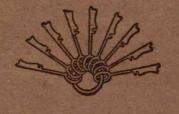


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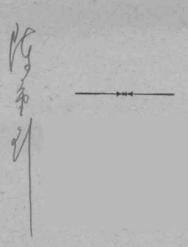
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PREFACE

This brief work is designed to be a guide to middle school students in their apprehension of English words of identical pronunciation but different meaning. The words are arranged in 280 groups, each containing two or more homonyms explained in Chinese and illustrated in English. In a few cases, such as bridal and bridle, principal and principle, the words, tho they are not homonyms in a strict sense, are listed to show the slight difference rather than the sameness in pronunciation.

The compiler believes that this book is the first of its kind ever published in China. Hence he will be pleased to know from his young friends how useful it has proved to them, or how many new groups they can add to those contained in it.

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Group No.	Pronunciation	Explanation
I. a	ei; ā	名詞: 英文字母的第一字— The English alphabet begins with A and ends with Z.
ay, aye	n n	輔詞: 常永 — His mer- cies for aye endure.
eh	,, ,,	威嘆詞: 甚麼?—You don't know, eh?
2. ail	eil; āl	動詞: 致病—What ails you, Mr. Ling?
ale	,, ,,	名詞: 一種麥酒—English farmers used to drink a great deal of ale.
3. air	εə*; êr	名詞: (1) 空氣—The air in a closed room soon becomes foul. (2) 天空—Birds can fly in the air. (3) 微風—Open the window and let the air go through. (4) 歌調—Let us play the national air. (5) 豐態—Mr. Wang has a dignified air.

Group No.	Pronunciation	Explanation
		動詞: (1) 通氣—You
		should air the room. (2)
		誇示—He likes to air his
		learning.
ere	εə*; êr	聯詞或前置詞: 以前一(1)
		"Sir, come down ere my
		child die." (2) I expect to
		see him in Nanking ere
		long.
heir	" "	名詞: 承繼者-Mr.
		Chuan's son died last year,
		so he is going to name his
		nephew Chi-liang as his heir.
4. aisle	ail; īl	名詞: 禮拜堂裏的過路一
		The aisles as well as the
		seats in the church were
		filled with people who had
		come to hear Mr. Chiang.
isle	,, ,,	名詞: 小島 (現在常用於詩
		或地名)—The Isle of Man
		is in the Irish Sea.
		動詞: (1) 使成小島—The
		headland was finally isled
		by the ever surging waves.
		(2) 在島居住—The sailors
		isle here during the winter.

Group No.	Pronunciation	Explanation
5. ait	eit; āt	名詞: 江或湖中間的小洲
		(多用于英國的白話) My
		English friend says many
		willows grow on that ait.
ate	33 33	動詞 (eat 的過去式): 食一
		Did you have a chance to
		eat crabs at Nanking
		Hotel? Oh, yes, I_ate
		four of them.
eight	,, <u>e</u> t	形容詞或名詞: 八一(1) A
		Chinese dining table can
		easily seat eight persons.
		(2) How many did you
		buy? I bought eight.
6. all	o:l; al	名詞: 全體—All are here.
		形容詞: 完全 — All stu-
		dents in this class like that
		professor.
		輔詞: 完全—It is all right.
awl	** **	名詞: 小錐—Does the
	75.46	cobbler use a small awl?
7. allowed		動詞 (allow 的過去式): 允
	ă-loud'	許—I have allowed him to
		write his English composi-
		tion at home.

Group No.	Pronuuciation	Explanation
aloud	ə'-laud;	3
	a-loud'	were taught not to laugh
		aloud in company.
8. altar	'oltə*; al'tar	名詞: 壇—A stone altar
		stands before the image
		of Kuan-ti.
alter	" al'ter	動詞: 更變—(1) I am not
		going to alter my decision.
		(2) Fashion alters from
		time to time.
9. arc	a:k; ärc	名詞: 弧形—An arc is a
		part of a circle.
ark	" ärk	名詞: (r) 美國的運貨船—
		Arks move slowly along
		the shore. (2) 耶教聖經中:
		挪亞的方舟—The ark ap-
		peared like a large box
		rather than a boat. (3) 摩
		西的約櫃—What was kept
		in the ark?
10. ascent	ə'-sent;	名詞: (1) 登高—Our as-
	ă-çent'	cent was very difficult. (2)
		崗巒—There is a high as-
		cent behind the village.
		(3) 階級—A stone ascent

leads to the ancestral hall.

Group No. Pronunciation Explanation 名詞: 許可, 首肯—I would assent ə'-sent: ă-sĕnt' not do this until my father gives his assent. 動詞: 應允—Indulgent mothers usually assent to every request of their daughters. II. auger 'oigə*; a'ger 名詞: 大螺旋鑽—The carpenter is boring a large hole with his auger. " a'gur 名詞: 看股兆而預告吉凶者 augur -That old man claims to be a great augur. 動詞: 占卜—He augurs your future from the words you happen to choose. 名詞: 隋便何物, 任何部份 12. aught oit; at -For aught I know he is an imposter. 輔動詞: 應當—Every boy ,, ôt ought ought to love his parents. 名詞: 是,贊成一The ayes ei: ī 13. aye

eye

doctor see your sore eye. 動詞:看, 視—She eyed him with suspicion.

名詞: 眼, 目—Let the

were in the majority.

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Group	No.	Pronunci	ation
	I	ai ī	
14.	bad	bæd;	băd
	bade	**	,,
15.	bail	beil;	bāl
	hala		10-6

Explanation

代名詞: 我—Idon't know you.

形容詞: 惡劣—You are a good boy; he is a bad boy.

動詞: (1) 囑咐 (bid 的過去式)—I bade him go. (2) 叮嚀—He bade me good-by.

名詞: (r) 法庭上擔保的人—Mr. Lin became the defendant's bail. (2) 擔保—The defendant was released on bail. (3) 壺, 桶上活動的把柄—The bail of the kettle is broken. (4) 防禦工程的外棚—You cannot take the town hall unless you break through the bail. (5) 馬房的闌木—I tied your horse to the sunny side of the bail.

動詞: 擔保—I bailed him. 名詞: (1) 一包或一捆的貨 物—Mr. Dung bought three hundred bales of cotton today. (2) 災殃—We are going through long days of bale.

動詞: 打包—'We shall bale the cotton.

Explanation

16. ball boil; bal

名詞: (1) 球—Do you like to play ball with me? (2) 砲彈—How heavy is this cannon ball? (3) 跳舞會—Mrs. Chang had a winter ball at her home last night.

動詞: 摶成球形—The snow will *ball* as it rolls down the hill.

bawl ", "

動詞: 呼喊—Did you hear the village people bawl at each other?

名詞: 呼喊—I cannot stand their bawl.

17. bard baid; bärd

名詞: (1) 詩翁—There were many bards in Tang dynasty. (2) 鎧甲—The bard was formerly worn by a man at arms. (3) 火腿片—You may lay the bard on the pheasant now.

barred ,, ,;

動詞 (bar 的過去式): (1) 閉—We have barred the door. (2) 阻—The way to the house is barred. (3) 用 條彩做記號—They barred the cover of the box.

Explanation

18. bare bee*r; bâr

形容詞: 赤裸的, 沒有遮蔽的—(1) It is proper for children to go with bare arms in summer time. (2) The trees are bare in my yard. (3) I am telling you the bare truth.

動詞: 使赤裸, 去遮蓋—In the narrow shops it is so hot that the clerks have to bare their bosoms at work.

名詞: (1) 熊—Standing on its hind feet a large bear is said to be able to hug a person to death. (2) 鄙夫—The fellow is a bear.

動詞:(1)負荷—Bear arms and fight for your country. (2)忍,當—I cannot bear your crying. (3) 生產—The cat will soon bear a few kittens.

名詞: (1) 英國的男爵—The wife of a baron is called baroness. (2) 丈夫—He is her baron.

形容詞: (1)不能孕育—She seems to be barren of children. (2) 瘠的—This is a barren land. (3) 缺乏的—His speech is barren of interest.

bear ,, ,,

19. baron 'bærən; băr'on

> barren 'bæren; băr'ĕn

Explanation

20. base beis; bas

名詞: (1) 脚, 底—At the base of the hill you will find some sweet springs. (2) 基—The base of a wall should be well laid. (3) 根據地—The Germans got Tsing-tao as their naval base. (4) 低調 (等於 bass)—Do you sing base or tenor?

動詞: 基於—On what reasons do you base your argument?

形容詞: 低下的, 鄙卑的— (1) That is a base fellow. (2) No country should issue base coins.

bass ", ",

名詞: (1) 低音或低調—Mr. Wang has a strong voice for bass. (2) 唱低調的人—Who is the bass of the quartet?

形容詞: 音沉的—I heard the bass sound most clearly.

21. bask balsk; básk

動詞: (1) 爆煖—It is pleasant for those village children to bask in the winter sun. (2) 沾恩—Let the poor people bask in your benevolence.

Explanation

basque ba:sk; bask 名詞: (1) 美國女人的腰 服—The dress maker will finish her basque tomorrow. (2) 歐洲 Bay of Biscay 地 方的人, 或他的語言一A Basque looks different from a Frenchman.

bei; bā 22. bay

名詞: (1) 海灣—This bay, used now by our navy, is closed to foreign ships. (2) 房子內的牀梁間—We are going to put a large looking glass in the middle bay. (3) 倉房內的儲器處—Can the children play in the bay? (4) 桂—We have planted a number of bay trees in the garden. (5) 吠聲—At night we are often waked by the bay of the street curs. (6) 堰隄—Here is the bay that shuts off the water from flooding our town.

動詞: (1) 閘水—This dam will bay up the water. (2) 吠—The dogs will bay at the bear.

Group No.	Pronunciation	Explanation
bey	bei; b <u>e</u>	名詞: 土耳其各省的省長— The bey had an interview with the American news- paper man.
23. be	bi:; bē	動詞: 是—I shall be twenty-one years old to-morrow.
bee	""	名詞: (1) 蜜蜂—The bee is a useful insect; it can supply us with honey. (2) 合作或俱樂之鄰社—The bee of Si-hu is a popular one.
24. beach	bi:t∫; bēch	名詞: 江湖或海的斜岸—Come, let us take a walk along the sandy beach. 動詞: 使船擱岸—They beach their ship.
beech	33 33 .	名詞: 樹名, 山毛欅—Some boats are made of beech.
25. beat	bi:t; bēt	動詞: (1) 連打—Birds beat the air with their wings. (2) 扑打—Don't let the cruel master beat the boy on the head. (3) 膝—He can beat you in mathematics. (4) 衝撞—The waves beat against the shore. (5) 圍獵—We will beat the hunting ground. (6) 跳動—Our hearts beat

Explanation

beat

bi:t; bēt

with joy at the victory of our army. (7) 船逆風横進
—The wind is against us, so we shall have to beat.

名詞: (1) 一擎一The beat was too heavy for the little boy. (2) 擊打一Do you hear the beat of the drum? (3) 巡察的路—At our school the night-watchman is always on his beat: (4) 節拍一Follow the beat of the choir master.

beet

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名詞: 蘿蔔—We eat beets in China, but we do not make sugar out of them.

26. beau bou; bo

名詞: 好時髦服裝而常注意 於女人的男人—He is a beau, a lady's man.

bow

名詞: (1) 弓—Our fore-father used to fight with bows and arrows. (2) 弓形的物件—In playing violin you have to draw the bow across the strings in order to make a sound. (3) 線或帶的活結—What a beautiful bow you have made with the ribbon!

Group No.	Pronunciation		Explanation
27. been			動詞 (be 的過去分詞): 是
	bin o	r ben	
			days.
bin	bin;	bin	名詞: 盛五穀或煤炭的大箱
			—In each kitchen there is a
			wooden bin for holding rice.
28. beer	bi:r;	bēr	
			buy beer or whiskey in
			America.
bier	. ,,	"	名詞: (1) 棺木架—The rel-
			atives of the deceased fol-
			lowed the bier to the grave.
			(2) 棺材—The bier of the
			rich man cost five hundred
			taels.
29. bell	bel;	běl	名詞:(1) 鐘—Do you know
		500	how loud a sound that mon-
			astery bell can make? (2)
			鈴—That silver bell was
			given to me for my birthday
			present. (3) 鐘號或鈴號一
			Hear the supper bell.
belle	1 19	79	名詞: 美女—Miss Hu is
			the bells of our school.