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体 例

词条及义项序号用黑体;参见词条→为斜黑体,列出同义、近义或反义词条。【draw out】①白天变长②离开→draw out

同一词条有两个表达法时,用分号隔开,如: a multitude of; multitudes of。

一个词条内可用2个或2个以上介/副词时,最常用的列为主词条,例证放在主词条内,其余的也单列词条,只列词义,不列例证,但附参见。如:主词条 decide on/upon 内列词义及例证; decide upon 中列词义及参见:→decide on

斜线“/”为省略置代号,置代词条主词,如: suspicious about/of 表示 suspicious about 和 suspicious of; She brushed off all our suggestions/the reporters. (她拒不接受我们的建议/拒不接见记者。)可分列成两句: She brushed off all our suggestions. She brushed off all our the reporters.

当词组由“介词+名词+介词”构成时,按第一个介词列词条,如: in conjunction with 列入介词 in 为首的词条。

词组中心词带2个介/副词时,按第1个介/副词列词条,如: live up to 列入“动词+up”词条; get down to 进“动词+down”词条。

同一介/副词的词条排列次序为:1)介词前置,即:“介词+名/代词”词组先列;2)介/副词后置:a. “形容词/副词+介/副词”词组 b. “名词+介/副词”词组 c. “动词+介/副词”词组。

介词词组的排列以其中心词(名词)(首)字母次序为序;不考虑该名词前的修饰词(冠词、形容词、代词等)。如: in the abstract 排在 in abundance 之前,不考虑冠词 the。in 与 time 构成的词组做以下排列: in time; in time (for); in good time; in no time; in one's own good time。

本词典中缩略词后一律不用“.”,如: sb, sth, Mr, Mrs, Dr 等。

词条右上角有△者为大学英语六级词组,◇者为超纲词组。

前言

英语词汇浩如烟海。英语介词、副词是英语词海中的璀璨明珠,赋予英语无比的表达力、想像力、感染力,使英语娓娓动听、铿锵有力、趣味横生、形象生动、声声有色,具有无穷的魅力。但同时,它们也给英语学习者带来了巨大的困难。

英语介词充其量约有 50 个左右,常用副词为数也不太多。然而它们自身的含义丰富多彩,而且富有极强的构词能力,与众多的动词、名词、形容词或副词构成无数的词组、短语、谚语和成语,使它们成为英语词库中的瑰宝。如介词 in,它不仅表示时间、地点、范围,还可表示穿着衣服 (in white/uniform/high-heeled shoes/a silk shirt)、使用某种语言、手段、材料 (speak in English; write in code/ink/pencil; speak in a loud voice; pay in cash) 等等许多含义,而且与大量名词、动词等构成大量词组,光本词典就列入 in 与名词构成的词组 550 多个词条, in 与动词构成的词组 260 多条。学习、掌握、运用这个瑰宝,就成为英语学习的必经之道。英语的介/副词既为学习者带来欣赏英语魅力的无穷乐趣,也往往成为英语学习的拦路虎、必须啃烂的硬骨头。可以毫不夸张地说,若能学会掌握运用这些词组短语,就能打下扎实的词汇基础,从而也能尽快地培养正确、娴熟的听说读写译等语言技巧,就能在语言交际的大海中博海击浪,畅游自如。

目前,很少有关介/副词搭配词典问世,原先的这类词典大多绝版,而且单项性较多,也欠全欠新。编写一本既易查又易学的新型介/副词词典是我们多年的追求和夙愿。

本词典按介/副词为骨干编写:把要求同一介/副词的词按词类分编,列为一章,每章内按介/副词的前置和后置进行排列。前置即介词+名词/代词;后置的排列次序为形容词/副词+介/副词;名词+介/副词;动词+介/副词。这样做的目的是既要做到易查,又要让读者找到哪些词需与哪些介/

副词构成词组、短语的规律,有助于记忆运用、提高学习效率。如在查阅本词典 of 一章中,便可以几乎在相邻词条位置发现一大批生动形象地表达“大量、大批、大群、大堆、大串”的词组: an army of; a batch of; a battery of; a body of; a bunch of; a bundle of; a crop of; a flock of; a flood of; a galaxy of; a heap of; a herd of; a host of; a mass of; a mile of; a mound of; a mountain of; a multitude of; a myriad of; an ocean of; a pack of; a plague of; a profusion of; a regiment of; a river of; a sea of; a sequence of; a series of; a sight of; a stack of; a store of; a string of; a swarm of; a troop of; a wave of; a wealth of; a world of。表达“向某人请问/请求”可用类似结构: ask/demand/inquire/request sth of sb; 表达“剥夺/抢夺某人某物”可用类似结构: defraud/denude/deprive/dispossess/rob/strip sb of sth。

编写中我们收入了大学英语教学大纲所列全部介/副词词组,也列入了相当量的超纲词组,以满足中、高级英语读者的需求。

这种以介/副词为骨干编写的短语词典尚为罕见,我们是初次尝试。尽管我们为之准备了近 20 年之久,但具体编写工作只用了几个寒暑假,难免有点仓促、粗糙,恭请专家、同行及广大读者不吝批评指正,以期再版时充实提高。

本词典的顺利问世,除了编写组全体老师的努力以外,还得到大连理工大学出版社的大力支持,特此深表谢意。

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aboard

【come aboard】上船;登机: A relief crew came aboard at Beirut to fly the aircraft on to Singapore. 一队救险机组人员在贝鲁特驾机飞往新加坡。

【go aboard】上车/船/飞机等: The ship's leaving in half an hour, so we'd better go aboard and make ourselves comfortable. 船半个小时后就要开了,我们最好上船去安顿得舒服些。"All aboard!" shouted the conductor, and everyone rushed for the train. "请各位上车"列车员喊道,人们就都向火车奔去。

【take aboard】使上船;登机: The vessel had to jettison some of the cargo taken aboard at Liverpool. 轮船不得不投弃在利物浦上的某些货物。Passengers may only take aboard the aircraft the minimum of hand luggage. 乘客只能携带少量的随身行李上飞机。

a/ad + about

【anxious about/for】担心,担忧: We were anxious about/for her safety. 我们为她的安全而担心。I'm very anxious about the result of the examinations. 我很担心考试结果。→ **worry about**

【apologetic about/for】为...表示道歉: He was deeply apologetic about his late arrival. 他对迟到深表歉意。She looked nervous and apologetic for arriving late. 她因迟到而看上去紧张和歉意。

【careful about/of/with】小心;当心;警惕: She is careful about/of her food. 她对食物很注意。Be careful with the glasses. 小心玻璃杯不要打碎。

【cautious about/of】谨慎,小心: He is extremely cautious about/of giving offence to others. 他特别小心不冒犯他人。

【concerned about】关心,担心,关于→ **concerned with**

【crazy about】狂热爱好,着迷: She's

crazy about dancing. 她着迷跳舞。John is crazy about/over that girl. 约翰对那姑娘痴情。→ **mad about**

【curious about】对...好奇;渴望知道: Children are naturally curious about everything around them. 小孩对周围的每一件事感到好奇是很自然的。He is curious about the origin of mankind/the structure of atoms. 他对人类的起源/原子结构感兴趣。

【decided about】对...坚决/坚定: He won't go; he's quite decided about it. 他绝不去,他对此事很坚定。I won't give up; I'm quite decided about my opinion. 我对我的意见很坚定,我不会放弃。

【disappointed about/at/in/with】对...失望: I was disappointed with his performance. 他的表演令我失望。I'm disappointed in you; I expected you to win. 我本来指望你赢的,你却令我失望了。

【dubious about[△]】对...怀疑: I remain dubious about her motives. 我对她的动机仍存疑念。I am dubious about their success. 我对他们的成功表示怀疑。

【fussy about[◇]】对...重视;对...挑剔: Our teacher is very fussy about punctuation. 我们的老师对标点符号非常重视。Don't be so fussy about your food. 你别那么挑食。→ **particular about**

【glad about】①高兴;喜悦: I'm glad about your passing the test. 我很高兴你通过了考试。He felt glad about that matter. 他对那事感到满意。②令人宽慰;使人安心→ **glad of**

【hopeful about】(指人)抱有希望→ **hopeful of**

【how about】(用作建议)...怎么样? How about going for a walk? 去散散步怎么样? How about a hot bath/drink? 洗个热水澡/喝一杯怎么样? → **what about**

【indignant (with sb) about】因...对某人愤怒/发火→ **indignant with sb at**

【insecure about】对...缺乏安全感/信心不足: She feels very insecure about her marriage. 她对自己的婚姻缺乏信心。

[insistent about/in] 坚持: You mustn't be late; he was most insistent about that. 你万不可迟到, 他对这一点最严格。He is insistent in the advocacy of the new method. 他坚持提倡这个新方法。

[just about] 差不多, 几乎; 大约: They had just about won the game when they had to stop playing. 他们不得不停止比赛时, 几乎就要赢了。He should be arriving just about now. 他现在大约该到了。

[mad about] 对... 极感兴趣/着迷: He's mad about her. 他爱她爱得如痴如醉。Many young people are mad on football/pop music. 许多年轻人对足球/流行音乐着迷。→ *crazy about*

[optimistic about] 对... 乐观/有信心: She's not optimistic about the outcome. 她对结果不很乐观。He remained optimistic about the meeting. 他对会议依然抱乐观态度。

[particular about/over] 讲究; 挑剔: She's very particular about what she wears. 她对衣着很讲究。He is particular about what he eats/wears. 他过分讲究吃/穿。→ *fussy about*

[positive about] 对... 有把握, 确信: I'm positive about that. 我对那点有绝对把握。Are you absolutely positive that it was after midnight? 你是否有绝对把握认为那件事是在午夜以后发生的?

[round about] 在附近; 在周围: the countryside round about 附近的郊外 He lived somewhere round about last year. 他去年住在附近。

[sceptical of/about] 对... 不肯相信/怀疑 → *skeptical about/of*

[secure about] 对... 无忧虑: He feels secure about his future. 他对自己的前途无忧无虑。

[serious about] 认真; 真诚: Are you really serious about him? 你真对他有意吗? Is she serious about learning to be a pilot? 她真想学开飞机吗?

[sick about/at] 苦恼; 憎恶: We were pretty sick about losing the match. 我们比赛输了感到很恼火。He was rather sick at missing the train. 他没能赶上火车感到很懊丧。

[skeptical (sceptical) about/of] 对... 不

肯相信/常怀疑: I'm rather skeptical about their professed sympathy for the poor. 他们声称同情穷人, 我对此有些怀疑。I'm skeptical about the team's chances of winning. 我对那球队的获胜可能有怀疑。→ *suspicious about/of*

[sore about] 对... 感到气愤: She feels sore about not being invited to the party. 因为没有邀请她参加聚会, 她很恼火。→ *sore at sb*

[sorry about/for] 对... 表示歉意/惭愧/自责: Aren't you sorry for/about what you've done? 你难道不为自己做的事情感到惭愧吗?

[suspicious about/of] 猜疑, 怀疑: There is nothing/something suspicious about it. 对此没有/有点怀疑。I am suspicious of his intention. 我怀疑他的意图。→ *skeptical about/of*

[uncertain about/of] 对... 不确切/无把握: I am uncertain of his meaning/intention. 他的意思/意图我不明确。

[uneasy about/at] 对... 感到不安/忧虑: I'm uneasy about the future/his health. 我为前途/他的健康担忧。We grew uneasy at their long absence. 他们离开甚久, 我们渐感不安。

[what about] (用作建议) ... 怎么样? We are going to take the exam. What about you? 我们打算参加考试, 你呢? → *how about*

[wild about] 对... 极热心/热爱: He is wild about music. 他酷爱音乐。Those silly girls were wild about the famous film star. 那些傻姑娘都迷恋上了那著名影星。→ *crazy about; mad about*

[worried about] 担心, 发愁: She's worried about her weight/job/husband. 她在为自己的体重/工作/丈夫担心发愁。

n + about

[concern about/for/over] 担心; 焦虑; 忧虑; 焦急: There is great public concern about corruption. 公众对腐败现象非常担忧。She showed a great deal of concern for her son's illness. 她非常担忧她儿子的病情。

[controversy about] 争论; 争议 →

controversy over

[curiosity about]对…的好奇心: There are some who show great curiosity about other people's affairs. 有些人就是特别爱打听别人的事。He has aroused curiosity about distant lands. 他使人们对遥远的国家产生了好奇心。

[enthusiasm about]对…的热爱/热心 → *enthusiasm for*

[information about]关于…的情报, 消息, 资料 → *information on*

[obsession about/with]牵挂; 惦念; 着迷; 困扰: the Western obsession with dieting 西方对于节食减肥的着迷 His obsession with computers began six months ago. 他半年前就迷上了电脑。

[view about/on]对于…的意见/观点: What are your views on the government's plan for education? 你对政府教育计划有何看法? Some scholars hold a different view about/on this question. 有些学者对此问题持不同意见。

v + about

[approach about]交谈, 请求: Have you approached the manager about taking a day off next week? 你是否已向经理申请下周休假一天呢? When is the best time to approach my employer about an increase in salary? 什么时候去向我的雇主讲加薪问题最合适?

[beat about/around the bush]拐弯抹角地说; 东拉西扯: If you've got bad news, don't beat about the bush; come straight to the point. 假如你有什么坏消息告诉, 别拐弯抹角了, 直截了当讲吧。Stop beating around the bush and tell us who won. 别东拉西扯了, 告诉我们谁赢了。

[boast about]自夸, 自吹自擂 → *boast of; brag about/of*

[brag about/of]吹嘘(某事物); 自夸: She has bragged about her new car. 她夸耀她的新车。He bragged of having won first prize ten years ago. 他吹嘘他十年前得过奖。→ *boast about/of*

[bring about]①引起, 产生: The politicians don't seem to have brought about any great changes. 政治家们似

乎并没有带来巨大的变化。This accident has been brought about by your recklessness/carelessness. 这场事故是由于你的鲁莽/粗心大意造成的。②使船改变航向; 掉转船头: He brought the ship about and headed for safety. 他改变船的航向, 朝安全地方驶去。

[brood about[△]]沉思, 考虑 → *brood on[△]*

[bustle about/around[◇]]奔忙: Mary bustled about in the kitchen getting a meal together while Peter found us something to drink. 玛丽在厨房里忙着为我们做饭, 彼得则在找饮料。

[buzz about[△]]忙乱; 急行 → *buzz around[△]*

[care about]关心: Don't you care about the country's future? 难道你不关心国家的前途吗? Perhaps because Nobel could not find ordinary human love he came to care deeply about the whole of mankind. 或许因为诺贝尔没能得到人间普通的爱, 因此他开始深切地关注整个人类的命运。

[cast about/around (for)]寻觅, 思索: He cast about in his mind for some plausible excuse for not turning up at the meeting. 他搜索枯肠, 企图找到某个缺席会议的可信借口。The suspect cast about for some way of escaping from the police-car. 该嫌疑犯寻思着逃离警车的方法。

[choke up (about)]①阻塞; 充满, 填满 ②太激动/生气得说不出话来 → *choke up (with/about)*

[come about]①发生: How did this accident come about? 这是怎么发生的? How does it come out that you did not report the theft immediately? 你为什么什么不立即报告失窃的事呢? ②(船或风)改向: The wind has come about to the north. 风改向北吹了。→ *bring about*²

[complain about/of]抱怨; 投诉; 诉说病痛: Mr Smith keeps complaining about everything of indigestion. 史密斯先生老是对一切事情牢骚满腹/诉说消化不良。Military women in the U.S. complain of the restrictions in advancement. 美国女军人抱怨在提升中遇到的种种限制。→ *moan about; grumble about*

【crash about】跑来跑去,发出砰砰的响声: I wish you wouldn't crash about like that as soon as you get home from school. 我不希望你从学校回家就这样闯来闯去。Now, I don't want any of you children crashing about upstairs while your father's asleep. 听着,在爸爸睡觉时你们谁也不准在楼上咚咚地跑来跑去。

【crow about/over◇】因成功而得意洋洋: I wish John would stop crowing about his examination results. 希望约翰不要为其考试成绩而沾沾自喜了。It is unwise to crow too noisily over other people's failure. 对别人的失败幸灾乐祸是不明智的。

【deliberate about】仔细考虑或谈论→ *deliberate on*

【dream about】① 梦想: I dreamt about flying last night. 昨夜我梦见在飞翔。② (用于否定句) (不) 考虑, 想→ *dream of*

【enlighten sb about/on】启发, 使明白: Nobody seemed to be anxious to enlighten me about the events that had led up to the dispute. 好像没有人急着要我明白引起这些争端的事情。Can you enlighten me on this subject? 关于这个问题, 你能指点我一下吗?

【fiddle about/around◇】闲荡, 胡混: Stop fiddling (about) and do some work. 别再瞎混了, 做点事吧。Don't stand there fiddling about; go on with your job. 别站在那儿混时间, 继续干活吧。

【float about/around】(指人) 游荡, 无所事事: My weekend was boring; I just floated about the house and watched TV. 我的周末过得很无聊; 只是在屋子里转转或看看电视。After the movie, I floated around on the street. 看完电影, 我在街上闲逛。→ *wander about/around*

【fret about/at/over◇】使某人不愉快, 烦躁, 焦急: Don't fret over this, we'll get there on time. 别为这件事情着急, 我们会及时到达。Fretting about it won't help. 发愁于事无补。

【fool about/around】① 虚度光阴, 闲荡, 胡混: Stop fooling about. We have serious work to do. 别浪费时间了, 我

们有正经事要干。Where have you been fooling around? 你游荡到哪儿去了? ② 瞎摆弄, 玩弄: Children should not be allowed to fool around with matches. 不要让孩子玩火柴。Everyone knows he's been fooling around with some girl at the office. 人人知道他在玩弄办公室中某位女郎。

【forget about】不把…放在心上, 丢开: Let's forget (about) our differences. 别把我们之间的分歧放在心上。Try to forget all about him. 别再想他了。

【fumble about/around◇】笨拙地四处乱走(做某事或寻找某物): He fumbled around in the dark. 他在黑暗中瞎撞。The old lady fumbled around for the lost money. 老太太四处找丢的钱。

【fuss about】① (指对小事) 烦恼, 忙乱, 激动: Stop fussing about; the taxi will arrive on time, and we shall not miss the train. 别着急, 出租车会准时到达, 我们不会赶不上火车的。If you keep fussing about, we're sure to be late. 你要是总瞎忙个没完, 我们非迟到不可。② 对…过于注意/操心: He is always fussing about/over his grandchildren. 他对孙儿们过于操心。I wish you would stop fussing me about. I'm quite able to look after myself. 我希望别为我瞎操心了, 我完全能照顾自己。

【get about】① 走动: My father isn't able to get about since he had his stroke last year. 我父亲去年中风后就不能走动了。Now that the traffic had been restricted in the center of the city, it's easy to get about. 市中心限制车辆行驶后, 人们就容易走动了。② (消息等) 传开: It got about that Oxford University was recruiting more teachers. 据传悉, 牛津大学要招募更多的教师。I don't know how such a rumour got about. There's absolutely no truth in it. 我不知道这么一个谎言怎么会传出去的, 一点真实性也没有。

【go about】① 走动: Is it dangerous to go about bareheaded when it's raining. 下雨时光着头到处走不危险吗? → *go around/round* ② 流传: The rumour is going about that John and Mary are

getting married. 有人传说约翰和玛丽将要结婚。→ **get about**²; **go around/round**² ① 忙于, 从事: The housewives went about their everyday housework. 家庭妇女们忙于她们的日常家务活。

① 着手, 开始做: Peter hasn't the faintest idea of how to go about finding a better job. 彼得一点也不不知道怎么着手去找一个好工作。How can you go about buying stocks? 你怎么着手去购买股票呢? → **set about doing sth.**; **set out to do sth.** **go about** 与 **set about** 后接名词或动名词, 而 **set out** 后需接动词不定式。

【**go about one's business**】管自己的事, 别管闲事: If your brother comes here with any more criticism about how we bring the children up, I'll tell him to go about his business. 如果你哥哥来再批评我们怎样抚养孩子, 我就要告诉他别管闲事。The streets were filled with people going about their daily business. 街上到处是为了日常事物而奔波的人。

【**go about with**】经常与某人来往/恋爱: I'm afraid your daughter is going about with a man who is old enough to be her father. 恐怕你的女儿经常与一个足可以做她父亲的人混在一起。How long have Eric and Hilda been going about with each other. 艾里克和希尔达互相交往(恋爱)多久了? → **go around/round (with)**

【**grieve about**】① 后悔; 惋惜 ② (因失去而)感到悲痛 → **grieve at**

【**grumble about/at/over**】抱怨, 发牢骚: He has everything he needs; he has nothing to grumble about. 他有了他所需要的一切东西, 没有什么可抱怨的了。But he could do nothing but grumble over the situation. 然而除了埋怨局势之外, 他毫无办法。→ **complain about**; **moan about**

【**hang about/around**】① 逗留, 徘徊, 闲逛: I hung about for an hour but he didn't come. 我空等了两个小时, 他还是没有来。I wish he would stop hanging about and do something useful. 我希望他不再闲逛, 做些有用的事。

② 耽搁: Don't hang about, we have a

train to catch. 别耽搁了, 我们要赶火车。② 呆, 等: Hang about; don't go away. 等着, 别走开。The thief was hanging about/around the house, waiting a chance to break in. 小偷在房子周围徘徊, 等待机会闯进去。→ **hang on [have... about one]** 随身携带: Do you want a cigarette? I should have one about me somewhere. 你想抽烟吗? 走到哪儿我得随身携带一支。→ **have... on one/one's person**

【**have a thing about**】对...有偏见, 讨厌: I've got a thing about men with beards. 我腻味留胡子的人。She's got a thing about smoking. 她讨厌吸烟。

【**idle about**】无所事事; 闲荡; 懒散: They did nothing but idle about. 他游手好闲, 无所事事。James was a very active person and could not bear to see others idling about when they should have been working. 詹姆士是个十分勤快的人, 他对那些在工作时吊儿郎当的人很看不惯。→ **idle away**

【**inquire about**】问讯/打听...消息: Where ought I to go to inquire about London bus-tours? 关于伦敦公共汽车旅游的消息我该到哪儿去打听呢? Several neighbours dropped in to inquire about his health. 几个邻居来询问他的健康状况。→ **inquire after**

【**kick about/around**】① 活着; 存在: You don't mean to say that old Thompson is still kicking around! He must be a hundred years old. 你不是想说老汤姆普森还活着吧。他一定有 100 岁了。The idea of flight had been kicking around for centuries before man actually achieved it. (人类)飞行的想法在实现前存在了几百年。② 到处游荡: He has been kicking about/around Europe since his discharge from the army. 他从部队退役后一直在欧洲游荡。He kicked about in several stock companies. 他在几家股票公司间转来转去调换工作。→ **knock about**!; **wander about** ③ 非正式讨论: We'll kick some ideas around and make a decision tomorrow. 我们对这个想法先酝酿一下, 明天再做决定。

[knock about/around (with)] ①到处游荡: He has knocked about all over Asia. 他游遍了亚洲。When he was a child, he used to knock about the market, trying to find a little work to earn a few coppers. 他小时经常在市场上游逛, 试图找点儿小活挣几个铜板。
→ **kick about/around**²; **wander about/around** ②打; 粗暴地对待: Her husband had been knocking her about again. 她丈夫又打她了。The ship has been badly knocked about by storm. 船任凭风暴肆虐。③经常与...做伴: You ought to be more careful who you're seen knocking about with. Remember that a man is judged by the company he keeps. 你应该更注意选择的伙伴, 要记住人以群分。Julie is still knocking about with that good-for-nothing Dave. 朱利叶仍在与那个毫不中用的戴维斯混在一起。

[joke about] 说笑话; 拿...开玩笑: For Pat to lose his job is nothing to joke about. 对帕特来说失业可不是闹着玩儿的。It's not unusual for young people to joke about notions and institutions that their parents regard as sacred. 年轻人拿他们的父辈视为神圣的观念和习俗开玩笑是常见的事。

[laze about] 懒散; 闲散: I don't like to see you lazing about doing nothing. 我不喜欢看你吊儿郎当一点事也不做。

[learn about] 得知; 获悉; 听说 → **learn of**

[litter about/around] 四处乱扔, 乱丢: He just litters his stuff around no wonder he can never find anything! 他把他的东西到处乱扔, 难怪他从来找不到东西。Papers were littered about the study in the utmost confusion. 书房里, 文件被扔得到处都是, 乱极了。

[loaf about/around] 到处游荡, 闲逛: Parents seem to get particularly irritated when their teenage sons loaf around with their hands in their pockets. 父母们看到自己十几岁的儿子双手插在口袋里四处游荡时, 似乎特别生气。I don't like to see young people loafing about the town with nothing to do. 我不喜欢看到年轻人游手好闲, 在城里逛

来逛去。→ **hang about/around**

[loiter about/around] 闲站着; 闲逛: Small boys would loiter about in the entrances of smart hotels, hoping to pick up a few tips. 小男孩常会在漂亮的宾馆门口闲荡, 希望能得到一些小费。Who's that shifty-looking character loitering around outside? 在外面闲逛的那个鬼鬼祟祟的家伙是谁呀? → **wander about; hang about/around**

[lounge about/around] 懒散的打发时间, 闲荡: Do you think that instead of lounging about you could give a hand with the dishes? 你看你能不能不去闲荡, 而去帮忙洗洗盘子呢? If my son wants to lounge around at home, he doesn't have to choose my favourite armchair. 如果我儿子想在家发懒, 他用不到躺在我那把宝贝安乐椅上呀。

[make a fuss about/over] 小题大做; 大惊小怪: She will never make a fuss about trifles. 她决不会因小事而大惊小怪(小题大做)。Don't make so much fuss over losing a penny. 丢一点钱没有什么大惊小怪的。

[make no bones about] 对...毫不犹豫/直言不讳: I made no bones about telling her the truth. 我毫不犹豫地告诉了她事情真相。He made no bones about his extreme left-wing views. 他毫无隐讳自己的极“左”观点。

[mess... about/around/with] ①胡闹; 闲荡: Tell the boys to stop messing about upstairs. I'm trying to work. 告诉孩子们别在楼上胡闹了, 我要工作了。He spent all day Sunday just messing about. 他整个星期天都在闲荡。→ **kick/knock about/around; wander about/around** ②粗鲁地对待某人: Be nice to him. You shouldn't mess around him like that. 对他好一些, 你不该对他那么粗鲁。He's been messed about (with) by the doctors for the past two years. 以往的两年中他被那些医生胡诊乱治弄得可惨了。③弄乱(物): Don't mess the files around. I've just put them in order. 我刚整理好档案, 别弄乱了。He spends the weekends messing about with his car. 他的周末全在他那辆车上瞎摆弄了。→ **mess up**

【mill about/around】毫无目标地打转,胡乱兜圈子: Rioters were milling about in the streets. 暴动者在大街上到处乱转。Conflicting fancies milled around in his mind. 相互矛盾的种种幻想萦绕在他的脑海中。

【misinform sb about sth】向某人提供错误信息: I regret to say you have been misinformed about that. 很遗憾,关于那事你听到的情况不正确。They had been misinformed about the time of the meeting. 他们被误报了开会时间。

【mislead sb about sth】使某人对...产生错误想法或印象 → *mislead sb as to sth*

【moan about[△]】抱怨,发牢骚: He's always moaning (on) about how poor he is. 他总是抱怨穷。What's she moaning about now? 她在发什么牢骚? → *complain about/of; grumble about/at/over*

【monkey about/around (with)】胡闹,捣乱: It's dangerous to monkey around in a workshop. 在车间里乱闹是危险的。Stop monkeying about with those matches! 别再乱动那些火柴了!

【moon about/around/round】闲荡,漫步: He's no longer mooning round at the market, thank goodness. 谢天谢地,他不再在市场上闲逛了。I wish that girl would stop mooning about the house. 希望那个女孩别在房间里晃来荡去了。→ *wander about*

【move about】四处走动 → *move around*

【nose about/around】搜索,探问: The dog kept nosing about. 狗不停地嗅来嗅去。He is fond of nosing about for grapevine news. 他爱打听小道消息。→ *poke/stick one's nose into; nose into; poke about/around*

【order... about/around】对...发号施令: I mean, he's got no right to order me about the place. 我是说,他无权对我发号施令。Who does he think he is, ordering people about like that? 他那样支使人,以为自己是什么(了不起)人了?

【paw about/around】笨拙地触摸/摆弄: I don't want to buy tomatoes that

have already been pawed around by other customers! 我不想买别的顾客摸过的西红柿。Don't paw my books about. 不要东抓西翻我的书。

【play about/around (with)】① 玩弄,同...在一起厮混: It's time he stopped playing around and began to take life seriously. 是他停止瞎混、认真对待生活的时候了。He's playing around with a girl young enough to be his daughter. 他同一个年龄小得几乎能作他女儿的女孩儿在一起厮混。② 瞎摆弄: This is not a substance that can be played about with by anybody. 这可不是任何人都可以随便摆弄的东西。

【poke about/around[△]】(好奇地)搜索,探问: He was poking about at the rubbish. 他在垃圾堆里乱翻。Why are you poking about among my papers? 你为什么乱翻我的文件。→ *nose about/around*

【pull about/around】粗暴对待: If you don't stop pulling me about, I'll scream the place down. 如果你们再不停止粗暴地对待我,我可要在这儿闹翻天了。

【push about/around】摆布,欺负: Paul is always pushing around the smaller children around. 保罗总是欺侮比他小的孩子。I won't be pushed around by him any longer. 我再也不听从他的摆布了。I wish he'd stop pushing people about as though they were children. 但愿他停止把他人当孩子摆布。

【put about】① 使(船)改向: The captain put the ship about to avoid submarines that had been reported in that area. 船长改变航向,以避开据说在那一海域内活动的潜艇。→ *bring about*² ② 散布,传布(谣言等): Somebody has put the story about that the Department is being closed down. 有人散布出这个部门正被关闭的消息。I should like to know who put that rumour about; anyhow it is quite without foundation. 我倒是想弄清楚那个谣言是谁散布的,但不管怎么说,它是毫无根据的。

【quarrel (with sb) about/over sth】争吵;吵架;不和;口角: I had a quarrel

with my flat-mate about who should do the housework. 我与和我同住一单元的人关于谁应做家务事吵了一架。

[rake about (for)]到处仔细搜寻→**rake around (for)**

[rave about/over]极力赞美: All the girls raved about the new singer. 所有的女孩子都极力赞美这位新歌手。The foreign visitors raved about the Chinese cooking very much. 这些外宾对中国烹调赞不绝口。

[revolve about/around]①绕…旋转: The earth revolves around/round the sun. 地球围绕太阳转。②以…为中心: Mary has no outside interest at all. Her whole life revolves around her husband and the children. 玛丽一点也没有其他的兴趣, 她的全部生活都围绕着丈夫孩子转。This is the point about/around which discussion now revolves. 这一点是目前讨论的中心议题。→**center on/around**

[ring about/around/round]①包围, 围住: The security services took care to ensure that the President was ringed around by a party of exceptionally tall policemen. 保安部门精心确保总统周围有一群个子特别高的警察护卫着。Germany in 1914 was not ringed about with enemies, but it was faced with the possibility of war on two fronts. 1914年时, 德国并没有被敌人包围, 但是面临在两个前线作战的可能性。②给四处打电话(讯问最佳、最便宜的卖主等): Before you start ordering oil for the central heating ring around the suppliers to see who will offer you the best terms. 你在订购中央取暖用燃油之前, 应先给各供应商打电话看谁能提供最好条件。Maybe we'd better have the party tomorrow, instead of on Saturday. I'll ring round to find out who's free to come. 也许我们最好明天聚会, 不要在星期六, 我会四处打电话, 看谁有空来。

[roam about/around]闲逛; 漫步; 遨游; 流浪: Before the fencing of the open range the herds roamed around freely. 牧群可以自由地在露天牧场的栅栏前漫游。Scientists have more to

do than to allow their imaginations to roam around at large. 科学家在任其想像力自由遨游之外还有更多的事情要做。

[roll about]①到处滚动: The dog was rolling about on the grass. 狗在草地上打滚。A drunken fellow was rolling about (in) the street. 一个醉汉在街上要摇摇晃晃地走着。②大笑: The comedians of the silent movies don't seem to lose their appeal. They can still have an audience rolling about in the aisles. 这部无声电影的喜剧演员还没有失去他们的魅力。他们仍然能使观众捧腹大笑。

[rumour about/abroad]谣传: It's rumoured about that he's been given a job in Scotland. 传说他在苏格兰找到了工作。To stop the wrong sort of story being rumoured abroad, they've issued an official statement. 为了制止错误的报道传播出去, 他们发布了一个正式声明。

[scatter about/around/round]散放着: I know the children have been playing here: there are toys scattered about all over the carpet. 我知道孩子们一直在玩, 地毯上到处是玩具。I've scattered some ashtrays around the room so that cigarettes don't get trodden into the floor. 我在房间四周放了几个烟灰缸, 不至于把香烟蒂踩到地板上。

[scratch about (for)]东扒西挖地寻找: Sparrows were scratching about in the damp soil for worms. 麻雀正在潮湿的土里寻找虫子。The chickens were scratching about in the yard. 鸡正在院子里四处觅食。

[see about]①照看; 过问; 负责处理: It's time for me to see about (cooking) dinner. 我该做饭了。He promised to see about the matter. 他答应处理此事。→**attend to; deal with**②进一步考虑: "Father, will you take us to the football match tomorrow?" "Well, I'll see about it." "爸爸, 明天带我们看足球比赛好吗?" "好, 我会考虑的。" Come to me, my boy, when you have got £10,000 of your own, and we'll see about