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### 内容提要

本书是一部阐释英语常用词用法的工具书,内容涉及词法、 句法、语言逻辑、文体、惯用法、词义辨析等方面。全书约 2000 条,例句典型,解析精当,实用性强,可供大、中学生、英语教师 和一般英语学习者参考、使用。

# 前言

本书是为我国有中级以上英语水平的英语学习者编写的 小型工具书,旨在帮助他们解决学习和运用英语时所遇到的 问题。

我们长期从事英语教学和研究工作。平时通过与不同英语水平的学生交谈、课外辅导答疑和批改作业,对他们在英语学习中经常遇到的疑难问题和犯的错误有较多的了解,积累了大量的第一手资料。有时对同一个问题,我们要在不同的场合向不同的学生解释(或批改)数十遍,甚至上百遍,就好像一个医生天天要处理那些伤风感冒、头痛脑热之类的多发病一样。于是我们萌生了一个想法:何不将这些"多发病"汇集起来,指出病因和疗救的办法,为莘莘学子扫清学习过程中的障碍?

为了编好这本书,我们除了对已积累的素材进行认真地处理外,还参阅了数十种国内、外有影响的语言方面的著作和各类词典,对大量的语言材料进行爬罗剔抉。在筛选的过程中,我们心中始终想着广大的学生和读者:他们学习中可能遇到的问题和困难,他们在使用英语时最容易犯的错误,等等。总之,经常使我国学生感到困惑的问题都在本书的讨论范围之内,因此本书的内容涉及面较广,它包括词法、句法、语言逻辑、文体、惯用法、词义辨析等。

我们努力把本书编得非常实用,但又不完全排斥对一些

高深问题的探讨。例句力求典型,解释简明扼要,尽量做到"一语破的"。除了一般的说明外,还提供了一些刚刚被接受的用法。此外,对口语和书面语、正式英语和非正式英语、英国英语和美国英语、常见用法和不常见用法、严格的说法和不严格的说法,以及应避免的用法等也一一作了区别。

为了便于读者查阅,我们将条目按关键词的字母顺序排列,对典型错误先进行对比,然后加以阐释,使读者一目了然。

我们学养不厚,水平有限,疏漏和不当之处一定难免,望 广大读者惠予指正。

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# 略语表

a. 形容词

adv. 副词

aux. v. 助动词

conj. 连词

*n*. 名词

num. 数词

prep. 介词

pron. 代词

rel. pron. 关系代词

v. 动词

vi. 不及物动词

vt. 及物动词

&. 和

AmE. 美国英语

BrE. 英国英语

### A

### **a** art 一,任一,每一

Wrong: A friend of mine, not two, came to see me.

Right: One friend of mine, not two, came to see me.

我的一个朋友,不是两个,来看我。

进行对比时,用 one,不宜用 a. 例如: I have one pen, but two pencils. 我有一支钢笔,但有两支铅笔。

### abandon vt. 地卉; 放弃

Wrong: Don't abandon to despair.

Right: Don't abandon yourself to despair.

别自暴自弃。

abandon oneself to 是习语, 意为"陷入"、"沉溺于", 反身代词不能省去。又如: She abandoned herself to grief. 她悲痛欲绝。

### able a. 有能力的,有才干的;显示出才华的

Avoid: This work is not able to be finished in a month.

Right: This work cannot be finished in a month.

这工作一个月内不能完成。

able 后通常接主动语态的动词不定式,不接被动语态的动词不定式。

Wrong: Are you able to speak Chinese?

Right: Can you speak Chinese?

你会讲汉语吗?

be able to, 总的说来,与 can 同义,二者常可互换使用,但是,

当 can 意为"知道如何做……"时,不能用 be able to 来代替。

abound vi. (物产)丰富;盛产,富于;充满

Wrong: Fish is abounded in the river.

Right: Fish abounds in the river.

The river abounds in fish.

这条河鱼多。

abound 是不及物动词,不能用于被动语态。除与介词 in 连用外, abound 也可与介词 with 连用。例如: This country abounds with fruit. 这个国家盛产水果。That region abounds with rain all the year round. 那个地区终年多雨。

about prep. 在各处,在周围;关于,对于

Avoid: He is about answering the question.

Right: He is about to answer the question.

他正要回答这个问题。

be about 后虽然也有人用-ing 分词,但不规范。在规范英语中, 其后应接动词不定式。

Wrong: They are about to start off at once.

They are about to start out immediately.

Right: They are about to start off/out.

他们即将出发。

be about to do 不能和 at once 和 immediately 连用,因为它本身的意思是"即将"、"将要"、"正要"。

Casual: We heard a lecture about modern English literature.

Careful: We heard a lecture on modern English literature.

我们听了关于现代英国文学的讲座。

academic textbooks, lectures, formal reports 等词后; 通常跟介词 on; letters, novels, plays 等词后一般跟介词 about.

absent a. 不在,缺席

Wrong: Mr. Smith was absent at the meeting.

Right: Mr. Smith was absent from the meeting.

史宏斯先生没来开会。

absent 表示 "不在"、"缺席",常与介词 from 连用,不能用 at. 又如: Tom was absent from school yesterday. 汤姆昨天没有来上学。He was absent from his work without leave. 他擅离职守。

Wrong: I went to his house just now but he was absent.

Right: I went to his house just now but he was out.

I went to his house just now but he wasn't in. 我刚才去他家,但他不在。

"不在家"英语说 be out 或 be not in, 不能用 absent. absent 指本应参加而没有出席。

Wrong: This word is absent from the dictionary.

Right: This word is absent in the dictionary.

这个词词典上没有。

"某处没有……" 英语说 be absent in, 不用介词 from。又如: Snow is absent in some countries. 有些国家终年无雪。

absent v. 缺席,不到

Wrong: I absented from school yesterday.

I was absented from school yesterday.

Right: I absented myself from school yesterday. 我昨天没有去上学。

absent 作动词,习惯上与反身代词连用。

absolutely adv. 完全地;绝对地

Wrong: You are wrong absolutely.

Right: You are absolutely wrong.

你完全错了。

absolutely 修饰形容词时,应置于该形容词前;修饰动词时,可位于动词前;也可位于其后。例如: He refused absolutely. 他断然拒绝。He absolutely refused to discuss the matter any further. 他断然

拒绝进一步讨论那件事。

absolve vt. 解除; 免除; 开脱

Wrong: They absolved all his responsibility.

Right: They absolved him from all his responsibility.

他们免除了他的一切责任。

absolve 虽为及物动词,但不能直接用名词作宾语。表示"免除……的 责任 [罪等]",应说 absolve sb. from/of responsibility (guilt). 例如: State education does not absolve a parent from his responsibility to his child. 国家教育并未免除父母对子女的责任。

accept vt. 接受,领受;承认,认可

Wrong: I have accepted to go to a dinner with them.

Right: I have accepted their invitation to go to a dinner.

我接受了与他们共进晚餐的邀请。

accept 后一般跟名词或 what 从句等,不能跟动词不定式。例如: I accept your excuse. 我同意你的辩解。Do you accept what he told you? 你同意他跟你说的话吗?

Wrong: Thank you for your gift, but I really can't accept.

Right: Thank you for your gift, but I really can't accept it.

谢谢你的礼物,但我确实不能接受。

accept 是及物动词,其后一定要有宾语。

accommodate vi. 留宿;供应,供给

Wrong: They accommodated me a nice room.

Right: They accommodated me with a nice room.

They accommodated a nice room to me.

他们给我提供了一间好房间。

accommodate 作"提供"解,其后不能跟双宾语。

accommodation n. 膳宿供应;招待设备

BrE: Accommodation in London is very expensive.

AmE: Accommodations in London are very expensive.

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### 在伦敦食宿很贵。

accommodation 在英国英语中一般用作不可数名词,在美国英语口语中,可用作可数名词。

### accompany vt. 伴随, 陪同; 为……伴奏

Wrong: One day his father accompanied him to go to school.

Right: One day his father accompanied him to school.

有一天他的父亲陪他去学校。

accompany sb. to 本身就有 go with 的含义。再者, to 在 accompany sb. to 短语中是介词,故其后也不能用动词不定式。

Wrong: He stayed at home to accompany his wife.

Right: He stayed at home to keep his wife company.

### 他待在家里陪伴妻子。

accompany 的意思是"陪某人去某地",不能表示"陪某人待在……"。

### accord n. 一致

Wrong: He did it on his own accord.

Right: He did it of his own accord.

### 他主动地做了这事。

"自动, 自愿" 英语说 of one's accord, 不可说 on one's own accord, 但可说 on one's own (独自地; 靠自己力量)。例如: I'm on my own today. 今天只有我一个人。I can't carry it on my own. 这东西我一个人拿不动。

### according adv. 按照,依据

Wrong: According to me, the scheme is unsound.

Right: In my opinion, the scheme is unsound.

我认为这个计划不完善。

在英语中, according to 用于引述客观情况, 一般不接 me 和 us, 接 you 也不普通, 但可接 him. 例如: According to him, this is an excellent book. 据他说, 这是一本好书。

### account n. 叙述,说明;帐;帐户

Avoid: She was annoyed on account of I was late.

Right: She was annoyed because I was late.

她因为我迟到而恼怒。

在美国虽有人用 account of 代替连词 becanse, 但此用法有争议, 不宜模仿。

Wrong: On no account visitors are allowed to feed the animals.

Right: On no account are visitors allowed to feed the animals.

参观者不得给动物喂食。

含有 no 的短语置于句首表示强调时,句子要倒装。又如: Under no circumstances can customers' money be refunded. 在任何情况下不得给顾客退钱。At no time was the President aware of what was happening. 总统一直不知道发生了什么事。

account vt. 说明;把……视为

Wrong: We account him as a genius.

Right: We account him a genius.

We account him to be a genius.

我们认为他是天才。

account 作"把……视为"解,是及物动词,不能与介词 as 连用。 又如: I account him (to be) a fool. 我认为他是个傻瓜。

accuse vt. 控告; 谴责

Wrong: She accused the man for murder.

She accused the man to have committed murder.

She accused the man that he had committed murder.

Right: She accused the man of murder.

She charged that the man had committed murder.

她控告那人犯有谋杀罪。

accuse 一般与介词 of 连用, 其后不能接 for 引起的短语, 也不能接动词不定式和 that 从句。

### accused a. 被控告的

Avoid: The judge asked the accused person to stand up, and he stood up.

Right: The judge asked the accused to stand up, and he stood up. 法官要被告站起来,他便站起来了。

在谈到审判时, 常说 the accused, 一般不说 the accused person 或 the accused people.

### accustom v1. 使习惯

Avoid: I'm accustomed to live in the country.

Right: I'm accustomed to living in the country.

我在乡下住惯了。

在早期英语中, accustomed to 后虽然可接动词原形,但近几十年来这种用法不普通了,因为现在人们一般把这种结构中的 to 看成介词,其后接-ing 分词或名词。

Wrong: I accustom to hard work.

Right: I accustom myself to hard work.

I'm accustomed to hard work.

我干惯了重活。

accustom 作动词,习惯上与反身代词连用,其意思相当于 be accustomed to.

### ache vi. 痛;疼痛

Wrong: My throat aches me very often.

Right: My throat pains me very often.

我经常喉咙痛。

ache 是不及物动词。例如: My head aches terribly. 我头痛得厉害。

### acknowledge v. 承认

Wrong: They acknowledged to have been defeated.

Right: They acknowledged their defeat.

They acknowledged themselves (to be) defeated.

They acknowledged having been defeated.

They acknowledged that they were defeated.

他们承认输了。

acknowledge 后不能跟动词不定式。

### acquaint vt. 使认识,使了解

Wrong: I acquainted Mary.

Right: I was acquainted with Mary.

I know Mary.

我认识玛丽。

acquaint 作"认识某人"解, 用于 be acquainted with sb. 结构, 不用于主动形式。此外, 还可说 I got acquainted with Mary. I became acquainted with Mary.

如果要表示"使某人结识另一个人"的意思,则应说: I want to make/get Mary acquainted with John, 不说 I want to acquaint Mary with John.

### acquire vt. 取得,获得;学到

Wrong: His honesty acquired a good name.

Right: His honesty acquired him a good name.

他的诚实使他获得了好名声。

acquire 以人或组织作主语时,其后接单宾语;以事物作主语时,一般接双宾语。试比较:

He acquired a good reputation for being kind to the poor. 他以对穷人好而出名。

His kindness to the poor acquired him a good reputation. 他对穷人好使他获得了好名声。

### action n. 行动;行为;活动

Wrong: He was caught in the action of stealing.

Right: He was caught in the act of stealing.

他在行窃时被当场抓住。

这两个词虽然常可互换使用,但当强调具体的动作时,应用act,不宜用action.action 往往偏重于抽象的行动。比较:

A concerted and unified action is required.

需要采取联合一致的行动。

In the act of picking up the ball, he slipped and fell. 他在检球时滑了一跤。

add v. 加:增加

Wrong: Four adds four is eight.

Right: Four added to four is eight.

Four plus four is eight.

4加4等于8。

表示数字相加时,英语一般用介词 plus 或连词 and. 如果用动词 add, 其后一般要用介词 to, 但 add 后如果有 and 连接两个相加的数,则不要 to. 例如: If you add 7 and 8 (together), you get 15.7 加 8 等于 15。

addict v. 使沉溺,使醉心

Wrong: He addicted himself to gamble.

Right: he addicted himself to gambling.

他沉溺于赌博。

addict 与 to 连用, 其后一般接-ing 分词或名词, 不接动词不定式。

address n. 地址, 住址

Wrong: Where is your address?

Right: What's your address?

你的住址在哪儿?

Where do you live?

你住在哪儿?

问某人住址,要用 what 提问,不能用 where.

address vt. 向……讲话

Wrong: He addressed to the audience in an eloquent speech.

Right: He addressed the audience in an eloquent speech.

他向听众做了场很有说服力的演讲。

address 作"向……发表讲话"解,是及物动词,不能用介词 to,但作名词,后面却要用介词 to,例如; the president's address to the students 校长对学生的讲话

Wrong: The students addressed themselves to prepare for the final examination.

Right: The students addressed themselves to preparing for the final examination.

学生忙着期末考试。

在 address oneself to (向……讲话: 致力于)短语中, to 是介词, 不是动词不定式符号。

adhere vi. 坚持

Wrong: He adhered that he would make a journey abroad.

Right: He adhered to his plans to make a journey abroad. 他坚持到国外去旅行的计划。

adhere 是不及物动词,一般与介词 to 连用。若接 that 从句,则要用 insist. 比较:

They adhered to their original plan.

他们坚持原来的计划。

We'll insist that past errors (should) be corrected.

我们坚决主张过去的错误必须纠正。

admire v1. 钦佩;赞美;欣赏

Wrong: I admire at your frankness.

I admire that you are frank.

Right: I admire your frankness.

I admire you for your frankness.

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