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内容提要

本书系根据日本出版的《英语文法、作文百问百答》编译而成。编译者在该书基础上,结合中国学生的具体情况作了增删,使内容更加充实,弥补了我国一般英语教科书的不足,集中解决了许多常用而又常易出错的英语语法问题。可供学习英语的中学生和一般英语自修者阅读,也可作为准备投考大学的考生的复习参考材料。

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前 言

这本小册子是在日本城北高等补习学校校长田中饶先生 原著《英语文法、作文百问百答》的基础上,结合我国学生 英语学习中较易发生差错的具体情况编译而成的。

原书在东京有朋堂作为高考丛书出版后, 受到全国学生的广泛欢迎, 六年间便已重版十二次。

原书例解了日本一般高考学生在英语语法、作文造句、填空以及改错等方面最易出错、最易混淆的一些问题。在纲目编排方面,也比较醒目,能使读者在开卷之初便得出明确的概念,便于记忆。

本书针对我国学生的具体情况,除在编排大纲上仍归纳 为"百问百答"的形式外,在内容方面又适当地加以调整, 并增编了若干条目,以期能够更好地帮助我国读者一目了然 地掌握这些语法的特点,克服因汉语的影响而在英语的运用 上出现的一些偏差。

相信本书不仅可供一般中学以上学生自学之用,而且可供一般英语教学工作者参考。

由于编译者水平有限, 书中难免存在不少缺点和问题, 希望读者批评、指正。

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工.时间用语

1

in the evening 与 at night

"晚上八点左右"译成英语时,应该写作 at eight in the evening 呢? 还是写作 at eight at night 呢? 正确的译法当然是 at eight in the evening。

[例] 当我到达北京的时候,已经是晚上八点左右了。 It was (at) about eight (o'clock) in the evening when I got to Beijing.

[注] () 里的 at 和 o'clock 也可以省略。

试思考下句中的 at night:

[例] 我晚上十一点钟以后睡觉。

I go to bed after eleven at night.

必须将 evening 和 night 的时间界限正确地区别开来。一般说来,从午后六点到十点以前的这段时间为evening,也不妨认为从日落到就寝时止是 evening,其次从十点钟到十二点钟为night。因此可以肯定上面的 at night 是正确的。

另外英语中一般时刻的划分如下:

7 a. m. to 12 --- in the morning

12 —at noon

12 to 6 p.m. -in the afternoon

6 to 10 p.m.—in the evening 10 to 12—at night

11 to 12 ——late at night

12 to 7 a.m.—early in the morning

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at 10 a. m. 与 at ten a. m.

表达 "在午前十点钟" 这类短语时, 可不可以 写 作 at ten a. m. 呢?

a.m.(午前)是拉丁语 ante meridiem 的缩写式,而 p.m (午后) 是拉丁语 post meridiem 的缩写式,二者前面都用数字来表示时刻,因此当把"我早晨六点钟起床"这类句子译成英语时如果写作: I get up at six a.m. 这便很不符合英语的习惯表达方式,应改成:

I get up at six in the morning.

I get up at 6 a. m.

[注] a. m.; p. m. 也可以大写。

伴随月份的日期同样也习惯于用数字表达。试看下句:

〔例〕 谨订于十二月二十五日下午四时在工人俱乐部举 行晚会,敬请光临。

You are cordially invited to a party to be given at the Workers' Club at 4 p. m. Dec. 25.

2

at 1): 45 与 at forty-five minutes past ten

"十点四十五分"是否可以译作 at forty-five minutes past ten 呢? 回答是否定的。

表达钟点的时刻以半小时为一个界限。表示"几点几分"时要先说分,后说钟点。在半小时以前(包括半小时在内)要用"分钟数+past+钟点数"这个形式。但在半小时以后(不包括半小时在内)便要用"分钟数+to+下一个钟点数"的形式。

在(d)(e)例中,虽然中文中可以说"八点",但 英文中却不能用 eight 来表示。

〔例〕 我在六点三刻动身,八点半到达。

I started at a quarter to seven, and arrived at half past eight.

但如果阅读用数字表示的行车时间表、上课时间表等则可以直接照表上的数字读。此外,在日常生活中谈到时刻时也可以用这种简便的说法。因此,八点四十五分,用 8.45,八点过五十分,用 8.50 表示便可。

〔例〕 开往上海的列车下午一点四十五分从 北 京 站 出

发。

The train bound for Shanghai will leave Beijing at 1:45 p. m.

[注 意]

- (1) 1:45 读 one forty-five.
- (2) 1和45中间用(·)或(:)都可以。但在行车时间表上或以发车时间做为该车的代称或称呼的一部分时,用(·)的场合比较多。
 - [例] 十一点二十五分的列车误点几分钟以后终于进站了。 At last the 11.25 came in, a few minutes behind time.

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a quarter past ten 与 quarter past ten

quarter "四分之一,十五分" 前面的不定冠 词 a 可加可不加。

half past ten "十点半", 也可写作 a half past ten。

[例] 为了搭头一班火车,在五点半左右我便和父亲从家里出来了。

In order to catch the first train, my father and I left home at half past five

(注) 上面 half past five 中的 past 也可以用 after 代替。

[例] 现在是三点十五分。

It is a quarter { past three after

[例] 我在六点一刻动身,十二点半就到了。

I started at a quarter past six and arrived at half past twelve.

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by the 8.30 train 5 by 8.30 train

"乘八点半的火车"可不可以写作 by 8.30 train? 象 by train, by car 这类词组通常是不加冠词的, 但在 用来表示特定的车的时候,可以附加定冠词 the。

- [例] 他搭乘晚间七点半的快车去西安了。
 He left for Xi'an by the 7.30 express in the evening.
- [例] 行李准备由十一点十分的火车运走。 The luggage was to go by the 11.10.

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on the morning 5 in the morning

"在上午"、"在下午"、"在晚上" 都要分别用 in the morning, in the afternoon, in the evening 来表示。

- [例] 他通常是早上出去晚上回来。
 He generally goes out in the morning and comes home in the evening.
- [例] 王师傅每天早晨总是第一个先到车间来。
 Master Wang is always the first to get to the workshop in the morning.
- 〔例〕 她晚上经常有很多会要开。

She usually has a lot of meetings to attend in the evenings.

当表达"在某天早上"、"在某日的前夕"等指明特定日期的时候,便不用 in 而用 on, 用 on the morning (afternoon, evening, night) of 来表示。

- [例] 我在三月二十五日的早晨到达此地。

 On the morning of the 25 th of March
 I arrived here.
- [例] 星期日的早晨我到业余学校去。
 On Sunday morning I go to the spare-time school.
- [例] 这戏上演的第一晚我们就看到了。
 We saw the play on the first night.
- [例] 八月二十日晚上七点钟火车开始返回沈阳。
 At seven o'clock on the evening of August 20 the train started back to Shenyang.
- [例] 他们在临行前夕举行了一次告别宴会。
 On the eve of their departure, they gave a farewell banquet.

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this morning 与 in this morning

"今天早晨"、"今天下午"、"今天晚上"都分别用 this morning, this afternoon, this evening 来表示, 切不可再加 "in"。

[例] 今天早晨我在北京车站遇见了王同志。

I met Comrade Wang at the Beijing Railway Station this morning.

- [例] 我想他今晚要回来,他回来时我将说什么呢?
 I think he will come back this evening, what shall I say when he comes back?
- [例] 今天早上来的是谁?
 Who was it that called this morning?

[注 意]

- (1) "今天"、"今晚"、"今夜" 要分别用 to-day, to-night 来表示。to-day, to-night, to-morrow 中的(-) 符号也可以省略,直接写成 today, tonight, tomorrow。
 - (2) "今年" 要写作 this year, 而不是 in this year,

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tomorrow morning 与 next morning

在类似"明天上午九点"这样的短语里,要写作tomorrow morning,但决不能写成 next morning。

同样,"明天下午"要写作 tomorrow afternoon, 决不能写成 next afternoon。

〔例〕 我明天上午可以和您见面。

I shall be able to see you tomorrow morning.

(注 意)

next morning 是"第二天早晨(上午)",因此在用法上显然不同于tomorrow morning。

〔例〕 我们第二天上午便离开那个镇了。

We left the town (the) next morning.

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on Sunday last 与 on last Sunday

"在上星期日"可写作 last Sunday, 或将 last 放在 Sunday 之后, 前面用 on, 写成 on Sunday last, 但却不可写作 on last Sunday。

同样,"在下星期日"要写作 on Sunday next 或 next Sunday, 而不能写作 on next Sunday。

[例] 上星期三我拜访了一个朋友。
I went to see a friend last Wednesday
(或 on Wednesday last).

「例」 下星期一我们将庆祝国庆。
We'll celebrate National Day next Monday
(或 on Monday next).

〔注 意〕

- (1) "下星期的今天"、"上星期的今天"可以用 this day week 或 today week 来表示。
 - [例] 下星期的今天再见吧! I will see you again this day week(或 today week).
 - [例] 上星期的今天她在这里。

 She was here this day week(或 today week).
 - (2) "星期几"的开头第一个字母都必须大写: Sunday(星期日), Monday(星期一), Tuesday(星期二), Wednesday (星期三), Thursday(星期四), Friday(星期五), Saturday(星期六).

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