 与...一致, 符合: I rewrote the article because it didn't accord with our policy. 我重新改写了这篇文章, 因为它不符合我们的政策。His behaviour does not accord with his principles. 他的行为不符合他的原则。What you say does not accord with the previous evidence. 你所说的与以前的证据不一致。

according adj. 相符的, 一致的

according as 按照, 依据: You will be praised or blamed according as your work is good or bad. 你将依照你工作成绩的好坏而受到奖惩。People see things differently ac-

cording as they are materialists or idealists. 人们的观点有唯物、唯心之分,因而他们对事物的看法也就不同。

according to 按照,依据: Each person was given tasks according to their skills. 依据每个人的工作能力来分派任务。We will be paid according to the amount of work we do. 我们将按劳取酬。

account v. 说明,解释...的理由;认为

n. 账户,账目;理由,原因

account for 说明(原因等),解释:

He has been asked to account for his conduct. 他被要求解释他的行为(说明他何以如此)。How do you account for the parcel in the car? 你怎么解释你小汽车里的包裹? That accounts for the delay of the train. 那就是火车晚点的原因。

give an account of 叙述,报告,说明: Give us an account of what happened. 给我们叙述一下发生了什么事。The teacher asked the students to give an account of the picture. 老师要求学生们对这幅图加以说明。

on account of 因为,为了...缘故: Don't stay away on account of John. 为了约翰,不要离开。Auntie told me not to run on account of my poor health. 由于我身体太弱,阿姨告诉我不要跑。We stayed inside on account of the rain. 由于下雨的缘故,我们待在屋里。

on all accounts (或 **on every ac-**

count) 无论如何: You'll need to be at the station by nine on all accounts. 无论如何你务必在9点钟之前到车站。On every account he shouldn't do it like that. 无论如何他都不应该那么做。

on no account (或 **not on any account**) 绝对不,决不: On no account must strangers be let in. 陌生人一律谢绝入内。On no account must you go there. 你决不能去那儿。Don't on any account leave the baby alone in the house. 切不可将婴儿独自留在家中。

on one's account 为了...(的缘故): Mary gave up entering the college on her family's account. 为了她家庭的缘故,玛丽放弃了上大学的机会。We should study hard on our country's account. 为了国家的利益,我们应该努力学习。

on that [this] account 为了那个(这个)缘故,因此,于是: He is angry on that account. 为了那个缘故他很生气。She didn't speak a word on this account. 由于这个原因,她一句话也说不出。

take account of 考虑到: We'll certainly take account of your feelings. 我们当然会考虑你的感受了。You must take account of the boy's long illness. 你们一定要考虑这个男孩长期有病的情况。The doctor asked the nurse to take account of the patient. 医生要求护士注意病人的情况。

accustom vt. 使习惯

be [get] accustomed to 习惯于, 对...习以为常: My eyes got accustomed to the dim lighting. 我的眼睛已习惯于微弱的灯光了。I'm not accustomed to getting up early. 我不习惯于早起。This is not the kind of treatment I'm accustomed to. 这不是我所习惯的那种待遇。

acquaint vt. 使认识, 使了解; 告知

be acquainted with 熟悉, 知道, 与...相识: I am not acquainted with the lady. 我不认识那位女士。I am already acquainted with the facts. 我已经知道这些事实了。Mrs Oliver is acquainted with my mother. 奥利佛太太与我的母亲认识。

act v. 行动; 表现; 起作用 **n.** 行为; 条例; 法令

act against 违反: Those who act against the rules will be punished. 那些违反规则的人将受到惩罚。He was blamed because he acted against the principles of class. 他由于违反课堂纪律而受到责备。

act as ①担任, 充当: He acted as an interpreter after he graduated from the college. 他大学毕业后当了一名翻译。The person who acts as a teacher is my best friend. 当教师的那个人是我最好的朋友。②起作用, 扮演...角色: The shark can twist its fins to act as brakes. 鲨鱼能摆动它的鳍以起到刹车的作用。He acted as a very popular person in the play. 在这部剧里他

扮演了一位非常受人欢迎的人物。

act for 代表, 代理: The solicitor acts for his clients. 律师代表他的当事人。He is going to act for the case. 他将代理这起案件。

act on [upon] 对...起作用, 影响到, 作用于: This medicine acts on the heart. 这药品对心脏有功效。

What the teacher said acted on the students. 老师所说的话对学生起作用了。The book which he is reading will act on him. 他正在读的那本书将对他产生很大的影响。

action n. 行为, 动作; 活动, 作用; 战斗; 诉讼

take action (in) 采取行动, 着手, 动手: We must take action before it is too late. 我们必须采取行动, 否则就太晚了。The government has already taken action. 政府已经着手采取行动了。They took action to stop him. 他们采取行动来制止他。

adapt v. 使适合; 改写, 修改

adapt oneself to 使适应: When you go to a new country, you must adapt yourself to new manners and customs. 当你到一个新的国家时, 你必须使自己适应新的风俗习惯。Can you adapt yourself to a new job? 你能适应新的工作吗? We adapted ourselves to the hot weather. 我们使自己适应了炎热的天气。
be adapted to ①适合于, 适应: He has not been adapted to the climate yet. 他尚未适应这里的气候。

②改写,改编: This book is adapted to the needs of beginners. 这本书经过改写才适合初学者的需求。The play has been adapted from French to suit English audiences. 该剧是由法文改编而来,以适合英国观众。

add v. 加起来;补充说

add to 增加,增进: The music added to our enjoyment. 音乐增添了我们的快乐。Fireworks added to the attractions of the festival night. 烟火使节日之夜更加生色。This will add to our difficulties. 这会增加我们的困难。

add up (to) ①合计达: The figures add up to 365. 这些数目加起来总和是365。The cost added up to 10 million dollars. 费用总计达一千万美元。The money he spent added up to more than £ 1000. 他所花的钱合计为一千多英镑。②意味着,意思是: All that this adds up to is that you don't want to help, so why not say so at once? 总而言之你不想帮忙,那么为何不立即明说呢? All this adds up to a new concept of the universe. 这一切意味着对宇宙的新看法。The evidence all adds up to a case of murder. 所有证据都说明这是一起谋杀案。

add up [together] 加起来,合计: What's the total when we add all the marks up? 把所有的分数加起来,总和是多少? Add up a column of figures. 将一系列数字加起来。

The maths problem is to add them up. 这道数学题是求它们的总和。

addition n. 增加,增加的东西或人 **in addition** 此外,加之,并且: In addition, there was a crop failure in many provinces. 此外,许多省份粮食作物歉收。In addition, we'll need to get there before daybreak. 此外,我们还得在天亮之前赶到那里。

in addition to 除...之外,又: In addition to English, he has to study a second foreign language. 除英语以外,他还要学第二外语。We saw a Micky Mouse cartoon, in addition to the cowboy movie. 除了那部牛仔电影外,我们还看了一部米老鼠动画片。What do you want in addition to a house? 除了一所房子之外,你还想要什么?

admit v. 接纳;容纳;承认

admit ... into 让...进入: Only three hundred students are admitted into our school every year. 我们学校每年只收三百名学生。No outsiders are admitted into this building. 外人不许进入该大楼。The servant opened the door and admitted me into the house. 仆人打开门,让我进屋。

admit of 容许,有...的可能: The words admit of no other meaning. 这些字句不容许有别的意思。The matter admits of no delay. 这件事不容拖延。It admits of no excuse. 这是不容辩解的。

advance *v.* 前进; 进展 *n.* 进展, 提升

advance in [on] 在... 方面的进展 (进步): This student has advanced in reading and writing. 这个学生在读和写方面取得了很大进步。Our country has already advanced in economics these years. 这些年来, 我们国家的经济已取得了很大的发展。

be in advance of 在... 之前, 优于, 胜过: Galileo's ideas were in advance of the age in which he lived. 伽利略的思想超越了他生活的时代。His composition is in advance of mine. 他写的作文比我的好。

in advance 预先, 事先: Everything had been fixed in advance. 一切都事先安排妥当。She registered for the examination in advance. 她提前就报名应考了。It's unwise to spend your income in advance. 把你的收入预先花掉不是明智之举。

advantage *n.* 优势, 优点; 好处, 利益

be of great [no] **advantage to** 对... 很有利 (毫无利益): His summer in Mexico was of great advantage to him. 他在墨西哥度夏使他获益很多。A good education is of great advantage to us. 一个良好的教育对我们益处很大。His generosity is of no advantage to him. 他的慷慨大方对他毫无益处。

afar *adv.* 在远处, 从远处

afar off 遥远地, 由 (在) 远处: A bosom friend afar off brings a distant land near. 海内存知己, 天涯若比邻。He lived in a place afar off us. 他住在一个离我们很远的地方。

afraid *adj.* 害怕的, 畏惧的; 担心的, 忧虑的

be afraid of 害怕, 担忧: There is nothing to be afraid of. 没有什么好害怕的。She was afraid of snakes. 她怕蛇。He handled the test tube with care, because he was afraid of breaking it. 他小心地拿着试管, 生怕把它打碎。

be afraid to (do) 不敢, 害怕, 担忧: He is afraid to be here alone. 他害怕一个人待在此处。Don't be afraid to ask for my help. 不要担心 (尽管) 向我求助。She was afraid to wake her husband. 她怕吵醒她的丈夫。

after *prep.* 在... 之后 *adv.* 后来 *conj.* 在... 以后

after a while [little] 不久, 过一会儿: After a while, he put up his coat and left. 过了一会儿, 他穿上大衣走了。You go first, I'll go after a while. 你先走, 过一会儿我走。

after all 毕竟, 到底, 终究: It has turned out to be a nice day after all. 天终于放晴了。What harm does it do after all? 它究竟有何害处? After all, she's only 5 years old. 她毕竟只有五岁。

be after 追求, 寻找: They'll be after you if you steal apples from this

orchard. 如果你从这果园里偷走苹果,他们将会到处抓你。What are you after? 你追求什么?(或你正在找什么?) The police are after him. 警方正在捉拿他。

(the) day after tomorrow 后天: What are you going to do the day after tomorrow? 你后天要做什么?

Some foreigners will visit our school the day after tomorrow. 后天,一些外国人将参观我们的学校。
one after another [the other] 相继,挨次: Please line up one after another. 请按顺序排队。They left the room one after another. 他们一个挨一个地离开了屋子。

the day after 第二天,次日: John came last Tuesday, and I arrived the day after. 约翰上周二来的,我是次日到达的。We began to work the day after. 第二天我们就开始工作了。

again adv. 又一次,再;重新

again and again (或 once and again) 屡次,再三地,反复地: I warned him again and again. 我一再警告他。This process is repeated again and again. 这个程序被反复多次地重复。I've told you again and again not to play there. 我已再三告诉你,不要在那儿玩。

as large again as 是…的两倍大,比…大一倍: This bag is as large again as that one. 这个书包是那个书包的两倍大。Our classroom is as large again as yours. 我们的教

室比你们的教室大一倍。

as many [much] again as 比…多一倍,加倍: The students in Class One are as many again as those in Class Two. 一班的学生比二班的学生多一倍。The production of this year is as much again as that of last year. 今年的产量比去年多了一倍。

back again 复原,照旧,照样: You won't get the money back again. 你不会弄回那笔钱的。The couple lived back again after a quarrel. 这对夫妻争吵之后,生活又恢复了原样。He was very glad to be back again. 又能像从前那样,他心里感到很高兴。

half as many [much] again as 比…多半倍,比…多一半: The water in this cup is half as much again as that in that cup. 这杯里的水是那杯里水的一倍半。The books in this case are half as many again as those in that case. 这个箱子里的书比那个箱子里的书多一半。

(every) now and again (then) 有时,时常: The couple quarreled now and again. 这对夫妻时不时地吵架。My parents came to see me now and again. 我的父母有时来看我。

once again [more] 再一次,再来一次: Let's try once again. 咱们再试一下。Please say it once more. 请再说一遍。Who would like to read it once again? 谁还能再读一遍?

once and again 屡次,再三地: He

has been told once and again not to slam the door. 他一再被嘱咐不得将门砰然关上。The teacher told us once and again to go over the lessons. 老师再三地告诉我们要复习功课。

over again 再,再来一次: Please do it over again. 请再做一次。How about writing it over again? 重新写一遍怎么样? He did the work so badly that I had to do it all over again myself. 他把那工作做得那么糟,以至我自己还得再做一次。

over and (over) again 多次,三番五次: I've warned you over and over again not to do that. 我一再警告你不要做那件事。He listened to the recording over and over again. 他一遍又一遍地听录音。She read the letter over and over again. 她一再地看那封信。

time and (time) again 常常,屡次,再三地: He comes to me for help time and again. 他常常求助于我。Thousands of people have proved it time and time again. 成千上万的人们已经无数次地证实了此事。She had threatened time and time again to leave him. 她曾屡次地威胁要离开他。

to and again 往返,前前后后,时时: Trucks shuttled to and again on the highways. 公路上载重汽车穿梭似地来来往往。

against prep. 反对,逆;挨,靠
against time 争分夺秒,尽快地;拖

延时间: They are working against time. 他们争分夺秒地工作着。

age n. 年龄;时代

at the age of 在...岁时: Children usually begin school at the age of seven. 儿童一般在七岁时上学。He died at the age of fifty. 他在五十岁时就去世了。At the age of forty a person has reached middle age. 一个人在四十岁时就步入了中年期。

for an age (= for ages) 长久,很长一段时期: I haven't seen you for ages (或 for an age). 好久没看到你了。I've known him for ages. 我认识他已经很长时间了。

agree vi. 同意,赞成;答应;一致

agree in 在...方面一致,在...上相同: The verb and its subject agree in number and person. 动词在数和人称上与其主语一致。They agreed in going out for dinner. 他们在出去吃晚饭问题上意见一致。The two stories agreed in everything except some details. 这两个故事除了一些细节之外,其他的内容都相同。

agree on [upon, as to] 对...意见一致: We agree on the question. 对这一问题,我们意见一致。We agreed on an early start. 我们都同意早动身。Both parties agree on these terms. 双方同意这些条款。

agree to 同意,答应;赞成,承认: He agreed to this plan immediately. 他立刻同意了这项计划。Mary's father has agreed to her marrying

John. 玛丽的父亲已同意她嫁给约翰。He agreed to my idea. 他同意我的看法。

agree with 赞成(指人); 与...一致, 适合: I can not agree with you on this point. 对于这一点, 我不同意你的看法。I hope you will agree with me that our teacher's advice is excellent. 我希望你会同意我的意见, 认为我们老师的劝告好极了。The fruit did not agree with me. Now I've got a pain in my stomach. 这水果不适合我, 现在我已感到肚子痛了。

agreement n. 同意, 一致; 协议
by agreement 经同意, 依约定: The two countries will have a meeting by agreement. 按协议规定, 这两个国家将召开一次会议。The boy can go to school free of charge by agreement. 经同意, 这男孩可以免费上学了。

come to [arrive at] an agreement 商定, 达成协议: It has been difficult for governments to come to an agreement about the size of warship. 关于战舰大小的问题, 各国政府很难达成协议。They soon arrived at all the agreements. 他们很快就达成了所有的协议。The two sides were unable to come to an agreement. 双方不能达成协议。

enter into an agreement 订约: What's the purpose of them to enter into an agreement? 他们订约的目的是什么? What makes you

enter into an agreement? 是什么促使你们订约的?

in agreement with 符合, 与...一致: His opinion is in agreement with mine. 他的意见和我的意见相符。I'm quite in agreement with what you said. 我十分同意你所说的话。We are in agreement with their decision. 我们同意他们的决定。

make an agreement with 与...商定, 与...达成协议: They made an agreement with the parents. 他们和家长达成了协议。Why didn't you make an agreement with us? 你们为什么不同我们达成协议呢?

ahead adj. & adv. 在前面; 向前; 预先

ahead of 在...前面, 胜于: There is an indefinitely bright future ahead of us. 我们无限光明的前途。We have fulfilled the plan ahead of time. 我们已提前完成计划。Tom was a quick walker and soon got ahead of the others. 汤姆是一个健步者, 很快就走到别人前头去了。

go ahead 前进, 进展, 继续下去: One man went ahead to see if the road was clear. 一个人走在前面, 看看道路是否畅通。Things are going ahead. 一切事情都在进行。“Would you like to hear it?” — “Go ahead!” “你愿意听吗?” — “请说吧!”

look ahead (to) 期望; 往前看: Please look ahead! 请往前看! Don't look ahead to everything!

不要对每件事都期望太多!

aid vt. & n. 帮助,援助

aid sb. in 帮助某人,帮忙: We aided the old man in overcoming difficulties. 我们帮助这位老人克服困难。All the teachers aided the student in contributing money. 所有的老师都以捐钱的方式来帮助这名学生。

by [with] the aid of 借助于: Most of the second year students can do translation with the aid of a dictionary. 大部分二年级学生能够借助词典进行翻译。The programmes had been prepared with the aid of various broadcasters. 节目已经在多才多艺的播音员的帮助下准备好了。The student finished her schooling with the aid of the classmates. 在同班同学的帮助下, 这名学生完成了她的学业。

call in one's aid 请某人帮助,向某人乞援: I called in his aid, but I was refused. 我请求他的帮助,但被拒绝了。The old lady called in the policeman's aid. 这个老妇人请求那位警察的帮助。

in aid of 为了帮助,以助…: A concert was given in aid of the neighbourhood library. 为了帮助街道图书馆筹措经费,举行了一次音乐会。What is the money in aid of? 这笔钱用于援助什么? The collection is in aid of those crippled children. 所募集的款项将帮助那些残疾儿童。

aim v. 瞄准,对准;旨在 n. 瞄准;目标

aim at ① 瞄准: He aimed (his gun) at the lion, fired and missed. 他瞄准那头狮子,开了枪,却未打中。The bandit aimed at the man. 强盗瞄准了那人。He lunged toward me as if he expected me to aim a gun at him. 他向我猛冲过来,似乎是希望我举枪瞄准他。② 指望…,目的在于: We aimed at full victory. 我们的目的是达到完全胜利。We all realized whom that remark was aimed at. 我们都体会到这句话是针对谁的。Harry aims at becoming a doctor. 哈利立志做一名医生。

aim high 向高处瞄准,力争上游: The boy aims high from his childhood. 这男孩从小就胸怀大志。Everybody should aim high. 每个人都应该力争上游。

take aim (at) 以…为目标: Take careful aim at the target. 仔细瞄准靶子。He took aim at the rabbit and fired. 他瞄准兔子后开了枪。

air n. 空气,大气;空中;航空;神态
by air 坐飞机,通过航空途径: I want to send the letter by air. 我想把这封信通过航空邮寄。He must have arrived by air. 他肯定已乘飞机来了。It's quicker by air than by sea. 坐飞机比坐船快。

in the air ① 在空中: There is dampness in the air. 空气有些潮湿。These are only castles in the

air. 这些只是空中楼阁。②未决定, 渺茫: The project is as yet in the air. 这个项目目前还没有定下来。My plans are still quite in the air. 我的计划仍未确定。We will go to Shanghai on Monday, but after that all our plans are in the air. 我们星期一将去上海, 至于以后的计划则尚未确定。

on the air 广播中, 播送中: The program will be going on the air this evening. 这个节目今天晚上就要开始广播。His show is on the air at six o'clock. 他的节目于六点钟播放。Radio Lichtenburg is on the air 24 hours a day. 利克田堡广播电台全天24小时播音。

open air 户外, 野外, 露天: Every morning he walks in the open air for an hour. 每天早晨, 他在户外步行一小时。They went camping in the open air last Sunday. 上周日他们去野外宿营了。They usually sleep in the open air in summer. 夏天, 他们通常在露天里睡觉。

take air 传开, 泄露: The story has taken air. 这件事已经传出去了。Everybody knows the news, obviously it has taken air. 每个人都知道这则消息; 显而易见, 这消息已被泄露了。

alike adj. 相似的 adv. 相似地, 一样地

alike to 与...相同: All music is alike to Tom. 各种音乐在汤姆听来全是一样的(指没有鉴赏力)。

They all look alike to me. 在我看来, 他们全是一样的。

all adj. 所有的, 全部的, 整个的
pron. 全部, 一切 adv. 十分, 完全
all along ①一直沿着, 连续: There are trees all along the road. 整条路的两旁都是树。There are tall buildings standing all along the street. 街道两旁高楼耸立。②自始至终, 一贯: You've been very nice to me all along, Mr. Cowperwood, and I appreciate it. 你一直待我很好, 柯柏乌先生, 我心中很感激。But I knew that all along. 但是我一开始就知道此事。

all around 各处, 四周围: It was foggy all around. 四周都是浓雾。From all around we heard the laughter of children. 我们四处听见儿童的笑声。It was dark all around, I couldn't see anything. 四周一片漆黑, 我什么也看不见。

all but ①几乎, 差点儿: The match was all but over when we arrived. 当我们到达的时候, 比赛差点儿要结束了。I all but stumbled. 我差点儿摔了跤。She all but wept when she heard the news. 她听到这消息时, 差点儿哭了出来。②除...之外全部: All but he have fled. 除他之外, 所有的人都逃出来了。All but one were present. 除了一个人之外, 所有的人都到了。All but I knew it. 除了我之外, 所有的人都知知道这件事。

all in 总计的, 包括一切在内的: