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语法是语言学习的重要环节。无论哪种语言，都有自己的语法体系。英语语法和汉语语法有相通的地方，但更多的是不同。因此，要想学到正确、地道的英语，就必须学习掌握英语语法。学会语法，可以起到以一晓十，触类旁通的作用。

《牛津实用英语语法》是专门为非英语国家的英语学习者编写的学习用书。全书分 34 章，以词类为纲，用浅易的现代英语对英语语法结构及其习惯用法进行了全面系统的论述。特别是对外国学习者容易感到困难的项目做了细致透彻的讲解。对于许多意义相近的语法形式和词语在用法上的差别，都作了扼要说明。在每一条说明下面都配有大量典型例句。另外，本书还在必要的地方指出了严格的语法惯用法与日常会话形式之间的区别，并把侧重点放在日常会话形式上，可以使学习者不仅从本书中学到基本的语法规则，还可以学到英语国家的人在日常生活中怎样讲话。因此，书中许多例句都是两个人之间的简短对话，更加生动、简洁、实用。

本书自 1960 年第一次出版以来，受到各国英语学习者和教师的普遍欢迎，屡经修订再版。现在我们出版的这本是牛津大学出版社推出的最新版本，内容更加完善，可供中、高级英语学习者使用，也可用作英语教师的教学参考书。

Preface to the fourth edition

A Practical English Grammar is intended for intermediate and post-intermediate students. We hope that more advanced learners and teachers will also find it useful.

The book is a comprehensive survey of structures and forms, written in clear modern English and illustrated with numerous examples. Areas of particular difficulty have been given special attention. Differences between conversational usage and strict grammatical forms are shown but the emphasis is on conversational forms.

In the fourth edition the main changes are as follows:

- 1 Explanations and examples have been brought up to date.
- 2 There is now more information on countable and uncountable nouns, attributive and predicative adjectives, adverbs of place, sentence adverbs, cleft sentences, prepositions, conjunctions, modal verbs, perfect tenses, infinitive constructions, the passive, purpose clauses and noun clauses.
- 3 Some material has been rearranged to make comparisons easier. For example, parts of chapters on *can*, *may*, *must* etc. are now grouped by function; verbs of liking and preference have a chapter to themselves; suggestions and invitations have joined the chapter on commands, requests and advice.
- 4 The contents list now summarizes every section heading, and there is a new index containing many more entries and references.

In this edition the sign '~' is frequently used to denote a change of speaker in examples of dialogue. Note also that although the sign '=' sometimes connects two words or expressions with the same meaning, it is often used more freely, e.g. to indicate a transformation from active to passive or direct to indirect speech.

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