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# 前

# 言

在数以万计的英语词汇中，介词只有几十个，可谓沧海一粟。但学习掌握起来，其难度却是相当大的，不仅是中国学生，就是在英、美等国家，人们也常常对介词的使用感到棘手。

为何英语介词这样难以掌握？仔细分析起来，主要有以下三点：

一、英语介词虽然为数不多，但使用率相当高。除了具有基本含义和用法外，它还经常附着其他的词构成大量的约定俗成的习惯用语，表达极为丰富的含义。所以，有时其词义是明晰可辨的，而有时却不然，你很难给其找到较确切的解释。以介词 on 为例，在 on the table, on the wall 等短语中，你很容易地就说出：on 在这时的含义是“在……上”。可是，当有人问及 on 在 on show、on duty、on leave 等说法中作何解释时，你是否也能脱口而出呢？

二、介词的使用还往往不合逻辑，我们不能仅靠简单推理的方法想当然地使用介词。例如：英语中 sun 这个词的意思是“阳光”，当我们要表达“在阳光下”这层意思时，首先想到的一定会是介词 under，但“under the sun”这种说法是绝对错误的，正确的则应当是“in the sun”。

三、介词的第三个难点是：往往有两个或更多的介词可以和另外同一个词构成习惯用语，其含义却大相径庭。诸如：look for、look at、look into 等等，这样的例子不胜枚举。

本词典主要是针对英语介词的诸多难点编写的，对常见的 68 个介词（包括合成介词）的含义和用法逐一加以系统地研究，力求全面详尽，条理清晰，一目了然。在每一种解释后面都配有数个有说服力的比较典型的例子。在一般英语语法书中，也介绍介词及用法，但多数都谈得比较笼统，且对介词的习惯用法不加以讨论。而本词典在某些词条后面，系统例举了介词与名词、形容词以及动词所构成的习惯用语，此外，对一些意义相近的介词作了辨析，部分辨析参考了有关语法书。本词典所举例句广泛，每个例句都配加汉语译文，其中部分例句及习语选自有关教学参考书、词典和其它工具书。本词典不仅帮助读者理解和使用介词，而且还提供了有关该介词的其他知识及用法。

本词典适用于大学生、高、初中学生学习英语介词，也可作为中学英语教师，英语专业的学生以及自学英语者的学习教学参考书。

由于本人水平有限，缺点不足在所难免，欢迎广大读者批评指正。

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**about** [ə'baʊt]**1. 关于，指话题、内容、题材或某人的特点等**

Do you know anything about Chinese history?

关于中国历史你知道些什么？

He is very particular about his food.

他对食物很讲究。

Have you a book about stars?

你有关于恒星方面的书吗？

There is something about him that displeases me.

他有叫我不喜欢的地方。

What is all about?

这是怎么回事？

He has something about him.

他很有一套。

What have you been busy about?

你一直在忙什么？

Don't feel bad about it.

不要为这难过了。

The story is about a famous scientist.

这是关于一个著名科学家的故事。

## 2. 在……周围；在……附近

They live somewhere about Beihai Park.

他们住在北海公园附近。

There are many fruit trees about the farmhouse.

农舍周围有许多果树。

It is two yards about the trunk.

这树杆周围约二码。

The children are running about the garden.

孩子们围着花园跑。

They stood all about him as he sat down.

他坐下时他们都站在他周围。

Everything about me was so beautiful.

我周围的一切都是那样美。

Crusoe looked about the cave.

克鲁索看了一下洞的周围。

Her hair fell about her, rippling and shining like a brown water fall.

头发披散在她的身上，好像褐色的小瀑布，波纹起伏、光可照人。

He always seems to have a lot of friends about him.

看起来他周围总是有许多朋友。

I lost my pen about here.

我在这附近把钢笔丢了。

### 3. 在某个范围或区域内的各个地方

Restlessly he walked about the room.

他不安地在屋里来回踱着。

After that he wandered alone about the town.

然后，他一个人在城里逛了逛。

Books and papers were left lying about the room.

房间里到处是书和纸。

They went about the country to search for the man.

他们到全国各地搜寻那个人。

Women like to go about shops.

女人喜欢逛商店。

The headmaster was taking the foreign guests about the campus.

校长正带外宾参观校园。

The boy always leaves his books about the room.

这孩子总是把书弄得满屋都是。

### 4. 表示围绕

She has a gold necklace about her neck.

她脖子上带着金项链。

She wears a scarf about her neck.

她脖子上围着一条围巾。

The criminal put a rope about the boy's neck.

罪犯把一根绳子套在那小孩脖子上。

### 5. 时刻、大小、数量等近于

This happened about one thousand and seven hundred years ago.

这件事发生在大约 1,700 年以前。

They will start about noon.

他们在正午左右动身。

But about 97 percent of this is sea water, or salt water.

但是大约百分之九十七的水是海水，或者是咸水。

About 200 people attended the lecture.

大约二百人听了讲座。

He goes to bed about ten in the evening.

他大约在晚上十点钟睡觉。

Tomorrow about this time I shall be there.

明天大约这个时候我会到那里。

The number is about a hundred.

数约一百。

He died about a year ago.

他大约一年前去世了。

The weasel is about the size of a cat.

黄鼠狼约有猫那么大。

### 6. 随身；在……身边

I have no money about me.

我身边没带钱。

There is a strange smell about him.

他身上有股特殊气味。

That young man has a pleasing air about him.

那个年轻人有令人愉快的神态。

Do you happen to have a pen about you?

你身边带笔了吗?

He has medicine about him because he is in poor health.

他由于身体不好身边经常带药。

I suddenly realized that I didn't have the ticket about me.

我突然发现身上没带票。

## 7. 从事于

What are you about?

你在做什么?

I hate to be interrupted when I am about an important piece of work.

我不喜欢在做一件重要工作时有人来打扰。

Do the shopping now, and while you are about it buy yourself a pair of shoes.

现在去买东西吧,买东西时你自己买双鞋。

Be quick about it!

快点干!

He went to town about an urgent business.

他进城办急事去了。

## 8. 表示在某一区域内的某一处

Mr Zhang must be somewhere about the company, for

I saw him a moment ago.

张先生准是在公司内什么地方，因为我刚才还看见过他。

That book must be somewhere about the room.

那本书一定在房间内的什么地方。

### **某些习惯用法：**

#### **1. How about/What about 在口语中用来提出建议或事先想好的主张**

What about going there by bike?

骑车去怎样？

When shall we meet again? —How about Monday?

我们什么时候再碰头？——星期一怎么样？

I'll stay at school for the winter holiday. What about you?

我寒假将呆在学校。你呢？

Where shall we go? How about the summer palace?

咱们上哪儿？去颐和园如何？

How about a cup of coffee?

喝杯咖啡怎样？

What about your new plan?

你的新计划怎样？

#### **2. 与形容词的固定搭配**

##### **1) be angry about 对某事生气**

What are you so angry about?

你为何生这么大的气？

I'm quite angry with you about not telling me.

由于你没告诉我，所以我对你很生气。

The teacher was very angry about my coming late.

老师对我来晚了很生气。

I was angry about missing the bus.

没赶上这辆公共汽车我很生气。

2) careful about 注意；注重

He is careful about his dress.

他注意他的服装。

I am careful about my manner in public place.

在公共场合我很注意我的行为举止。

Don't be too careful about making up.

不要太注重化妆。

He is careful about food.

他对食物很讲究。

You should be more careful about your spelling.

你应该更注意你的拼写。

3) cautious about 谨慎

He is cautious about driving.

他开车很小心。

He was cautious about telling secrets.

他谨防泄露秘密。

We are cautious about doing everything before our boss.

我们在老板面前做任何事都很谨慎。

## 4) certain about 有把握

I am certain about his coming tomorrow.

我有把握他明天一定会来。

Are you certain about the business?

你对这笔生意有把握吗?

I am not certain about how to use the word.

这个词怎么用我说不准。

I am certain about the examination.

这次考试我很有把握。

## 5) concerned about 担心; 关心; 挂念

He was much concerned about my affairs.

他对我的事很关心。

I am concerned about the state of his health.

我对他的健康很担心。

I am concerned about his loss.

我对他的损失很忧虑。

He doesn't seem concerned about such things.

他好像对这种事情不关心。

## 6) crazy about 热衷的; 狂热的; 着迷的

The boy is crazy about skating.

那孩子溜冰着了迷。

The girls are crazy about the singer.

女孩子们狂热于那位歌手。

She is crazy about dancing.

她酷爱跳舞。

He is crazy about American literature.



他迷恋于美国文学。

7) curious about 对……好奇

Don't be too curious about things you are not supposed to know.

对你不要知道的事情，不要打听。

The boy is curious about everything.

那男孩子对任何事都好奇。

Children are very curious about what they don't know.

孩子们对他们不懂的事很好奇。

I was curious about animals when I was a child.

我小时候对动物很好奇。

8) enthusiastic about 热衷于

Your father likes to play golf; he's really enthusiastic about it.

你父亲爱打高尔夫球；他确实很热衷于这项运动。

He is enthusiastic about arts.

他酷爱艺术。

I am enthusiastic about the cause of education.

我热衷于教育事业。

The retired man is enthusiastic about keeping birds.

那位退休老人热心于养鸟。

9) excited about 对……激动

I am excited about his speech.

我对他的讲话很激动。

They got excited about their success.