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前 言

介词在英语中属于封闭性词类。它的词数不多,语言功能却非常活跃,能跟英语中几乎所有词类连用,构成词组,表达各种词义。因此,在当代英语中,介词的使用有了固定搭配的现象——即某一个词用于某种词义时,只能与某一个介词连用,才符合英语的惯例;如果把它改成与含义相似的其他介词连用,就不能算是标准英语。不熟悉这些固定搭配关系,就不能运用英语熟练地进行翻译和写作,这就使得介词的用法更加繁复。

本书正是为了满足英语介词学习、使用和研究的需要而编写的。它的内容和特点如下:

1. 收进的英语介词力求详尽,每个介词的每种词义都给出例句,使读者阅读后,能够全面和熟练地掌握它们的用法;

2. 收进的各种词类和介词固定搭配的词组和习语(包括成语、谚语、口语、俚语)约12 000条,基本上囊括了英语中这类词组和习语,且有例句给予用法解释,以方便读者学习和使用。

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Aboard 1. 在(船、飞机)上;〈美〉

在(火车、公共汽车)上: We have nothing to do all day long aboard the transatlantic liner. 我们在横越大西洋的班轮上终日无所事事。/ Every passenger should take his seat securely aboard the airliner before it rises. 班机升空以前每个乘客都要在自己的座位上坐稳。/ I met an old friend aboard the train when I went to Shanghai. 去上海时,我在火车上遇到一位老朋友。/ Those children often offer their seats to old folks aboard the buses. 在公共汽车上,那些孩子常给老年人让座。2. 向(船、飞机)上;〈美〉向(火车、公共汽车)上: The captain of the exploring team asked his members to go aboard the ship at once. 探险队队长命令他的队员们立即上船。/ Passengers have gone aboard the airplane and taken their seats securely. 乘客们已经上了飞机并在座位上坐稳。/ We hurried to the platform, for it was time to go aboard the train. 我们急忙赶到站台,因为该是上火车的时候了。/ When the bus came, people thronged to go aboard it. 当公共汽车来到时,人们蜂拥而上。◆本词也是副词,词义为:在船(飞机、火车、公共汽车)上;向船(飞机、火车、公共汽车)上 As the wind grew stronger and stronger, many passengers did not go aboard. 由于风越来越大,许多乘客没有上船。/ When all the air-crew have come aboard, the plane starts up at once. 全体机组人员都上了飞机后,飞机立即起飞。

All aboard! 请上船(或请上车,请上飞机)! 开船(开车)啦!

飞机要起飞啦! "All aboard! Ladies and gentlemen!" said a stewardess on the airplane. 一位空中小姐说道: "女士们先生们,请各位上飞机!"

fall aboard 与(他船)碰撞: During a dense fog, the ship fell aboard another ship and both of them sank at once. 在浓雾中,该船跟另一艘船碰撞,两艘船都立即沉没了。

go aboard 登上;乘上(船、车、飞机): With the help of sailors, passengers went aboard a ship in order. 在船员的帮助下,乘客们按顺序登上轮船。

lay aboard 靠近(他船): Many boats laid aboard a large liner to sell native products to passengers. 许多小船靠近一艘大班轮向乘客们售卖土特产品。

Welcome aboard! 欢迎各位乘客搭乘本船(车、飞机)! "Welcome aboard!" said a conductor while he greeted the passengers. 当一位列车员迎接上车的乘客们时,他说: "欢迎各位乘客搭乘本次列车!"

About 1. 在……的各处、处处:

Beautiful deer roamed about the small uninhabited island. 美丽的鹿群在这无人的小岛上四处漫游。/ The old sailor wandered about the world till his last day. 那老海员航游于世界各地直到终老。/ There are trees dotted about the fields. 田野上到处点缀着树木。/ After supper we often strolled about the streets. 晚饭以后我们时常在大街上到处闲逛。/ Old broken furniture lay everywhere about the courtyard. 院子里到处散置着破旧家具。2. 在(某人的)身上、身边: Have you any money about

you? 你身边带着钱了吗? / He met with a mishap and lost all he had about him. 他遇到祸事, 失去了他携带的所有东西。/ We pay respect to the man, for there is something noble about him. 我们尊敬那个人, 因为他身上有一种高贵气质。3. 在(某处的)附近: There are some famous scenic spots and historical sites about there. 那附近有一些著名的名胜古迹。/ We are very hungry but we cannot find a restaurant about here. 我们很饿, 但是在这儿附近找不到一家饭馆。/ To our convenience, many primary schools and kindergartens have been set up about here. 让我们感到方便的是, 这儿附近已经建了许多小学校 and 幼儿园。4. 从事于: I waited for him while he was about it. 他办这件事的时候我在等着他。/ Mind what you are about and try to do it better. 要专注你所做的工作, 努力把它做得更好。/ I know what I am about, you need not bother teaching me. 我的工作我自己知道怎么办, 用不着你教我。/ We have not met him for a long time, do you know what he is about recently? 我们好久没有见到他了, 你知道他最近干什么吗? 5. 在(某地的)四周; 环绕: Mr Smith likes trees, so he plants various trees and flowers about his house. 史密斯先生喜欢树木, 所以在他房子周围种了各种花草树木。/ They could not get to the lake because there were high mountains and abrupt precipices about it. 他们不能到达那个湖, 因为那湖四周有高山绝壁环绕。/ We were much terrified, for

numerous wasps always buzzed about our heads. 我们很害怕, 因为许多马蜂总是围着我们的头乱飞。/ He only beat about the bush and did not come to the point. 他只是兜圈子, 不谈正题。6. 关于: We often consult the expert about technical problems. 关于技术问题, 我们时常向那位专家请教。/ Directors are now holding a meeting about imports and exports. 董事们现在正在开一个关于进出口业务的会议。/ Don't bother yourself about that, mind your own business. 那件事你就别操心了, 关心你自己的事情吧。/ Please tell us everything you know about the problem. 关于这个问题, 请将你所知道的一切告诉我们。◆本词也是副词, 词义为: 大约; 到处; 在附近 These Gypsies have no permanent dwelling place but wander about all the year round. 这些吉卜赛人没有固定住所, 终年到处流浪。/ Rumours are about that the king has been afflicted with a serious illness. 谣言到处传播, 说国王已经患了重病。/ This tour is about as expensive as to travel in south China. 这次游历所需费用大约等同于游历江南的费用。/ No one is about when they reach there. 他们到达时, 那里没有一个人。/ It needs about twenty minutes for the typist to type this business letter. 打出这封商业信函打字员大约需要 20 分钟。**about and about** 大致相同; 很相似: several new books on geology have come off the press recently, their contents are about and about. 最近出版了几本有关地质学的新书, 它们的

内容很相似。

about sb's ears 在某人身旁;在某人近旁: When Newton was sitting under a tall apple-tree, several apples fell about his ears. 当牛顿正坐在一棵高苹果树下时,几个苹果落在他的身旁。

about right 〈口语〉1. 正确地;对地: I do think that the scholar has put it about right. 我的确认为该学者说得很正确。2. 严厉地: The woman teacher told her naughty pupils that if they were up to mischief again, she would punish them about right without any mercy. 女教师告诉她的顽皮学生们说,如果下次他们再恶作剧,她将毫不留情地严厉惩罚他们。

About turn! 〈口令〉向后转!(美语为 About face!): After the students have stood in rows, their PE teacher orders "About turn!", the students turn round and face the opposite direction at once. 学生们排好队以后,他们的体育老师发令:"向后转!"学生们立刻转身面向后面的方向。

barge about 鲁莽冲撞;蠢笨地走动: A dog barked and barged about in the herd so as to terrify the sheep and lambs. 一只狗在羊群中吠叫并横冲直撞以吓唬绵羊和羊羔们。

be about 流行: Influenza is about recently, we had better wear more clothes. 最近流感流行,我们最好多穿点衣服。

be about to 即将: We are about to go out when an old friend comes to see us. 我们正要出去时,一位老朋友来看我们。

be all about 〈口语〉关心(某事物): John was seriously ill and sent to hospital, his friends were all about his health. 约翰患了重病被送进医院,他的朋友们都关心他的健康。

be annoyed about/at 对……感到烦扰;对……感到烦恼: Adam failed in the examination and was blamed by his mother for this, he was much annoyed about it. 亚当考试不及格,受到他母亲的责备,他为此感到很烦恼。

be anxious about/for 1. 对……焦急;对……担忧: Mother is anxious about her son's health, he has been in hospital for a long time. 母亲为她儿子的健康担忧,她儿子已经住院很长时间了。2. 渴望: George is anxious about the good news that his brother can be admitted to that famous university. 乔治渴望听到他弟弟能被那所名牌大学录取的好消息。

beat about (for) 极力寻找: Explorers had lost their way in a primeval forest, they were beating about for a way out. 探险者们已经在一个原始森林中迷了路,他们正在极力寻找一条出去的路。

beat about the bush 1. 兜圈子;拐弯抹角不谈正题: While talking about something important, an honest man always talks straightforwardly and comes straight to the point but a cunning person will beat about the bush. 当谈论重要的事情时,诚实的人总是非常坦诚直截了当,而狡猾的人则拐弯抹角不谈正题。2. 拨打草丛搜寻猎物: When the hunter was beating about the bush, a fox suddenly jumped out and ran away. 正当那猎

人拨打草丛搜寻猎物时,一只狐狸忽然跳出来跑走了。

beat one's brain about 为(某事)绞脑汁: A housewife beat her brain about household affairs, she tried to prepare a delicious dinner for her child at the lowest cost. 一位家庭主妇为家务事绞脑汁,她设法花最少的钱为她的孩子做一顿好吃的饭。

beat one's head about/with 为(某事)绞脑汁;为(某事)搜索枯肠: Our manager asked his secretary to work out a yearly plan for our company's business, the secretary was beating her head about it. 我们经理要求他的秘书制定我们公司业务的年度计划,该秘书正在为此事绞脑汁。

be clear about 对……有把握;确知: We are clear about his behaviour and we wish to bear witness to his innocence. 我们确知他的行为很好,我们愿意为他的清白作证。

be concerned about/for 为……操心;为……担忧: Mother was much concerned about her daughter's marriage, she was nearly thirty but still had no boy friend. 母亲为她女儿的婚事操心,她已经年近30了还没交男朋友。

be curious about 1. 对……好奇: Children are curious about everything, they are always asking questions, that is a normal phenomenon. 儿童们对每件事都好奇,他们总是在提问,这是正常现象。2. 渴望知道;有兴趣于某事: Astronomers are curious about the secret of the universe, they are studying it with radio telescopes. 天文学家们渴望知道宇宙

的秘密,他们正在用射电望远镜进行研究。

be frank about one's mind 心胸坦率: My friend is frank about his mind, he has nothing that cannot be told to others. 我的朋友心胸坦荡,他无事不可对人言。

be green about the gills 有病: Babara is green about the gills, she has been confined to her bed for many days. 芭芭拉有了病了,她已经卧床多日了。

be hairy about/at the fetlocks 没有教养的;没有礼貌的: This young man is hairy about the fetlocks, he does not show any respect to old folks. 这个年轻人没有教养,他对于长辈一点也不恭敬。

be mad about 着迷;热爱;狂热于: He is mad about dancing, he often dances with his friends till midnight. 他着迷于跳舞,常常跟他的朋友们一直跳到午夜。

be nuts about 〈俚语〉着迷;热爱;狂热于: The youth is nuts about singing, he always stays at home singing from morning till night. 这位青年热爱歌唱,他总是不出门,在家从早一直唱到晚。

be out and about (指病人痊愈后)能起身到屋外走动: This patient is recovering his strength and he is out and about now. 这个病人正在复原,他现在已经能够起身到屋外活动。

be too fussy about 对(某事物)过于挑剔: Mary is too fussy about her dress and jewelry, nearly all her time and money are spent on them. 玛丽对于她的服装和首饰过于挑剔,她的时间和钱几乎都花在这些方面。

be up and about (指病人痊愈后) 能起身到屋外走动: Having been discharged from hospital, the old man recuperated at home, now he is nearly restored to health and is up and about everyday. 那老人出院以后在家中休养, 现在他几乎完全恢复健康, 每天都能起身到屋外活动。

be white about the gills 害怕: Walking alone in a lonely street in the evening, Jack was white about the gills when a drunkard suddenly jumped out from the darkness. 杰克一个人晚间在一条偏僻的大街上行走, 当一个喝醉了的人忽然从黑暗中跳出来时, 他很害怕。

boss sb about 指挥某人使其团团转: When Peter is at home, his wife often bosses him about and he dares not disobey her. 当彼得在家时, 他的妻子时常把他指挥得团团转, 他也不敢违抗。

bother oneself/one's head about 为……而焦急; 为……而操心: The boy is too fond of play, his mother bothers herself about this very much. 这男孩太贪玩, 他母亲为此非常着急。

bring about 1. 引起; 使……发生: Disagreement in views has brought about an estrangement between the two good friends. 见解不一致已经给这两个好朋友造成隔阂。2. 使(船)转变航向: When the ship has left the harbour, its captain orders to bring it about. 当该轮船已经离开港口时, 它的船长命令改变航向。

bring a hornet's nest about one's ears 捅马蜂窝; 惹乱子: A driver not only drove his car in the wrong di-

rection in a one-way street but also bumped against the wall, thus he brought a hornet's nest about his ears. 一个司机不但在单行路上逆行, 并且撞了墙, 因而他捅了马蜂窝。

bring a storm about one's ears 引起强烈反对; 惹出大乱子: A pedlar gave short weight to his customer and quarrelled with him, thus he brought a storm about his ears. 一个商贩给的分量不足, 而且跟顾客争吵, 因而引起强烈反对。

bring the house about one's ears: 使全家人都与自己为敌: In spite of his children's objection, Mr white often disobeys his virtuous wife, so he brings the house about his ears. 不顾他的孩子们的反对, 怀特先生时常不听贤惠的妻子的话, 而使全家都不满意他。

buzz about/around 匆忙地或嘈杂地跑来跑去: Bees buzz about among flowers all day long, no other animal is so diligent as they. 蜜蜂终日在花间匆忙地穿来穿去, 没有任何别的动物像它们这样勤勉。

care about 1. 关心; 关切: The parents cared about their son's future and tried best to find a good school for him to study in. 父母关心他们儿子的前途, 尽最大努力给他找一个好学校叫他去学习。2. 操心; 忧虑: Mother cared about her daughter's marriage and always urged her to make a boy friend more quickly. 母亲忧虑她女儿的婚事, 总催她快点交男朋友。3. 在乎: This naughty boy knows only playing, he never cares about his failure in the exam. 这个淘气男孩只知道玩, 对考试不及格毫不

在乎。

career about 飞奔; 急驰: Our car careered about on the expressway, trees by the roadsides flew back quickly from our view. 我们的汽车在高速公路上急驰, 道路旁边的树木从我们的视野中飞快向后跑去。

cast about for 寻觅; 搜索: This mischievous child cast about for a excuse to avoid his mother's scolding. 这个淘气的孩子寻觅借口以避免受妈妈的责骂。

change about 改变立场; 见异思迁: He is a shrewd fellow, when his friends lose power and influence, he often changes about, forsakes them and makes some new friends. 他是个精明的人, 当他的朋友失势时, 他时常见异思迁, 把他们抛弃, 另交新朋友。

chop about (风)突然改变方向: At night the wind suddenly chopped about, so our captain asked our ship to set sail. 夜里风忽然改变方向, 所以船长命令我们船扬帆。

come about 发生; (风)改变方向: A traffic accident came about when it was thickly foggy. 下浓雾时, 发生了一起交通事故。

cut about 乱切; 乱砍; 乱跑: Mother wants to make dumplings for her children and asks Alice to chop up meat, but Alice does not know how to do, she just cuts about on the meat. 妈妈想给孩子们包饺子, 叫爱丽丝剁肉馅, 但是爱丽丝不知道怎么做, 她就在肉上乱切乱砍。

dangle about (抱有某种希望地) 追随: Much to Julia's disgust, each time she went out, some thick-skinned

friends often dangled about her. 使朱丽亚讨厌的是, 每当她出去时, 一些厚脸皮的朋友时常追随着她。

day about 每隔一天: The teacher like her pupils very much, they are diligent and eager to learn and always visit her day about, listening to her lecture. 老师非常喜欢她的学生们, 这些学生勤奋好学, 每隔一天就来听她讲课。

face about 1. 转过身来: Sitting in the front-row in a theatre, mother often faced about to talk with her daughter while seeing the drama. 在剧院看戏。母亲坐在前排; 观看演出时, 她时常转过身来跟女儿谈话。2. 改变主意: Charles is apt to change, he often faces about when doing something. 查理善变, 无论做什么事, 总爱改变主意。

fall about (口语) 不禁大笑: The chubby baby is very clever and lovely, he often makes faces to its father and mother, thus causing them to fall about. 那胖胖的婴儿非常伶俐可爱, 它时常跟他的父母作鬼脸, 引得他们大笑。

feel a delicacy about 对……伤脑筋: Mr Green manages a large department store, he sometimes feels a delicacy about the ever-changing markets. 格林先生经营一家大百货公司, 有时他对这千变万化的市场伤脑筋。

feel anxiety about 对……焦急; 对……担心: A ship has been wrecked, people all feel anxiety about the safety of its crew. 一艘船失事了, 人们都对那船上船员的安全着急。

feel bad about 对……感到懊悔; 为……感到遗憾: A teacher once

blamed some students unfairly, afterwards he felt bad about it. 有一次,一位老师责备一些学生责备得不公正,事后那老师感到懊悔。

feel dubious about/as to 1. 对……怀疑: Some strangers say that they are our relatives but we don't know them, so we feel dubious about them. 几个陌生人说他们是我们的亲戚,但是我们不认识他们,所以我们对他们产生怀疑。2. 拿不准: She felt dubious about what to do next, so she went to ask her colleagues. 她拿不准下一步该怎样做,所以去问她的同事。

ferret about 四处搜索: A wolf of the zoo has run out and hidden somewhere in the city, people are ferreting about for it. 动物园中的一只狼逃出躲藏在城市某地,人们正在搜寻它。

fiddle about 混日子;虚度时光: Young people should engage themselves in something or other, they should not fiddle about all day long even if their families are rich enough for their livings. 年轻人要从事一些工作,即使他们家足以负担其生活也不应虚度时光。

fix/have/hang a millstone about one's neck 身负重担;肩负重担: Robert has had a millstone about his neck since his father's death, for his brothers are too young, he has to provide for his family. 自从他父亲死后,罗伯特身负重担,因为他的弟弟们都太小,他必须赡养他的家人。

fling about 跳来跳去;冲来冲去;抛散: After Jack is scolded by his

mother, he is so angry that he does not utter a word but flings about in the room. 杰克被妈妈责骂以后,他非常生气,一语不发,在屋里撞来撞去。

fool about 鬼混;浪费时间;做傻事: A man should attempt something and accomplish something, he should never fool about even if he need not worry for his living. 一个人应当有所作为,即使生活有着落,也不应虚度时光。

fuss about (常含贬义)过分紧张;过分担心: She is a nervous woman and does nothing everyday but fusses about trivial things, once she has a slight headache, she thinks there must be something wrong about her brain. 她是一位神经质的妇女,终日什么也不做,总是为琐碎事过分担心;有一次她患轻微头痛,她就认为自己脑子出了毛病。

gad about 〈口语〉游荡;闲游: John is an idle lad, he often spends much time gadding about with his friends. 约翰是个怠惰的青年,他常把很多时间用在跟他的朋友们游荡。

get about 1. (病愈后)能走动: That patient begins to get about after he has been confined to bed for several weeks. 卧床几个星期以后,那病人开始能够走动了。2. (消息)传播开来: The rumour of his bankruptcy got about everywhere, for people had seen his shop closed down suddenly. 关于他已经破产的消息到处传播,因为人们看到他的商店忽然关门了。

get oneself talked about 使自己成

为谈论的对象: That clerk made a stupid mistake in his work and thus got himself talked about among his colleagues. 那个职员在工作上闹了一个笑话,因而成为同事们谈论的对象。

go about 1. 四处走动: People go about in the streets, some for shopping and some for working. 人们在大街上走动,有的是去购物,有的是去工作。2. (消息)流传;传开来: A story goes about that he has been afflicted with a serious illness and is now in hospital. 他生了重病,现在已经住院的消息在流传着。

go about 着手;做: The secretary has finished a letter, now she goes about another one. 那秘书已经写完了一封信,现在她着手写第二封。

go about one's business 1. 从事业务: That tradesman has gone about his business in import and export trade for many years. 那个商人已经从事进出口贸易多年了。2. 处理自己的事(别多管闲事): Go about your own business, don't poke your nose into others'. 管你自己的事,别多管闲事。

go about with 经常与(某人)在一起: After this youth made a blunder and was dismissed from his unit, he began to go about with wrongdoers. 自从这个青年犯了严重错误因而从他的单位被开除以后,他经常与犯过罪的人在一起鬼混。

go about with one's head in the air 摆架子;自高自大: After Mike won a scholarship, he forgot his teacher's bidding which asked him to be humble and prudent and began to go about

with his head in the air. 自从得了奖学金以后,迈克忘记了老师要他谦虚谨慎的叮嘱,开始自高自大起来。

going about 流通;通用: Every country has its own currency going about in its dominion. 每个国家都有自己的货币在自己国内流通。

go on about 不断抱怨责备: His wife went on about his drinking and smoking, this made him much vexed. 他的妻子不断抱怨他吸烟饮酒,这使得他很烦恼。

hairy about/at/in the fetlocks 〈俚语〉没有教养的;粗野的: When the parents are irresponsible in the education of their child, the child will become hairy about the fetlocks. 如果父母对自己小孩的教育不负责任,他们的小孩就要变得没有教养。

hairy about/at/in the heel 〈俚语〉没有教养的;粗野的: If a child is hairy about the heel when he is young, very likely he will become a detestable person when he has grown up. 如果一个小孩从小没有教养,非常可能长大以后变成一个令人厌恶的人。

hang about 闲荡;聚在……附近: We should have a sense of duty or else we would become idle and hang about all day long. 我们应当有责任感,否则的话,我们就要怠惰,终日闲荡。

hang the bell about the cat's neck (老鼠)给猫脖子上挂铃铛;冒险: These mice all think themselves remarkably brave, but no one of them dares to hang the bell about the cat's neck. 这些老鼠都认为自己勇敢非凡,但是它们中间没有一个敢给

猫脖子上挂铃铛。

have a thing about 〈口语〉对……有一种病态的害怕: Rose had a thing about cats and dogs, she would tremble all over whenever she saw them. 罗丝对猫和狗特别害怕, 每当见到它们时, 她就浑身颤抖。

have/ keep one's wits about one
机警; 警觉: That naughty child always has his wits about him, if he sees his mother coming when he is up to mischief, he will pretend to be studying at once. 那个顽皮孩子总是非常机警, 当他正在恶作剧时, 一看见妈妈走来, 他立刻就假装正在学习。

have no scruples about (doing sth)
对(做某事)没有顾忌: If a person is habituated to gossiping others behind their backs, he will have no scruples about doing so. 如果一个人习惯于背后议论人, 他将毫无顾忌地做这种事。

how about... 〈口语〉(你以为)……怎么样: Today is Sunday and we have nothing to do, how about going to the cinema? 今天是星期日, 我们又没有什么事, 去看电影(你以为)怎么样?

It is about time... 是……的时候了; 到……的时候了: It is about time to have a rest, let's sit down and have a chat. 是该休息的时候了, 让我们坐下聊一聊。

just about 差不多; 几乎: It is just about two o'clock, let's begin our work. 差不多两点了, 让我们开始工作吧。

just the other way about 或 just the opposite 恰恰相反; 正好相反:

You have guessed wrong, the fact is just the other way about. 你猜错了, 事实正好跟你猜的相反。

keep silence about 对……保持缄默; 对……只字不提: If other man commits a mistake, we should not keep silence about it, on the contrary, we should point it out and help him correct it. 如果别人犯了错, 我们不当缄默; 相反地, 我们应当指出来, 并帮助他改正错误。

knock about 到处流浪: That old sailor is homeless, he knocks about in the world all his life. 那位老海员没有家, 他一辈子在世界上到处流浪。

knock sb about 粗暴对待; 连续敲打: Although the man is full of power and grandeur, it is said that he is afraid of his wife and is often knocked about by her. 虽然这个人威武雄壮, 但是据说他害怕妻子, 并时常被她粗暴对待。

know one's way about 精明机敏; 有判断力: My workmate knows his way about, if there is any job hard to deal with in our company, we always ask him to come forward. 我的一位同事精明机敏, 当我们公司有难办的事时, 我们总是请他出头。

know what one is about 做事精明; 做事有把握: Mr Smith knows what he is about and gets along with things smoothly, he is the most welcome personage in our factory. 史密斯先生做事精明, 处事圆滑, 是我们厂里最受欢迎的人物。

lay about 向四面八方乱打; 努力干: When several wolves besieged a hunter in the wilderness, the hunter

laid about him with a stick, at last he beat them back and preserved his own life. 当几只狼在野外围攻一个猎人时,那猎人用棍子向四面乱打,最后他把群狼打退,保住了自己性命。

leave about 乱放;乱丢: Peter always leaves about his books everywhere so that he soon forgets where they are himself. 彼得总是把自己的书随处乱放,以致不久以后连他自己也忘了它们在哪里了。

look about 警戒;看望;审视环境;查看情况: Jim is a shrewd young man, wherever he goes, he always looks about to make himself familiar with the circumstances. 吉姆是个精明的青年,他无论走到哪里,总是审视周围以便使自己熟悉环境。

look about oneself 察看自己周围情况;考虑自己行动: We hardly had time to look about ourselves before we had to go on with our next work. 我们几乎没有时间考虑一下我们已经做的工作怎么样,就不得不继续下一步工作了。

look blue about the gills 气色不好: Henry looks blue about the gills because he has been discharged from hospital only for a few days. 亨利气色不好,因为他刚出院几天。

look rosy about the gills 气色好: That old lady looked rosy about the gills though she was already over ninety. 那位老太太虽然已经 90 多岁了,但气色仍然很好。

make a great fuss about nothing

大惊小怪: As no one paid any attention to John, he often made a great fuss about nothing to catch other's atten-

tion. 因为没有人注意约翰,他时常大惊小怪以便吸引别人的注意力。

make a joke about 以……为笑柄: As he is an honest and kind man, shrewd people often make a joke about him and say that he is an idiot. 因为他是个厚道的人,精明人们就都拿他当笑柄,说他是傻瓜。

make a noise about 为某事而吵吵嚷嚷: James often makes a noise about trivial things, we all think that is his peculiar character. 詹姆斯时常为了琐事就吵吵嚷嚷,我们都认为那是他的独特性格。

make a song about 为某事而吵吵嚷嚷: Children always make a song about their toys, that is a way for them to give vent to their excessive vigour. 孩子们总是为他们的玩具而吵吵嚷嚷,那是他们宣泄过剩精力的方法。

make complaint about 抱怨;诉苦: Little Tom made complaint to his mother about his little sister, she never paid any obedience to his words when he looked after her. 小汤姆向他的妈妈抱怨他的妹妹,说他看护她时,她总不听他的话。

make no bones about 对……毫不犹豫;对……毫不掩饰: If covetousness has become a man's second nature, he will make no bones about coveting anything he can lay his claw on, this will lead to his ruin at last. 如果一个人贪婪成性,他将毫不犹豫地贪图任何他能得手的东西,这最终导致他的毁灭。

mess about 1. 粗暴地对待(某人);弄糟(某事物): It is immoral to mess about other people, those who

acts like this should correct themselves at once.粗暴地对待别人是不道德的行为,有这种行为的人应当立即改正。2. 混日子: It is contemptible and also lamentable for young people to mess about all the year round.年轻人常年地混日子是可鄙的,也是可悲的。

moon about 闲荡: Life is short, there are too many things for everyone to do, no one should waste his time on mooning about.人生是短暂的,每一个人都有太多的事情要做,我们不应该把时间浪费在闲荡上。

move about 走来走去;老是搬家: Many people move about in food markets, some of them buying and some of them selling.许多人在菜市场里走来走去,他们中间有的是买的,有的是卖的。

nose about for 1. 嗅;闻: When cats are hungry, they always nose about for some places where fish and meat are kept.当猫饿了的时候,它们总是嗅着寻找一些存放鱼和肉的地方。2. 刺探;打听: Their company employs some shrewd persons, their duty is to nose about for business secrets of other companies.他们公司雇用了一些精明的人,他们的职责是刺探别家公司的商业秘密。

not breathe a word/ syllable about 对……严守秘密: He knew something about the business but he did not breathe a syllable about it.他对那件业务知道一些事,但他严守秘密。

not care a button about 对……毫不介意: The youth did not care a button about others warnings, he still stuck to his old way of doing things.那

青年对别人的警告毫不介意,他仍然按照自己的道走。

nothing to make a song about 〈口语〉不足道;不重要: We are not going to inquire for the state of affairs because we know there is nothing to make a song about.我们不去打听情况,因为我们知道没有什么重要的事。

nothing to write home about 不值得大书特书(的事情): They are not worthy to be praised so much because they have done nothing to write home about.他们不值得如此表扬,因为他们并没有做出值得大书特书的事。

not know the first thing about 对(某事)一窍不通: He boasted himself to be an expert in technology, but as a matter of fact, he did not know the first thing about technological affairs.他吹嘘自己是一个技术专家,但是实际上他对技术事务一窍不通。

not think twice about 不再想到;不再注意;毫不犹豫: He is a resolute man, once he makes up a decision, he never thinks twice about it.他是个果断的人,一旦作出决定就毫不犹豫。

occupy oneself about 从事于;忙于: The scientist has occupied himself about opening a training class for his students since last term.自上学期以来该科学家就忙于给他的学生们开设训练班的工作。

order sb about 把某人差来差去;任意驱使某人: Mr White is afraid of his wife, whenever he returns home, his wife would order him about as if he