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前 言

英语词汇中最活跃、最富生命力、最多产的部分是小词,即那些单音节和部分双音节词。在当代英语书面语中,小词使用极为广泛,甚至在高雅的文体中,业已成为时尚。小词的普及,是因为小词具有语义多和搭配能力强等特点。小词的词义往往比较广泛,不像长词那样限定,因此它们可以用于各种不同的语境,取代许多其他的近义或同义词,或谓“万能小词”。小词出现频率高,几乎无所不在,在任何一页英文中都会有相当多的小词,尤其在口语中出现得更多。小词之所以“万能”,在于其与别的词有较强的搭配能力,组成含有新语意的词组和短语,表达各种不同的概念。小词主要是动词。一个小词往往可以中心开花,四面结果,繁衍出一个词的家族。

本书系统地介绍了英语中常见的万能小词共 139 个,均为三种以上搭配,特别注意收录近年来英、美口语和书面语中出现的新词组。针对万能小词在使用上难以掌握的特点,以“列表-例解-练习”的形式编写而成,其主要特点如下:

- * 采用列表的形式进行排列词组,清晰醒目,便于记忆。
- * 列表之后配有英汉双解例句,释义准确易懂,语言规范,典型新颖,具有时代特色。
- * 每个小词均有填空和多项选择两种练习及参考答案,以帮助学生巩固知识点、加深理解。

本书由程勇、黄频频、方怡、程浩、陈镭等五位大学英语教师共同完成。程勇教授担任主编,负责全书的总体设计、修改及定稿。林日其先生担任主审,对本书提出了一些修改建议,并做了大量的审稿工作。本书在编著过程中参阅了大量的工具书及书刊资料,在此向有关作者表示感谢。

不妥之处,敬请赐教。

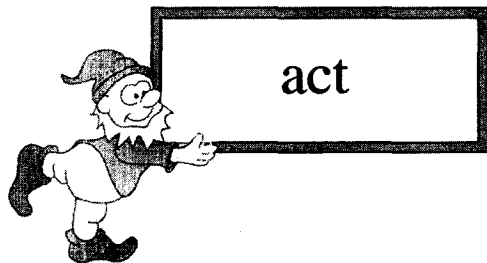
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act against 违反	act on/upon 对……起作用;按照……行事
act as 担任;起……作用	
act for 代表;代理	act up to 按照……行事,履行

1. **act against** 违反

I had to act against my own judgment. 我不得不违背自己的看法行事。

She acted arbitrarily against my advice. 她不听我的劝告,一意孤行。

2. **act as** 担任;起……作用

A trained dog can act as a guide to a blind person. 经过训练的狗可以担任盲人的向导。

Bonus acts as a stimulus to industry and commerce. 奖金对工商业起促进作用。

3. **act for** 代表;代理

Mr Sharp will act for you on this case. 夏普先生将在本案中担任你的律师。

During her illness her solicitor has been acting for her in her business affairs. 在她生病期间,她的商业事宜一直由她的律师代理。

4. **act on/upon** 对……起作用;按照……行事

The medicine acted on his fever at once. 这药立刻使他退了烧。

She is always acting on her own principles. 她总是按照自己的原则行事。

5. act up to 按照……行事, 履行

Act up to your belief. 按照你的信念办事。

The boy acted up to his father's advice. 那孩子听从了父亲的意见。

Exercise

I. Fill in the blanks with proper phrase.

1. The stirring music _____ the emotions of the audience.
2. He _____ that Government as a secret agent.
3. He tried to _____ his reputation.
4. They _____ the will of the people.
5. After retirement, he _____ consultant on problems relating to skills.

II. Fill in the blanks with the best choice.

1. As the Chairman is ill, I am asking Mr Jones to act ____ him.
A. against B. for C. as D. upon
2. The police are acting ____ information received.
A. as B. on C. for D. against
3. He didn't act ____ my order.
A. upon B. up to C. against D. for
4. They acted ____ their own interests.
A. on B. for C. against D. as
5. I don't understand their language; you'll have to act ____ an interpreter.
A. for B. upon C. as D. against

Key I. 1. acted on 2. acted for 3. act up to 4. acted against 5. acted as

II. 1. B 2. B 3. A 4. C 5. C



apply

apply for 申请;寻求

apply sth. to 把……应用到;

apply oneself/one's mind to 致力 把……涂敷于;把……施加于
于,专心的

1. apply for 申请;寻求

Accommodation should be applied for in advance. 旅馆房间必须事先预定。

They applied to him for help. 他们向他求援。

2. apply oneself/one's mind to 致力于,专心的

He applied himself to learning German. 他专心致志学德语。

They applied their minds to the difficult problem. 他们专心致志研究这一难题。

3. apply sth. to 将……应用到;把……涂敷于;把……施加于

The nurse applied the solution to the affected part of the patient. 护士将药水涂在病人的患处。

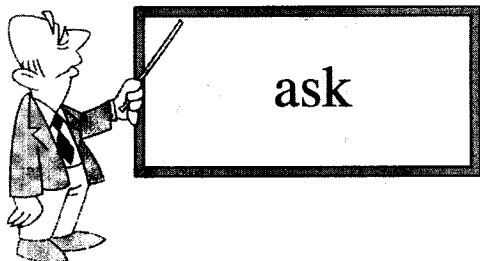
The money was applied to the payment of debts. 那笔钱用来还债了。

Exercise

Fill in the blanks with proper phrase.

1. They _____ doing the experiment.
2. In order to be admitted by Harvard University, he _____ his study.
3. About 80 persons have _____ the position.
4. In this way they can better _____ theory _____ practice.

Key 1. applied themselves to/applied their minds to 2. applied his mind to/applied himself to 3. applied for 4. apply...to



ask about 询问, 打听; 问候

ask for 请求; 找

ask after 询问; 问候

ask...of sb. 向某人要求

1. ask about 询问, 打听; 问候

I ask him about his business. 我询问他生意如何。

He went to the school to ask about his boy. 他到学校了解他孩子的情况。

Tell her my father and mother ask about her. 请转告她, 我父母向她问好。

2. ask after 询问; 问候

She asked after the aches and pains of the old man. 她询问了这个老人的各种病痛。

He asked after you. 他问候你的近况。

3. ask for 请求; 找

Don't serve water at meals unless someone asks for it. 除非有人要, 就餐时不要端水上去。

A Mr Simpson from Sydney is asking for the manager. 悉尼的一位辛普森先生要找经理谈话。

4. ask...of sb. 向某人要求

That's what the teacher asks of his students. 那就是老师对学生的要求。

You are asking too much of him. 你对他太苛求了。

Exercise

I. Fill in the blanks with proper phrase.

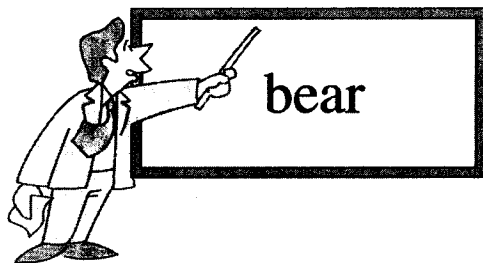
1. Did you get my letter _____ Miss White's address?
2. You can _____ him the favor _____ a loan.
3. She went to the station to _____ the trains.
4. They _____ your trade.
5. Did anyone _____ me?

II. Fill in the blanks with the best choice.

1. How much do you ask _____ this dress?
A. about B. after C. for D. of
2. May I ask a favor _____ you?
A. after B. for C. of D. about
3. I'll ask _____ her plan for future.
A. for B. about C. of D. after
4. I asked _____ my sick friend yesterday.
A. after B. for C. about D. of

Key I. 1. asking for 2. ask...of 3. ask about 4. asked after 5. ask for

II. 1. C 2. C 3. B 4. A



bear a hand with 帮助,援助	有关
bear down 压倒;击败;克服	bear out 支持,证明
bear down on/upon 逼近;冲向	bear up (against sth.) 支持住,撑下去;不气馁,坚强起来
bear in mind 记住,不忘	bear with 容忍,宽容
bear on/upon 向……射击;与……	

1. **bear a hand with** 帮助,援助

The stage manager asked some of children to bear a hand with the scenery. 舞台经理要求孩子们帮忙移动布景。

He saw a woman with a flat tire and offered to bear her a hand with it. 他看到一位妇女的车胎爆了,主动上去帮忙。

2. **bear down** 压倒;击败;克服

The heavy coat seems to bear him down. 这件沉重的大衣好像要把他压倒。

The enemy on the hill were borne down by our massive attack. 山上的敌人被我们的大规模攻势击败了。

3. **bear down on/upon** 逼近;冲向

The cavalry bore down upon the enemy's right flank. 骑兵冲向敌人的右翼。

The angry farmer was bearing down on us. 那个气愤的农场主向我们冲来。

4. **bear in mind** 记住,不忘

Please bear in mind the instructions the doctor has given you. 请记住

住医生对你的嘱咐。

We must bear in mind that the younger people might not like the idea. 我们必须记住年轻一些的人可能不喜欢这个主意。

5. bear on/upon, against 向……射击;与……有关

Our guns were brought to bear upon the enemy's battery. 我方大炮一起向敌人的炮位发射。

Your remarks do not bear on the matter in hand. 你的话和目前这件事没有关系。

6. bear out 支持,证明

The other witnesses will bear out what I have said. 其他证人将证实我的话。

All events have borne out and will continue to bear out the correctness of this appraisal. 所有的事实都已证明并将继续证明这些评价的正确性。

7. bear up (against sth.) 支持住,撑下去;不气馁,坚强起来

The bridge can bear up against the force of the current. 这座桥经得住水流的冲击。

The boy bore up well when news came that his father had been killed. 当他父亲已经牺牲的消息传来时,这孩子表现得很坚强。

8. bear with 容忍,宽容

There is no bearing with them. 对他们不能再忍耐了。

If you bear with me a little longer, I'll finish the story. 你再耐心地听一会儿,我就能把事情讲完。

Exercise

I. Fill in the blanks with proper phrase.

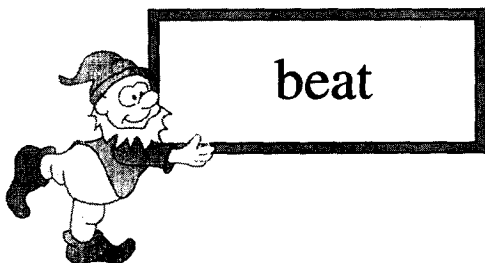
1. Stay here if you wish, but _____ that the performance begins in three minutes.
2. The hunters _____ the wounded animal.
3. He just couldn't _____ such insults.
4. It is particularly difficult to _____ against the midsummer heat.

5. The prosperity of Europe _____ that of America.
6. What you said _____ my argument.
7. He is _____ well against all his misfortunes.
8. The argument does not _____ this subject.
9. He _____ bravely in the grief.

II. Fill in the blanks with the best choice.

1. Please bear _____ me while I ask some questions.
A. with B. on C. up D. out
2. These were vital decisions that bore _____ the happiness of everybody.
A. up B. with C. down D. upon
3. Do you think that the floor will bear _____ under the weight of the new machinery?
A. on B. down C. up D. with
4. I'll bear your suggestion _____.
A. out B. up C. with D. in mind
5. The prisoner's story was borne _____ by his wife.
A. upon B. out C. down D. up
6. Bear _____, your troubles will soon be over.
A. up B. with C. on D. out
7. She had to bear _____ the disagreeables.
A. on B. with C. out D. down
8. How does your story bear _____ this case?
A. out B. on C. down D. with
9. We must bear _____ her during this difficult period.
A. up B. out C. with D. in mind
10. The facts bear _____ his claim.
A. with B. upon C. out D. down

Key I. 1. bear in mind 2. bore down on 3. bear with 4. bear up 5. bears upon/on
6. bears out 7. bearing up 8. bear on 9. bore up
II. 1. A 2. D 3. C 4. D 5. B 6. A 7. B 8. B 9. C 10. C



beat about 搜索,多方寻找	beat out 敲打出乐曲;扑灭;使……筋疲力尽;迅速又认真地写出
beat back 击退	beat down 减价;打坏,摧毁,烤晒
beat up 痛打;争取得到	

1. **beat about** 搜索,多方寻找

They beat about in the dark a long time, but the missing boys could not be found. 他们在黑暗中搜寻了很久,但依旧找不到失踪的孩子们。

We beat about for a solution to the problem. 我们多方寻找这个问题的答案。

2. **beat back** 击退

The soldiers beat back all the attacks of the enemy. 战士们击退了敌人的所有进攻。

In the evening the enemy made another attack on our stronghold but was speedily beaten back. 夜间,敌人又一次向我方要塞进攻,但很快被击退了。

3. **beat up**

(1) 痛打

They robbed the old man and beat him up. 他们抢了那老人的东西,还痛打了他一顿。

He was badly beaten up by a gang of thugs. 他遭到了一帮暴徒的毒打。

(2) 争取得到

She tried to beat up some support for the campaign she was leading.

她设法寻求人们支持她所领导的运动。

Some of the officers were dispatched to beat up for recruits in the nearby villages. 一部分军官被派往附近乡村招收新兵。

4. beat out

(1) 敲打出乐曲

She beat out a tune on the tin can. 她在罐头盒上敲出一首曲子。

The drummers beat out their folk music. 鼓手们敲奏出他们的民族音乐。

(2) 扑灭

We beat the flames out. 我们扑灭了火焰。

The dry grass caught fire, but we beat it out. 干草着了火,但我们把火扑灭了。

(3) 使……筋疲力尽

He was thoroughly beaten out by the journey. 旅行使他筋疲力尽。

(4) 迅速又认真地写出

The reporter beat out a story in time for the morning edition. 这位记者为报纸的上午版赶写出一个故事。

5. beat down

(1) 减价

He wanted \$ 900 for the car but I beat him down to \$ 700. 那辆汽车他要卖 900 美元,但我把他的要价压低到 700 美元。

I tried to beat him down to six hundred pounds. 我试图把他的要价压到 600 英镑。

(2) 打坏,摧毁,烤晒

The wheat had been beaten down by the rain. 麦子被雨打倒了。

The burning sun beat down upon us. 烈日烤晒着我们。

Exercise

I. Fill in the blanks with proper phrase.

1. The flames ____ the fire men.