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## 关于本辞典的说明

每一种语言,即便是为了表达最常见的请求、询问或应答等话题,也都有其约定俗成和惯用的表达法。在这些表达法中,有些是成语或惯用法,有些则是人们根据其字面意义就能理解的言语。然而,对于英语陌生的人可能难以用地道的、常规的方法来组织语言。本辞典收录了7千多条诸如此类的用语,并根据社交情景将之划分为18大类;然后又按具体话题细分为773个小类。

所有大类的标题以及细分的话题全都列在“话题与情景索引”中。该索引可供读者查找所需的话题。有关如何使用该索引可参看第Ⅳ页上的详细说明。

## 如何使用本辞典

话题标题限定句子表达的意义。特定话题标题下的所有用语基本上传达同一类型的信息。

- 用语本身在必要的地方包含提示与解释。例如,在下面句子中,  
I got sidetracked. 我讲话偏题了。

*sidetracked*(离题的) = *detoured/ distracted*

等号(=)表示左边的词或短语的意义与右边的词或短语的意义完全对等。

- 用语

Can you stay for dinner? 你可以留下来吃顿饭吗?

*Can you*(你能) ≈ *Would you/ Are you able to/ Will you*  
约等号(≈)表示左边的词或短语可以用右边的词或短语来代替。

- 用语

Get off your high horse. (*informal*) 不要这么目空一切(非正式)  
= *Be less arrogant.* 别那么傲慢。

等号(=)表示其后的句子完全复述上一句的意思。

- 用语

You and what army? (*slang*) 你有什么能耐?(俚语)

后面括号中“俚语”这个词则表示该用语的语域或用法。其他类似的标注有“圣经语言”、“套语”、“委婉语”、“随和口吻”、“正式用语”、“法语”、“德语”、“习语”、“非正式用语”、“反语”、“意大利语”、“日语”、“诙谐语”、“少年用语”、“拉丁语”、“轻度发誓用语”、“较粗俗的用语”、“发誓用语”、“粗鲁语”、“讽刺语”、“西班牙语”、“禁忌语”以及“粗俗语”。

- 用语

Fore! 前面当心!

(*said in golfing when the ball is struck* 打高尔夫球时警告前面的人以免被球击中的用语)

括号内的注释解释句子所使用的背景。

## 如何使用话题与情景索引

本书将交际情景分为 18 大类,每一类中的话题以黑体印刷。每个话题中具体的用语组标题则按它们在正文中所处的顺序排列。每一话题名称前标有话题号码,而不是话题在书中所处的页码。读者按此号码便可在正文中找到所需的话题。

例如,你若需要查找与“头痛”相关的用语,你先查“健康”大类,然后查找标有“疾病”字样的用语组。在“疾病”标题下你便可查到“487 描述头疼”的用语组;接着在正文中标号为 487 项下查找“描述头疼”这一栏。

## 译 者 的 话

在经济全球化的今天,英语作为一门世界性语言在国际政治、经济、科技与文化的交流中起到越来越重要的作用。学到一口地道的美式英语是许多英语学习者一直梦寐以求的事情。为此,上海译文出版社向美国 NTC Publishing Group 出版公司(美国国家教科书出版公司)购得《美国英语口语辞典》的版权并委托我们进行翻译加工,作为一本双语口语辞典出版。

本书共分 18 大类,773 小项。场景几乎涉及人们日常生活的方方面面,语言纯正、地道。跟以往的口语辞典相比较,在本书的每一小项中,原作者根据不同的场合、说话人的身份、年龄以及性别设计相应的句子,极大地丰富了人们的表达方式。本书适应各个层次的英语学习者的需要。

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