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前　　言

英语在其发展过程中，大量吸收了拉丁语、希腊语等外来语，使其本身语义不断变化，新词不断增加，并衍变出了许多同义词和近义词，英语也因此变得更加丰富多彩起来。人们使用同义词或近义词来表达同一概念，减少或避免上下文用词的单调重复，从而使文章丰富生动，同时在修辞上起到加强语气、含蓄委婉等多种作用。

当前，大学四、六级以及考研等的国家英语考试中，TOEFL、GRE 的出国考试中，试题中一项重要内容便是分析、辨异英语同义词、近义词的细微差别，多用 Multiple Choice(A、B、C、D)选择方式来测试考生的英语水平和语言造诣，如 go to bed, go to sleep 和 fall asleep 有何区别；accept receive, get, acquire, obtain, gain 如何使用；科技文章里会出现 firm, company, corporation, incorporation, limited 等表示“公司”的许多英语同义词。因此经常注意研究同义词、近义词之间的差异，对于掌握语言表达的准确性，提高阅读理解能力和增强语言交际能力，都有极其重要的作用。

本手册收集了 500 多组、近 2000 个同义词和近义词。每一组都通过词汇辨析阐明其基本含义，个中的细微差别之处以及互换性，并使用大量例句加以说明。希望本手册在掌握英语单词、短语的确切含义和最佳用法，以及提高阅读能力等方面对读者有所裨益。

由于作者水平有限，错误难免，诚恳希望读者批评指正。

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