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編輯體例

- 1. 俚語及常用口語的選擇:本書去蕪存新選用了美國當今最新,最常用的俚語及常用口語。總計收錄二千餘則,每則俚語下,並有例句 說明使用法
- 2. 俚語及常用日語的排列:寫陳於查閱,本書全部俚語字句均依照字母A-Z的順序排列。
- 3. 音標:本書採用K.K.音標。
- 例句:每個俚語,及常用口語之下,依其不同的定義,附有一則以 上的例句。例句多採自然生動,風趣幽默的對話方式。
- 5. 符號:本書採用了以下的幾種質號:
 - (a) = 表示意義相同,或可互相換用,如:
 blen+(=match), 在此表示 blend 與 match 意義相似。
 get (=have) cold feet. 在此表示可設成 get cold feet, 也
 可說被 nave cold feet.
 - (b) or 构成於二、表示可代換使用、幻: gast (r throw) nearl before swine 表示 cast peurl before swine 文throw pearl before swine 均可。
 - (c) / 表示任選一個均可,如 give (someone) a call/ring/ouzz, 表示 give me a call = give me a ring=give me a buzz, 都是下打個電話給我」的意思。
 - (d) () 表示()內的字可用,可不用,如: take (a) French leave, 表示take a French leave 與 take French leave, 均可。
- 特別註釋:若遇有特別需要解釋及補充說明的地方,在例句之後, 均有特別註釋。

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- 1. a bunch of
 - ①一群②許多
 - ① "They are a bunch of nuts." 「他們是一群瘋子。」
 - ② "I've a bunch of friends."
 「我有一票朋友。」
 - "She gave me a bunch of bananas."
 「她給我一大堆香蕉。」
- 2. a little too far.

有點太過份了! (批評別人的言行過份)

- "You have gone a little too far this time."
 「這次你是有點太過份了。」
- 3. a lot you know!

你知道的真不少!

● "This is the best Cantonese restaurant in town." 「這是本市最好的廣東茶館。」

"A lot you know!"
「你知道的資不少啊!」

4. a lousy choice of words.

[ˈlauzı]

口不擇言;出口不遜

"He called you bitch? It was a lousy choice of words."

「他叫妳母狗?他眞是口不擇言啊!」

5. a man of ideas

足智多謀的人;點子多

- "Let's ask Leif, he's a man of ideas." 「讓我們問問Leif ・他點子很多。」
- 6. (He's) a man who needs no introduction.

[.intrə'dak [ən]

(他是)一個家嗓戸曉的人物(或是好名,或是惡名)

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• "And now, I'd like to introduce a man who needs no introduction, Richard Burton."

「現在,讓我介紹一個家喻戸曉的人物李察波頓。」

7. A promise is a promise.

[\pramis]

答應的事不許反悔。(或不會黃牛)

"You said you will come..."
 「你說你會來的。」
 "Yes, a promise is a promise."

「說話算數,絕不黃牛。」

R. accounts differ

[əˈkaunts]

各執一詞(雙方說詞不一)

"What happened here?"

「這裏發生了什麼事?」

"Accounts differ. I didn't get here until after it was all over, so I don't know who hit who first."

「(他們)各執一詞,我是事情過後才來的,所以我也不知到 底是誰先動手的。」

9. acid (如:LSD)

[ˈæsɪd]

迷幻藥

 "My roommate took some acid last weekend and said he saw God."

「我的室友上週末吃了一些迷幻藥,然後說他看到上帝了。」 註:drop acid 是注射。take acid 是服用。

10. act your age

①穩重一點 ②不要像個小孩一樣

- "Act your age, don't act like a child."
 「穩重一點,別表現得像個小孩一樣。」
- "Act your age, not your shoe size."「表現得像你的年齡一樣,不是像你的鞋子號碼一樣大。」

註:在美國鞋子的尺寸通常是由5-12號,在此引申鞋子號碼為 歲數。

11. ad. [æd] (=advertisement)

廣告

●"Let's put an ad in the newspaper." 「讓我們登個廣告在報紙上吧。」

12. after you

請你先走。(譬如兩人同時出門,讓對方先走,以示謙讓)

• "You first." "No, after you."

「你先請。」「不,你先請。」

13. after (someone)

催人(做某事)

● "He's been after me for months to marry him."
「他已經催了我好幾個月,要我嫁給他。」

14. after the buzzer (=time's up)

['bʌzəː]

時間已超過;時間到 (通常用在電視的比賽節目)

"I'm sorry, Sir. It's after the buzzer."「先生,對不起,時間已經超過了。」

15. (It goes) against my grain.

[gren]

建背(不合)我的個性

● "To tell even a little fib goes against my grain."
「即使撒點小讌也達背我的個性。」

16. album (=record)

['ælbəm]

- ①唱片 ②相簿
- ① "This is ABBA's best album." 「這是 A B B A 最好的唱片。」
- ② "Do you want to take a look at my family album?" 「你想不想看看我們家的相簿? |

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17. all gone

①實光了,②走光了,③没有了;不見了

① • "I'd like some eggs, please."
「我要買些蛋。」

"I'm sorry, the eggs are all gone." 「對不起,蛋已全實光了。」

- ② "By eight o'clock, the guests had all gone." 「八點左右,客人全走光了。」
- ⑤ "Hey, my books are all gone! Did you take them?"
 「嘿,我的書全不見了,你有没有拿?」
- 18. all in (or done)

累壞了!

● "Boy, I'm all in." 「老天,我質累壞了。 |

19. All Fools' Day

愚人节 (西俗 4 月 1 日, 朋友间在这天可以互相愚弄。)

• "Mary was hited by a car, I am not making All Fools Day's joke, "

"玛丽被车撞伤了,不是哄你的。"

20. ALL SALES ARE FINAL!

[selz] ['fainl]

貨物出門,概不退還!

• "Excuse me ma'am, this shirt is too big for me. Can I have my money back?"

「小姐(女士)打擾一下,這件襯衫太大了,是不是可以退錢?」

"I'm sorry, ALL SALES ARE FINAL."

「對不起(我們)貨物出門,概不退還。」

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21. all set

一切準備好了

● "How is everything?" "Don't worry. It's all set."
「怎麼樣了?」 「別擔心・一切都已經準備好了。」

22. All sold out

[sold]

①客滿 ②實光了

● "Sorry, It's all sold out."
「對不起,客滿了/賣光了。」

註:汽車旅社及一般出租公寓外頭常見"No Vacancy"也是表示 客滿。

23. All that glitters is not gold.

['glitəz]

(發光的東西未必是金子)中看未必中用。

"I didn't expect Jim to be so stupid."

"Yeah, all that glitters is not gold."
「我没想到 Jim 會那麼笨。」

「是啊,中看的東西未必中用。|

24. all the same

- ①無所謂都一樣 ②外表一樣無法辨別 ③ (=nevertheless) 雖然如此;但是
- ① "Would you like a cup of coffee or tea?"
 "Either will be fine, it's all the same to me."
 「你要咖啡還是茶?」「都可以,反正對我說來都一樣。」
- ② "Which one is real? They look all the same." 「那一個是真的?他們看上去都是一樣的。」
- ⑤ "The movie downtown is supposed to be really good."
 「據設市中心上映的電影很棒。」

"All the same I'd rather stay home and study." 「雖然如此,我還是情願留在家裏唸書。」

25. all the time 經常的

● "I think of you all the time." 「我經常想到你。」

26. all the way

- ①從……(來),②極端的轉變
- ① "She came to Taipei all the way from New York." 「她遠從紐約來到台北。」
- ②● "He went all the way from a member of the Democratic Party to the head of the Republican Party in five years." 「五年之内,他從一名民主黨的黨員,變成共和黨的領袖。」

27. (To be) all thumbs

 $[\theta_{\Lambda} m z]$

笨手笨脚

● "I'm all thumbs. Could you help me tie this knot?"
「你能幫我打這個結嗎?我真是笨手笨脚的。 |

28. all wet (=completely mistaken)

[wet]

完全搞錯了!完全誤會了!

• "He's all wet. He thinks Ronald Reagan can solve all our problems."

「他完全搞錯了。他以爲 Ronald Reagon 能解決我們一切的問題。

29. All-American

- ①美國國家代表隊。②典型的美國理想型的人物(高壯振亮、出風頭等等,通常指男的)
- ① "John Smith is going to Tokyo with the All-American basketball team."

「John Smith 將跟美國國家代表籃球隊去東京(賽球)」

②● "He's not only a three-letter man, he's also a straight A student, you know, one of those All-American types." 「他不僅僅代表三個球隊,他的學業成績也是全部甲等,你知道,他就是那種人人都想成爲的美國理想型的人物。」

30. All-star game

明星隊(美國職業球隊由各隊所選出最傑出球員組成的明星隊。)

"This will be Peter's last chance to play in the All-star game."
 「這將是 Peter 最後一次打明星隊的機會。」

31. allow me

[əˈlaʊ]

請讓我來(如幫女士開門,拿重的東西)

"Allow me." "Thank you."

「讓我來。」 「謝謝。」

32. ambuiance chaser

['æmbjələns] ['tfesa]

專辦交通事故損害賠償的律師(指凡是意外事件發生——豐機、車 嗣——湧到現場找生意的律師,這些律師爲了賺打官司錢,常常將 小事化大,遊說受害者打官司,控告對方。)

• "After the plane crashed, all the ambulance chasers showed up at the emergency room."

「在墜機之後,所有的專辦交通事故賠償的律師都出現在急診處。」

33. amusing

[əˈmjuzɪŋ]

有趣(也可用來做反對話,表示没趣。)

● "That's amusing."

34. An eye for an eye (and) a tooth for a tooth.

. 以牙還牙,以眼還眼。

• "You shouldn't try to get revenge."

「你不該試圖報復的」

"Even the Bible says an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. I'll get even with him."

「即使聖經上也說以眼還眼,以牙還牙,我要跟他扯平才行。」

35. anchor man

('æŋkə-)

- ①敬陪末座;倒數第一名。②電視新聞主播
- ① "He is the anchor man of the class of 1980." 「他是 1980年班的倒數第一名。 |

「我不喜歡(ABC)新聞的主播。|

註: Action News 是美國廣播公司(ABC)的新聞節目名稱。

2 • "I don't like the anchor man for Action News."

36. Another day, another dollar.

又是一天(不喜歡自己的工作,寫生活而工作的怨言) "Time's up, we can go now. Another day, another dollar." 「時間到了,我們可以下班了。唉!又是一天!!

37. (one's) answer bore little relevance

['relavans]

(某人的)回答不關痛癢;顧左右而言他(你問柬,他答西)

• "What did she say?" 「妯說什麼?」

"Her answer bore little relevance." 「我問東, 妣答西。」

38. any better?

好一點没有? 有没有起色?

- "Are you any better?" "Much better." 「好一點了没有?! 「好多了。1
- "Is your new landlord any better?" "Not really." 「你的新房東比以前那個好一點吧?! 「不見得。」
- 39. any time

隨時(不要客氣,請隨時開口。)或隨時奉陪(譬如有人找你打架,你 可設 "any time.")

- "You can use my car any time you want." 「你可以隨時使用我的車。」
- "Thanks for helping me do my homework." "Any time." 「謝謝你幫助我做功課。」「不要客氣隨時都可以效勞。」
- 40. Anything you say. (≈Whatever you say.)
 - --切聽你的。
 - "Let's go to dinner first, then go to buy tickets for the

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movie."

「讓我們先吃飯再去買電影票。 |

"Anything you say."

「一切 聽你的。」

41. ape

[ep]

大猩猩(塊頭很大,如一般運動員)

- "Her boyfriend is a big ape." 「她的男朋友是個大猩猩。」
- 42. apple polisher (=ass kisser, brown noser)

['æpi] ['palıʃə]

馬屁精

• "He got that raise because he's a real apple polisher." 「他得到升遷是因爲他是個馬屁精。|

43. apples and oranges

['orindgiz]

兩碼子事(不可混爲一談)

"You can't add apples and oranges." 「兩件事不相關連,不能設設這個又設設那個。」(如「天黑要 下雨了」及「Mary 要畢業了」。)

44. Are you following me?

你有没有聽清楚(跟得上我的話)?

• "Are you following me?" "Yes, Sir."

「你聽清楚我的話没有? | 「聽清楚了。 |

45. Are you sick?

你瘋了嗎? (sick 是心思不正,或瘋了。)

• "You're going to give up the inheritance? Are you sick or something?"

「你要放棄繼承的遺產?你瘋啦?還是白痴?」

46. Are you through?

[pru]

你講完没有?用完了没有?

- $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$
- "Are you through? Now, listen to me."
 「你講完没有?好,現在聽我說。」
- "Are you through with the saw? Could you pass it over to me?"

「鋸子你用完了吧?可否把它凝給我?」

- 47. Are you trying to kill me? (=Trying to get me killed?) 想客死我嗎?
 - "Boy, this soup is really hot. Are you trying to kill me?"
 「乖乖・這湯眞燙・你想謀財害命啊?」
 - "Watch what you're doing with that knife. Are you trying to kill me?"

「小心那把刀(別亂比劃)。你想殺我嗎?」

48. around the clock (=24 hours)

全天候的; 日以繼夜的

- All the 7-Eleven stores are open around the clock.
 所有的7-Eleven 商店是24小時營業的。
- 49. around the corner

['korna]

即將來臨;就在服前

"Christmas is around the corner now, have you bought any gifts yet?"

「聖餐節就在眼前,你買了禮物嗎?」

註:歐美國家,在聖誕節親友有交換禮物的習慣。

50. as dull as dish-water

[dAl]

像洗鍋水一樣的乏味。

• "How's the party, Karl?"

「Karl, 宴會如何?」

"As dull as dish-water."

「跟洗鍋(碗)水--樣乏味。」

- 51. as easy as cake /pie [par] 易如反掌; 很容易
 - "Breaking a brick with one hand is as easy as cake for me. I'm a black-belt in Karate."

「單手擊破一塊磚,對我說來易如反掌。因爲我是空手道黑帶。」

52. as far as I know

據我所知(聽來的,或看來的)

- "As far as I know, he hasn't left yet."
 「據我所知・他還没走。」
- 53. As you say...

正如你所說的(…後面常接一句名言)

- "As you say, life is tough." 「正如你所說的,人生是艱苦的。」
- "As you say, time is money."
 「正如你所說的,時間就是金錢。!
- 54. As you wish. (=It's up to you.)

隨你的便

"You guys just go ahead, I want to be alone."「你們儘管自己去吧,我想靜一下。」

"As you wish."

「隨你的便。」

- 55, ask for
 - ①要求;請求 ②罪有應得;自找的
 - ① "The poor little girl asked for help."
 「那個可憐的小女孩請求援助。」
 - ② "You asked for it, it serves you right." 「你自找的,罪有應得。」
- 56. ass [æs]
 - ①固執②討厭鬼 (=asshole) ③屁股
 - ① "Don't be such an ass."
 「別那么固執!」

②● "He's such an ass." 「他是個討厭鬼。!

- ⑤ "Move your ass." 「(把你的屁股機關)滾開。」
 - "Haul ass!"「快點去!快點走!!

57. associate

- (1) [ə'soʃıɪt], (2[ə'soʃı,et]
- ① 同事;② 來往
- ① "Jerry, I want you to meet my associate, Mr. David Lee."

 [Jerry, 我要你見見我的同事・李大偉先生。]
- ② "I wouldn't associate with that crowd of people too much if I were you."
 「如果我是你的話。我不會跟那 —票人來往。」

58. at a loss

[los]

茫然(不知所措)

"When she found out she was kicked out of school, she was at a loss what to do."
 「當她發現她被學校開除了,她茫然不知所措。」

59. at odds

[ndz]

合不來;吵架

"Why are you two always at odds?" 「你們兩個爲什麼老是吵架呢?

60. at the end of one's resources

[ri'sorsiz]

山窮水盡

●"I need a car, but I'm at the end of my resources." 「我需要一部車,但我已經是山窮水盡(身無分文)。」

61. At the moment, that's it.

目前也只有這個法子了(表示別無良策)

● "What are we going to do now?" 「我們現在該怎麼辦?」

"Before the doctor arrives, let's keep her awake. I think at the moment, that's it."

「在醫生來前,我們要一直讓她保持清醒。我想這是目前我們唯 一能做的事。」 1. back-seat-driver

[bæk sit draiva]

後座司機(坐在司機後,指揮司機開車的人)

• "Turn left, slow down, watch the red light, you're speeding..."

[左轉,慢點,小心紅灯,你開得太快了。]

"Don't be a back-seat-driver, Pete."

[Pete,别當後座司機!]

2. back up

- ①支持;掩護。②和聲。③慢一點
- ①● "Go, I'll back you up." 「去,我會掩護你。」
- ② "If I get the contract, you can be my back up vocalist." "Really?"

「假如我得到瓶張合同,你可以幫我合聲。」「真的嗎?」

- (3) "Back up. You're talking too fast."
 「慢一點,你說得太快了。」
- 3. bag

[bæg]

- ①老太婆。②下眼泡浮腫。③放棄;不抱希望。
- ① "You're going out with an old bag like her?!"
 「你要跟像她那樣的老太婆出去?!!
- ② "I have bags under my eyes from working too much."
 「因爲工作過度,我的下眼泡都腫了起來。」
- ③ "That test was so hard I bagged it."
 「那考試太難,我對它不物希望。」
- 4. bail out

[bel]

救人出困難

"Will you bail me out of this trouble?"
 「你願意教我出困境嗎?」