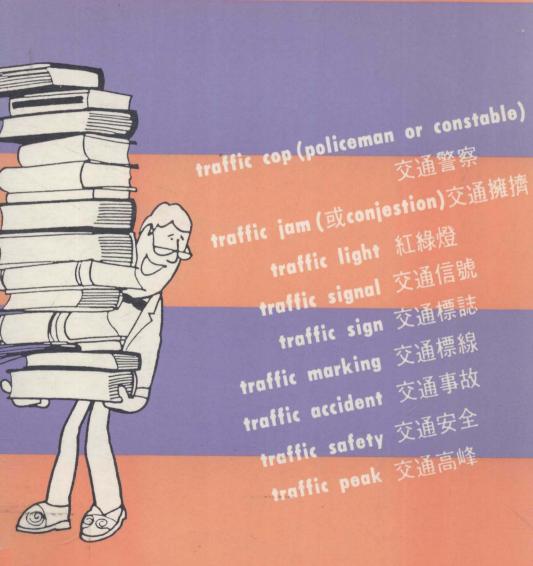
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前言

《英語聯想和搭配詞典》(An English Dictionary of Association and Collocation)以現代語義學理論爲依據,從中國人學習英語的實際出發,探討詞與詞之間的語義聯想以及搭配關係,其宗旨是理論指導實踐,提供大量語言信息和豐富多彩的語言表達形式,以便於讀者在寫作或翻譯時作優化選擇。

聯想(association)原爲心理學術語。在語言學中它是指詞與詞之間的聯想。語言學家從不語言學家語言學家從不題。有的從形式或意義方面進行考察,提出關聯詞,提出關聯詞論。根據這個理論,聯想可分爲詞的形式聯想和詞形式聯想形式聯想和詞詞語由於形式上發生聯想結合成詞羣,如walking,,如walk, 如walking, ing等,這組詞叫做形式關聯詞。有的詞語由於意的詞語由的詞語由於意,如letter, envelope, writing paper, stamp等,這 stamp等, stamp等

本詞典着重研究的項目之一是意義關聯詞的聯想,正文中以[R.A.] (Related Association)標出。此類聯想環繞一個語義概念聯想範圍較廣的中心詞條展開,把相互此類聯想環繞一個語義概念聯想一反三、由此及彼的聯想。例如"與其聯想的詞語有mail或post, sent 輻射 (semantic radioactivity)面較廣,the envelope (信封上寫姓名地址), reak up a meeting)、"閉會"(close信到了郵局(post office),工作人員ting)、"復會" (resume a meeting)等。如再對:(信封上寫姓名地址)伸,就會聯想到"提議"(propose)、"動議"(move)、"表决"(vote)、"否决"(veto)等。再以"信"(letter)這個詞爲例,與其聯想的詞語有mail或post, sent the letter by post (寄信), address the envelope (信封上寫姓名地址), unseal the letter (拆信), collect letters from the pillar boxes or post-boxes (郵遞員從郵筒中收信)等。信到了郵局(post office),工作人員(clerk)把信件分類(sort letters),信件分類後、放進郵袋(mail bag)發送(dispatch)。信件

無法投遞便成了死信(dead letter), 信件誤送或誤投叫 miscarry。兩封信在郵寄過程中互相錯過叫 cross。為了確保語言使用的精確性, 本詞典不僅例舉了詞語, 而且以實例說明其用法。如 cross 一詞旣可作及物動詞又可作不及物動詞用: His letter crossed mine in the post. Our letters crossed in the post.

除了上述意義關聯詞的聯想之外,本詞典還探討同義聯想和反義聯想。同義聯想指的是語義上相近似的詞語之間的聯想,正文中以[S.A.] (Synonymous Association)標出。嚴格地說,這是一種近義聯想。由這種聯想串連起來的詞語構成同義詞羣,形成語義同義場 (semantically synonymous field)。 如在 discover 這一詞條下,列舉了 ascertain, determine, unearth, dig up, bring to light, recognize, reveal, disclose 等。列入[S.A.] 中詞語一般不附例證。有的詞語搭配關係較爲複雜,雖屬同義詞或近義詞,但放在[R.A.] 中處理,並以實例說明其用法。因此,在[R.A.] 中有時也會出現同義詞或近義詞。

反義聯想指的是語義上相反或對立的詞語之間的聯想,正文中以 [A.A.] (Antonymous Association)標出。根據英語中有的詞具有一詞多義的特徵,按不同釋義,提供不同的反義詞。如"fast"作"不褪色的"解時,其反義詞爲"loose";當"fast"作"放蕩的"解時,其反義詞爲"temperate"或"sober"。列入[A.A]中的反義詞一般不附例證。但有些反義詞用法比較特殊,特別是動詞的反義詞,放在[R.A.]中處理,並以實例加以說明。有些形容詞的反義詞也以同樣方法處理。其理由是有的詞介於同義詞和反義詞之間,難以歸類。如 indifferent, passable 等詞旣不能列入"good"的同義詞,也不能納入其反義詞中去。在這種情况下,放在[R.A.]中用漢語加以釋義。

搭配(collocation)是語言學中的一個術語。它主要研究詞與詞之間的 橫向關係,特別是兩個或兩個以上詞習慣上的搭配用法。編者以名詞與動 詞和形容詞的搭配關係作爲重點的研究對象,至於動詞或形容詞與其他詞 語的搭配關係僅作一般性的處理。在編排形式上,本詞典作了新的嘗試, 以有別於國內外出版的同類詞典。在以名詞作爲中心詞條下,先列出與之 搭配的形容詞,以[adj.]標出,再列出與之搭配的動詞。以[v.]標出,使搭 配的詞語醒目,便於查閱。試以 law 爲例。

law

n. a rule that is supported by the power of government and that governs the behaviour of members of a society; decree; legal form 法律; 法令; 法

[adj] civil (common, criminal, divine, existing, inviolable, martial, moral, special, penal) law 民法(習慣法[或共同法]、刑法、神聖法、現行法律、不可侵犯的法律、軍法[戒嚴令]、道德法、特別法、刑法)

[v.] abide by 遵守; avoid 迴避; breach 破壞; break 違反; declare 宣佈; defy 反抗, 蔑視; enact 制定; enforce 實施, 執行; evade 逃避; execute 執行, 實施; flout 輕視, 無視; go (or come) into effect 開始生效; institute 制定; make 制定; observe 遵守; override 使無效; pass 通過; promulgate 頒佈; provide 規定; repeal 取消; resist 抵制: resort to 訴諸, 求助; take effect 生效; uphold 維護, 支持; violate 破壞

The city remained under the martial law.

The *law* provides that valuable cultural relics should be protected by the government.

The law came into effect in June, 1983.

Defying the *law*, he refused to submit the documents to the court for examination.

Any attempt to evade the *law* will be followed by severe punishment.

限於經驗缺乏和水平有限, 詞典中若有謬誤或不妥之處, 望讀者不吝 指正, 待再版時加以修改和補充。

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A

abandon

vt. ① give up completely or forever 完全或永久放棄

[n.] attempt 企圖; 嘗試; plan 計劃; hope 希望; research 研究; effort 努力; experiment 試驗

[adv.] reluctantly 勉強地; prudently 慎重地; shamelessly 無恥地; regretfully 後悔地; remorsefully 懊悔地; recklessly 不顧一切後果地

He abandoned his hope of being a doctor.

They abandoned their experiment for lack of funds.

They abandoned their efforts at settling the disputes between us.

- [S.A.] discontinue, drop, discard, forgo, waive, renounce, relinguish, wash one's hands of
- [A.A.]continue, maintain, keep up, carry on, proceed with
 - ② go away from; leave, as in danger or out of necessity 拋棄; 離棄; 遺棄; 背棄

[n.] ship 船; city城市; child 孩子; wife 妻子; friend 朋友

Seeing the fire spreading quickly, the captain gave the order: "Abandon ship!".

He was a man worthy of our trust. He would never abandon his friends.

Fighting against odds, they refused to abandon the city to the enemy.

abate

vi. become less in amount, degree, force, etc. 減少; 減輕; 減退 [n.] rain 雨; wind 風; storm 風暴; flood 洪水; pain 痛苦; anger 憤怒

The snowstorm abated on the third day.

Although the rain had *abated* somewhat, the wind was still blowing hard.

When she saw me admit my errors, her anger abated.

[S.A.] weaken, decrease, diminish, subside

[A.A.] increase, intensify

vi. make less in amount, degree, force, etc.; reduce 減少, 減輕; 降 低; 減(價); 緩和

[n.] pain 痛苦; fury 憤怒; price 價格; tax 稅收

The medicine abated his pain.

Soft words did not abate her fury.

Efforts were being made to abate the tax.

[S.A.] lessen, alleviate, lower, deduct

[A.A.] aggravate, increase

abbreviate

vt. make shorter; make briefer 省畧; 縮短 [n.] word 詞; title 名稱; phrase 短語; speech 發言

"Inch" can be abbreviated to "in."

February is abbreviated to Feb.

"AC" is abbreviated from "alternating current."

The word "Mister" can be abbreviated as "Mr."

As time was short, he abbreviated his visit.

He decided to abbreviate his long speech.

[S.A.] shorten, curtail, cut short, condense

[A.A.] lengthen, extend, draw out, expand

ability

n. the power or knowledge to do something 能;能力;本領;才能;才幹

[adj.] financial (pecuniary, potential, mental, intellectual, productive) ability 資(財、潛、智、智、生產)力; rare (practical, manifold, technical, crafty, peculiar, organizing, administrative, inherent, innate, remarkable, amazing, superior) ability 罕見的(應用的、多方面的、技術的、巧妙的、特殊的、組織的、管理的、天赋的、天生的、非凡的、驚人的、卓越的)才能

[v.] demonstrate 展現, 表現; display 顯露, 顯出; develop 發揮, 發展; possess 具有; lack 缺乏; test 檢驗; doubt 懷疑; distrust 不信任; use 使用, 運用; evince 表明, 證明; enhance 提高, 增強; misuse 錯用, 濫用; weigh 估量, 掂量; discover 發現; estimate 評價, 估價; overestimate 過高地估價; hide 不顯露; appreciate 欣賞

You should use your abilities to help others.

You should develop your listening, speaking, reading and writing abilities.

It is a great ability to be able to hide one's ability.

From each according to his abilities, to each according to his work.

A pump has an *ability* to pump a certain amount of fluid while a tank has the capacity to hold a certain amount of water.

Ability is not innate, but comes through practice.

Director Wang's organizing ability is very great.

I do not doubt your ability to do the work.

We all believe in man's ability to master the world.

They will carry out their plan to the best of their ability.

- [S.A.] capacity, capability, power, know-how, skill, faculty, talent, genius, knack, proficiency, gift, bent, aptitude
- [A.A.]incapacity, inability, powerlessness, incapability, disability, incompetence, inaptitude
- (R.A.) disabled person 殘廢人; good-for-nothing 廢物; able person 能人; crackajack 能手; good at many things and expert in one 一專多能; a many-sided person (a versatile person, an all-rounder) 多面手; Jack of all trades 萬事通; omnipotent 無所不能; powerless (helpless) 無能爲力; weak and incompetent 軟弱無能

◇ disability 和 inability 都是 ability 的反義詞,表示"無能"的意思,但涵義有所不同。前者着重表示"因受傷而變殘廢所引起的無能" (to lack caused by injury) 或"因先天的缺陷所引起的無能" (inherent defect); 用於法律方面,它表示"不夠資格"、"不合格"(legal disqualification) 的意味。Inability 則着重表示"缺少能力"或"缺乏手段"(lack of power or means) 的含義。參閱下面的例句:

Mr. Lin has disability pension because he lost his legs while he was in the army. 林先生領取殘廢撫恤金, 因爲他在軍隊服役時失去了他的雙腿。

His *inability* to undertake the work makes him suffer a great deal. 他由 於沒有能力承担這項工作而感到非常痛苦。

abolish

vt. put an end to, do away with 廢除; 廢止; 革除; 取消 [n.] law 法律; custom 風俗; war 戰爭; slavery 奴隸制度

The old law would be *abolished* and a new one would be introduced in its place.

Slavery was abolished in the United States in 1865

[S.A.] abrogate, cancel, repeal, revoke

[A.A.] establish, introduce, institute, renew

abound

vi. exist in large numbers or great quantity; be filled with 大量存在; 富有; 充滿

Wild animals abound in the forest.

The forest abounds with wild animals.

The garden abounds with roses.

Tulips abound in Holland.

His poetry abounds in imagery.

The pond abounds with fish.

[S.A.] be rich in, teem, swarm. be well supplied with

[A.A.] be deficient in, lack, be scant, be in short supply

absorb

vt. ① take in or suck up 吸收

[n.] liquid 液體; water 水; gas 氣體; ink 墨水; heat 熱量; light 光線; sound 擊音

The sponge absorbed all the spilled water.

Paper that absorbs ink is called blotting-paper.

Plants absorb sunlight.

Rugs absorb sounds and make a house quieter.

[S.A.] soak up, sponge up, swallow up, drink in

[A.A.]exude, eject, cast off, cast out

② assimilate; digest 吸收; 消化; 領會; 理解

The boy absorbed everything important in the book.

The clever student absorbed all the knowledge provided by his teacher.

Can the students absorb this lesson in an hour?

③ to take up all the attention, interest of 吸引; 使全神貫注

The acrobatic show absorbed all the boys.

I was so absorbed in the book that I did not hear him call.

He was completely absorbed in his study.

- /S.A./ be engrossed in, be immersed in, concentrate one's attention on
- [A.A.] distract sb. from, divert one's attention from

abstract

a. ① separated from what is real or concrete 抽象的
Abstract ideas may lead to concrete plans.

Truth is an abstract concept.

② difficult to understand; abstruse 難懂的; 深奥的

The atomic theory of matter is so *abstract* that it can be fully understood only by advanced students.

[R.A.] theoretical 理論的; conceptual 概念的; general 籠統的; visionary imaginary 想像中的; 夢幻的: 非實有的; hypothetical 假設的: immaterial 非物質的: 無形的; impractical 不切實際的; ideal 空想的; 虛構的; idealistic 理想 主義的; airy 空幻的; ethereal 虛無飄渺的; illusory 虚幻的; fantastic 空想的; 幻想的; profound 深刻的; abstruse 深奥的; recondite 高深的; mysterious 神秘的; enigmatical 謎的; 不可 思議的; metaphysical 極抽象的; 難理解的; concrete 具體的;

specific 特定的; particular 特殊的; 特別的; singular 獨個的; unique 獨一無二的; actual 實際的; realistic 現實的; factual 事實上的; 實在的; tangible 可觸知的; 有形的; perceptible 察 覺得到的

accelerate

- vt. cause to move faster; 使加速; 加快······之速度; 催促 [n.] growth 成長; fall 垮台; recovery 恢復; train 火車 Sufficient rest will accelerate your recovery from illness.
 - Sunshine will accelerate the growth of the plants.
- [S.A.] speed up, hasten, quicken, expedite
- [A.A.] decelerate, slow, delay, retard
- vi. move faster 加速; 加速度; (車等)開快, 變快
 - [n.] car 車輛; train 火車; engine 引擎

The car accelerated suddenly.

The more power the engineer turns on, the more the train accelerates.

- [S.A.] pick up speed, quicken pace
- [A.A.] slow down, reduce the speed

accept

- vt. ① (consent to) take or receive 受;接受;收(禮等);答應;應(聘等)
 - [n.] gift 禮物; present 禮物; invitation 邀請; proposal 提議; 求婚

She accepted a present from her friend.

He accepted the invitation and attended the party.

She finally accepted his proposal.

We all accepted his proposal for a conference on environmental protection.

- [A.A.] refuse, turn down, reject
 - ② agree; recognize; regard with favour or approval; take as true 同意; 認可; 承認; 贊同; 容納; 信…以爲眞
 - [n.] idea 想法; plan 計劃; theory 理論; criticism 批評; story 故事;(對某事的)敍述; account 敍述; excuse 借口; explanation 解釋; interpretation 解釋

He accepted my criticism with an open mind.

Scientists generally accept Darwin's theory of evolution.

I fully accept his account of how the accident happened.

Do you accept his interpretation of the poem as correct?

The jury accepted the policeman's story as true.

He was accepted as a member of the political party.

No one will accept your excuse.

accommodate

vt. ① have room for 容納; 裝載; 收容(病人等)

The bus is large enough to accommodate 100 passengers.

The ward can accommodate 8 beds.

② help out; oblige; provide lodging for 幫助;借給;貸;供應;給方便;供給住宿

Can you accommodate me with a loan?

He wanted me to pay for his dinner, but I could not accommodate him.

The hotel can accommodate 400 guests.

③ make suitable; adjust 使適應; 遷就; 迎合; 順應

We must accommodate ourselves to our changed circumstances.

You have to accommodate yourself to the new life-style.

My eyes soon accommodated themselves to seeing objects in the darkness.

We will accommodate our plans to yours.

◇動詞 accommodate 後面可省去反身代詞 oneself, 由及物動詞轉爲不及物動詞, 類似轉變的動詞有 adjust, adapt, identify 等, 例如:

Wherever he goes, he readily accommodates to new circumstances.

He quickly adapted to the climate of high mountains.

Astronauts must adjust to weightlessness.

He identified with the hero of a new novel.

account

n. ① a written or spoken report; a description, explanation or story 報告; 說明; 解釋; 故事

[adj.] detailed (full, minute, lengthy, elaborate, brief, picturesque, fragmentary, sketchy, factual, unaffected, biased, impartial, straightforward, absurd, amusing, thrilling, breath-taking, informative, fascinating) account 詳細的(詳盡的、精確的、冗長的、詳盡闡述的、簡短的、生動的、支離破碎的、粗畧的、實在的、眞實的、有偏見的、無偏見的、坦率的、荒謬的、有趣的、驚心動魄的、令人吃驚的、資料豐富的、非常動人的)報告

[v.] read 閱讀; write 撰寫; give 作(出); 提出; 敍述; fabricate 虛構; furnish 提供; peruse 仔細閱讀; supplement 補充; confirm 證實; receive 收到; present 提出; contain 包含, 登載

An account is a factual statement of events or conditions, usually given by an eyewitness.

You may read some detailed account of this matter tomorrow.

He has written an elaborate account of her conversation with the stranger

- [S.A.] report, description, statement, story, record, tale, narration, narrative, write-up
- [R.A.] reporter (speaker, lecturer) 報告人; reader 讀者; audience 聽 衆; the report goes (It is reported that) 據說, 據報導; to front-page the account in the paper 報紙以頭版刊登報導; newspaper office 報社; the press (journalistic circles) 報界; correspondent 新聞通訊員
 - ② statement of money to be paid or received 帳目; 帳戶

[adj.] household~家庭開支帳目; open~來往帳目, 未結算帳目, accounts payable (receivable) 應付(應收)帳目; current~來往帳戶; deposit~存欵帳戶; private~私人帳目; bad~s (= bad debts) 呆帳; 倒帳; outstanding~s 未清帳欵

[v.] keep (cast, open, render, balance, settle, square, make out) account(s) 記(算、開、報、清、清算、清算、結算) 帳(目); overdraw 透支(存款帳戶); falsify (cook) 偽造, 虛報

My wife handles our household accounts.

He was not a little surprised when he found our accounts were perfectly in order.

We always keeps a complete account of every dollar we have spent.

I have open an account at the Bank of China in my wife's name.

She has an account with the Bank of China.

The accounts show you have spent more than you received.

I have an *account* to settle (square) with you for calling me a turncoat!

The harvest was poor on account of the downpour.

- [S.A.] financial record, financial statement
- (R.A.) submit an expense account 報帳; apply for reimbursement 報 銷; account book 帳本; 帳簿; accountant's office (accountant) 帳房; funds on account 帳欵; items of an account 帳目; accounts open to public inspection 帳目公開; bill (check) 帳單; cashier 出納員; repudiate a debt 賴帳, 賴債; repay a debt 還債; open (close) an account with a bank 在銀行開立(結束)帳戶; accountant general 會計主任; chartered accountant 會計師

accumulate

vt. heap up, collect little by little gradually get increasing number or quantity of 積累; 存儲; 積蓄; 堆積

[n.] wealth 財富; fortune 產業; money 錢

He decided to accumulate sufficient money to buy a new house.

He accumulated a large fortune by hard work.

- [S.A.] amass, save up, hoard, gather together
- [A.A.] scatter, dissipate, waste
- vi. grow into a heap by degrees 積; 累積; 積聚; 貯

Snow accumulated on the ground.

Dust and cobwebs had accumulated in the room during his absence.

[S.A.] collect, pile up, heap up

accurate

adj. without errors or mistakes; precisely correct 準確的; 精確的 [n.] accurate analysis (estimate, statement, aim, watch) 準確的(或精確的)分析(估計、陳述、瞄準、錶)

The hunter took accurate aim.

This is an accurate statement of what happened.

The drawing of the house is accurate in every detail.

You must take care to be accurate in arithmetic.

- [S.A.] correct, exact, precise, perfect, unerring, faultless, right, scrupulous
- [A.A.]incorrect, wrong, inaccurate, fallacious, imprecise, inexact, faulty, flawed, imperfect, defective, deficient, careless, slipshod, slovenly

accuse

vt. charge (sb.) with doing wrong or breaking the law 控告; 控訴; 譴責; 非難

[n.] (accuse sb. of) murder 謀殺; theft 盜竊; treason 謀反, 叛國; conspiracy共謀, 陰謀

They were accused of high treason.

They were accused of conspiracy in overthrowing the government.

The high-ranking official was accused of taking bribes from the company.

They accused him of cheating in the exam.

He accused me of quoting his words out of context.

They accused him as accessory to the crime.

- [S.A.] indict sb. for, reproach sb. with (or for)...
- [A.A.]acquit sb. of (a crime), absolve sb. from (or of) (a crime) exonerate sb. from (accusation), defend
- [R.A.]go to law over... 就…起訴; take... to court 控告…; hold a court 開庭, 開審; conduct a public trial 舉行公審; bring sb.

to (or up for) trial 告發(檢舉)某人; 審問某人; grant a new trial 准予複審; hear a case 審理案件; hear witnesses 聽取證詞; try a case 審訊案件; appeal to a higher court 向上級法院上訴; give evidence (or witness) 作證; bear (or stand) witness 作證; 證明; sentence... to three years' imprisonment 判處…三年徒刑; bring in a verdict of guilty (not guilty) 裁決有罪(無罪); convict sb. of 判決某人有…罪 ▶law

achieve

- vt. ① complete; accomplish 完成; 做到; 實現
 - [n.] much 許多; little 一點; anything 什麼事; 任何事 If you go on like this, your will never achieve anything.

I have achieved only half of what I intended to do.

- ② gain or reach by effort 獲得; 達到
- [n.] aim (or end) 目的; goal 目標; purpose 目的; success 成功; distinction 榮譽; fame 名譽; happiness 幸福; emancipation 解放; victory 勝利

They achieved their goal of collecting two million dollars, which would be contributed to the Red Cross.

He has achieved great success in his research.

He achieved fame as an orator.

The two scientists achieved distinction in nuclear physics.

Only by working in the interests of the people, can one achieve perfect happiness.

[S.A.] attain, obtain, acquire, procure,

/A.A./fail to attain or reach

acknowledge

vt. recognize the fact or existence (of); admit to be true 認; 承認 [n.] truth 事實; 眞相; belief 信仰; defeat 失敗; mistake 錯誤

They finally acknowledged the truth of my statement.

The losing candidate acknowledged his defeat.

He acknowledged that he was defeated.

He acknowledged having been defeated.

He was acknowledged to be the best player on the football team.

He was acknowledged as an expert in economics.

It is universally acknowledged that he was the founder of nuclear physics.

[S.A.] admit, recognize, confess, concede

/A.A./deny, disclaim, disavow, refuse to admit

acquaint

wt. make familiar with; reveal to sb. 使熟悉; 瞭解; 使明白; 告知 [n.] (acquaint sb. (oneself) with) fact 事實; duty 職務(或任

務); job 工作; plan 計劃; subject 題目(或科目); style 風格(或文體); neighbour 鄰居

Let me acquaint you with your new duties.

First of all, I have to aquaint myself with the facts.

You had better withhold judgement before you get acquainted with the subject.

He was well acquainted with the style of the writer.

He was but slightly acquainted with the art of drama.

As soon as we moved into the new house, we became acquainted with our neighbours.

[R.A.] inform sb. of 告知某人…; notify sb. of 通知某人…; enlighten sb. on 就…對某人進行啓發; be familiar with 熟悉…; familiarize oneself with 使自己熟悉; 使自己通曉; be well informed about 精通(或熟悉)

acquiesce

vi. agree, often unwillingly, without raising an argument, accept quietly 默許; 默認; 勉強同意

[n.] (acquiesce in) plan 計劃; decision 決定; resignation 辭職; idea 想法; suggestion 建議; proposal 提議

We acquiesced in the decision made by the committee.

The other members of the council acquiesced in her resignation.

Their silence meant that they acquiesced in your plan.

[S.A.] agree to, assent to..., acceed to, approve of

[A.A.] object to, disapprove of

action

n. ① act; move; activity; 動作; 行爲; 行動; 活動

[adj.] awkward (concerted, decisive, drastic, hasty, ignoble, ill-considered, justifiable, prompt, unified, welcome) action 笨拙的(一致的、果斷的、激烈的[嚴厲的]、倉促的、可恥的[卑鄙的]、考慮欠妥的、可證明爲正當的[無可非議的]、及時的[迅速的; 當機立斷的]、統一的、受歡迎的)行動或行爲

[v.] condemn 譴責; defend 辯護; delay 耽擱; 推遲; evaluate 評價; examine 檢查; initiate 創始; 發動; interpret 解釋; judge 判斷; justify 證明…是正當的; 爲…辯護; misinterpret 誤述; obstruct 阻碍; take 採取

The action was condemned as inhuman.

He could hardly defend his action in breaking into my house.

The government took prompt action to curb the inflation.

② legal proceedings 訴訟

[adj.] civil (cross, public) action 民事訴訟(反訴、公訴)

[v.] abandon 放棄; decide 判定; 裁決; deter 阻止; 制止; dismiss 駁回; 對…不予受理; file 提出; 呈請把…備案; renounce 放棄

To our great surprise, the action was decided in favour of the accused.

Unable to bring her husband to terms, she filed an action for divorce.

Since no direct evidence was available, John could not but renounce his *action* against his colleague.

③ military combat in general 戰鬥

As soon as the order for an-out assault came through, the soldiers went into action.

His son was killed in action in Thailand.

[R.A.] bring... before a court 把…送交法庭審理; bring sb. to justice 把某人送交法庭審判; 把某人輯拿歸案; bring a suit against sb. 控告某人; proceed against sb. for sth. 爲某事對某人起訴 ➡law

adapt

vt. ① make suitable for new needs, different conditions, etc. 使 適應, 使適合, 使適于

[n.] (adapt oneself or itself to) new manners and customs 新的 風俗習慣; environment 環境; surroundings 環境; the new way of living 新的生活方式; weather 天氣; climate 氣候; conditions 條件

He finds it difficult to adapt himself to the new life-style.

He finally adapted himself to the cold weather there.

Living things are capable of *adapting* themselves to any environment on earth.

Some people adapt (themselves) easily to living in new places.

The chameleon *adapts* (itself) *to* its surroundings by changing colour.

- [S.A.] adjust, accommodate
 - ② change so as to be suitable for 改; 修改; 改編, 改寫

The novel *Pride and Prejudice* has been *adapted for* the stage, television and radio.

The film has been adapted from a short story.

The textbook was adapted for foreign students (或 to the needs of foreign students).

He adapted the local music for use in opera.

You can adapt this vacuum cleaner for spraying insecticide.

add

vt. ① join (one thing to another or others); put together 加;增;添

加;加算;累積

Add 4 to 4 and you get (或 have) 8.

Add one more item to the list.

The editor added a glossary to the textbook.

Please add the figures together.

Let's add up the cost of all our purchases.

② go on to say or write; say further 又說(或寫); 補充說(或寫); 附言

He said good-bye and *added* that he would come to see me next week.

That, he added, was his tentative suggestion.

vi. increase 增加

[n.] (add to) pleasure 愉快; enjoyment 享受; difficulty 困難; knowledge 知識; understanding 理解; wealth 財富

The music added to the pleasure of the picnic.

Your explanation *added to* our appreciation of the imagery of the peom.

What you have done adds to our difficulties.

[R.A.] subtract (或 take) 減; multiply 乘; divide 除

Subtract (或 take) 10 from 30 and you get 20 三十減十等於二十;

If you multiply 2 by 3 you get 6 以三乘二等於六;

2 multiplied by 3 is (或 equals) 6 三乘二等於六;

If you divide 15 by 3, the answer is 5 用三除十五得五;

15 divided by 3 is 5 三除十五得五

add up to

(of numbers) to amount to (a total) when added together; to seem to be; amount to; make sense 加起來總和是; 總計共達; 意思是; 等於是; 總而言之; 有意義

How much does all this add up to?

The figures add up to 666.

All that this adds up to is that you refuse to admit your mistakes.

What your statement adds up to is that you think yourself justified in deserting your wife.

"Your evidence, then really adds up to this – that you were not involved in the kidnapping of the president?"

Your knowledge of life in Britain doesn't add up to much.

adhere

vi. ① stick fast 黏附; 黏着; 附着

Don't let mud adhere to your new shoes.

Paint adheres best to a clean, dry surface.