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前 言

1989年6月，上海外语教育出版社出版发行了国家教委组织制订的《高等学校英语专业基础阶段英语教学大纲》（简称《大纲》）。《大纲》中规定了我国英语专业学生基础阶段应该掌握的6000词汇，按其难易程度分为六级，这6000基本词汇是英语专业基础阶段教学与测试的主要依据之一。为了更好地实施《大纲》，帮助英语专业学生和其他英语学习者牢固地掌握这些基本词汇，打下坚实的英语基础，我们组织编撰了这本《高校英语专业6000词详解》（简称《详解》）。

《详解》由“单词”和“词组”两大部分组成，并附有使用说明及6000词汇中所包括的“不规则动词形式表”“索引”和在《详解》编撰中所使用的“参考书目表”。

本词和词义按《大纲》中所列的顺序排列。词义全部采用英文解释，每个义项均配英语例句加以说明，例句尽量录用英语原文。按《大纲》体例，个别单词按词义的难易先后列入两个或三个级别中分别解释和举例。本词按国际音标注音。

英语词组灵活多变，运用广泛，难以掌握。我们将《大纲》中所列的6000词汇的词组单独列出，作为《详解》的第二部分，便于读者查找、集中学习。

目前国内出版的英语词典均用汉语编成，且例句偏少，对正确掌握英语单词的细微区别造成了困难；引进的英文词典，虽有英语解释，但例句也不很充实，并对中国学生的针对性不强。《详解》紧扣《大纲》，采用英文解释，并收录了丰富的例句，又将词组分门别类，读者如能逐级学习，定能领略到英语词汇在运用中的妙处所在，对英语产生浓厚的兴趣，从而加强语感，扩大知识面，更有效地掌握英语词汇的使用，收到事半功倍的效果。

在《详解》的编撰过程中，我们得到了各方的大力支持和帮助。张胜光和郭艳同志顶住酷暑，克服种种困难，日以继夜地打字，使《详解》得以如期交稿。编者家属也给予了很大的支持和体谅。在此，一并表示谢忱！

《详解》的编撰是我们的一次尝试，限于编者的水平，加上时间又十分紧迫，《详解》中一定还有不少有待改进的地方，敬请读者不吝指教，以便在修订时纠正。

主 编

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Notes On The Use

用法说明

I. 对具有多种词性的单词分别列出词条，并依次在词条的右上角用阿拉伯数字标出，如：

Screech¹ /skri:tʃ/ *n.* a very high unpleasant sound (as) of screeching/Her *screech* filled me with horror.

Screech² *v.* to cry out on a very high sharp note/"Leave me alone!" she *screeched*.

一个词条如有几种词义，也用阿拉伯数字标出，与随后例句前面的阿拉伯数字相对应，如：

easy /'i:zi/ *adj.* 1. not difficult 2. comfortable and without worry or anxiety/ 1. You are *easy* to be satisfied. 2. I didn't have an *easy* childhood.

II. 词条中表示用法的缩写形式与 *Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English* 中的相同，如：

AmE = American English

BrE = British English

usu. = usually

esp. = especially

III. 词条顺序按英语专业基础阶段教学大纲分级词汇表中所列顺序排列，词汇按其常用意义和特殊意义分别列入不同级别。因此，有些单词先后在几个级别中列出，如 *air, arm, cow*, 等等。

IV. 词条中的国际音标均以 *Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English* 发音为准，其中斜体音标表示可发音，也可不发音，如：

example / ɪg'zɑ:mpəl/ *n.*

family / 'fæməli/ *n.*

happen / 'hæpən/ *v.*

如果几个词条的发音相同，则后面词条的相同音标从略，如：

early¹ /'ə:li/ *adv.*

early² *adj.*

V. 为了便于读者学习、查找，特将各词条中的词组抽出并按其分级顺序排列，组成《详解》的第二部分。

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Part I

Basic English Lexicon and Illustrative Sentences

Grade I

A

a, /ə; strong ei / an / æn; ən / art. 1. one 2. a certain 3. every 4. one member of a class 5. (before uncountable [U] nouns) a container or unit of 6. (before the name of an artist) a work by 7. *becoming rare* the same /1. Rome was not built in *a* day. 2. I took my things to *a* hotel in New Street. 3. A horse with *a* broken leg cannot run. 4. A knife is *a* tool for cutting with. 5. It was *a* wonderful tea. 6. What wonderful news: the painting on my wall is *a* Rembrandt! 7. Birds of *a* feather flock together.

able /'eɪbəl/ adj. 1. having the power, skill, knowledge, time, etc. 2. clever, skilled /1. I shan't be *able* to come on January 1. 2. He made a very *able* speech.

about¹ /ə'baʊt/ adv. 1. near in number, time, degree, etc.; a little more or less than. 2. almost; nearly 3. here and there; on all sides 4. in a near place /1. We walked *about* 5 miles. 2. I'm *about* ready. 3. They go *about* together most of the time. 4. Is there anybody *about*?

about² prep. 1. concerning 2. around 3. here and there in; on all sides of 4. on or near the body of /1. Tell us *about* what happened. 2. We left there *about* six o'clock. 3. They walked *about* the streets. 4. There is a strange smell *about* him.

above¹ /ə'baʊ/ adv. 1. in or to a higher place 2. on an earlier page or higher on the same page /1. Stars glittered *above*. 2. See the example given *above*.

above² *prep.* 1. higher than; over
2. more than; higher in rank
or power than 3. not having
(bad thoughts, plans, etc.) or
doing (bad acts) /1. We flew
above the clouds. 2. Henry's
work is well *above* the aver-
age. 3. He wouldn't steal;
he's *above* that.

across¹ /ə'krɒs/ *adv.* 1. from one
side to the other (of) 2. to
or on the opposite side (of)
3. so as to cross /1. Oh, come
on. Let's go *across* here. 2. He
left the door and went *across*
to her. 3. The stream is 6
feet *across*.

across² *prep.* 1. from one side
to the other 2. to or on the
opposite side (of) 3. so as to
cross 4. all over /1. I walked
across the park. 2. The woods
are *across* the river. 3. The two
lines cut *across* each other.
4. Prison populations have
been rising steadily *across* the
nation since 1973.

afraid /ə'freɪd/ *adj.* full of fear;
frightened /She is *afraid* of
snakes.

after /'ɑ:ftə/ *prep.* 1. later than;
next 2. in search of; with a
desire for 3. in the manner or
style of /1. *After* a quarter
after ten he returned home. 2.
"Stop thief!" cried Huxter, and
set off *after* him. 3. Repeat
the words *after* me.

afternoon /'ɑ:ftə'nu:n/ *n.* the

period between midday and
sunset / The *afternoon* drew
on while they sat there.

again /ə'geɪn/ *adv.* 1. once more;
another time 2. back to the
place, condition, etc., that
one was in before /1. He
thinks not well that thinks
not again. 2. He was glad to
be home *again*.

against /ə'geɪnst/ *prep.* 1. in op-
position to 2. in an opposite
direction to 3. as a defence
or protection from 4. having
as a background 5. touching,
esp. for support /1. I will
speak *against* anything I know
to be wrong. 2. We sailed
against the wind. 3. Save mon-
ey *against* a rainy day. 4. The
picture looks good *against* that
light wall. 5. She clasped the
child tight *against* her body.

age /eɪdʒ/ *n.* 1. the period of
time a person has lived or a
thing has existed 2. an advanc-
ed or old period of life 3. a
particular period of history
4. (*pl.*) a long time /1. She
was now forty years of *age*.
2. His back was bent with
age. 3. We live in a highly
civilized *age*. 4. It's *ages* since
we went to the show.

ago /ə'geɪ/ *adv.* back in time
from now /They captured this
place two days *ago*.

agree /ə'gri: / *v.* 1. to accept an
idea, opinion, etc; approve 2.

to have or share the same opinion, feeling, or purpose
3. to be happy together; get on well together /1. They will never *agree*. 2. Mummy *agreed* with this too. 3. Why can't you children *agree* (together)?

air /eə/ *n.* 1. the mixture of gases which surrounds the earth and which we breathe
2. the sky or the space above the ground
3. the general character or appearance of something
4. appearance of a person /1. The *air* was bad. 2. The *air* was full of butterflies. 3. The *air* was heavy between us. 4. He had the *air* of a child who was afraid.

all¹ /ɔ:l/ *adj.* the whole of /All roads lead to Rome.

all² *pron.* everybody, everything, or everyone /He gave *all* he had.

almost /'ɔ:lməʊst/ *adv.* very nearby /The river was *almost* frozen.

along¹ /ə'lɒŋ/ *prep.* in the direction of the length of /They travelled *along* the west coast.

along² *adv.* forward / March *along*.

already /ɔ:l'reɪdi/ *adv.* by or before a stated or suggested time /The train was *already* moving.

also /'ɔ:lsəʊ/ *adv.* as well /Her sister has *also* gone to town.

always /'ɔ:lwɪz/ *adv.* 1. at all

times 2. for ever /1. You are *always* thinking of others. 2. I will love you *always*.

America /ə'merɪkə/ *n.* 1. North America, South America, and Central America considered together
2. the United States /1. Latin-America refers to the areas which lie on the south of the U.S. 2. The Independence Day of *America* is on July 4.

American¹ /ə'merɪkən/ *adj.* belonging to North, Central, or South America, *esp.* the United States of America /I know little about the difference between the *American* English and the British English.

American² *n.* a person of America / *Americans* in Iran become extremely uneasy in the hostile atmosphere.

among /ə'mʌŋ/ *prep.* 1. in the middle of
2. surrounded by
3. one of /1. Babbit squeezed *among* them. 2. I live *among* the mountains. 3. I was *among* the first to arrive.

and /ænd, ən; *strong* ænd/ *conj.*
1. together with; also;
2. plus
3. (substitute *if* clause) then
4. (for emphasis, used to join repeated words and suggest continuing time, action, state, etc.) /1. Father *and* son went to New York by a morning train. 2. Two *and* two make four. 3. Go straight on *and*

you'll see a church. 4. We knocked *and* knocked.

angry /'æŋgri/ *adj.* 1. filled with anger 2. stormy /1. Please don't get *angry*. 2. The *angry* waves are near.

animal /'æniməl/ *n.* 1. a living creature, not a plant, having senses and able to move itself when it wants to 2. all this group except human beings 3. a person considered as lacking a mind and behaving like a wild non-human creature /1. *Animals* cannot exist without oxygen. 2. The zoo has a collection of *animals*, birds, and reptiles. 3. Those teen-age hooligans behaved just like *animals*.

another¹ /ə'nʌðə/ *pron.* 1. one more of the same sort; an additional one 2. a different one /1. He had forwarded *another* of her letters to Kurt. 2. I don't like this one, show me *another*.

another² *adj.* 1. some other 2. being one more of the same kind 3. similar/ 1. One man's meat is *another* man's poison. 2. In *another* year she goes to school. 3. He is *another* Shakespeare of our time.

answer¹ /'ɑ:nsə/ *v.* 1. to reply (to) 2. to be or become responsible for 3. to fit/ 1. What shall I *answer*? 2. You must let us *answer* for ourselves.

3. This plan will not *answer* our needs.

answer² *n.* 1. a spoken or written reply, as to a question, request, letter or polite greeting 2. something, at first unknown, which is discovered as a result *esp.* of thinking, using figures, etc./ 1. Mr. Povey made no immediate *answer*. 2. Who knows the *answer* to the puzzle?

any¹ /'eni/ *adj.* 1. (used with *neg.*) some 2. all; one/ 1. Haven't you *any* work to do? 2. Come *any* day you like.

any² *pron.* 1. some 2. anybody; any thing or things/ 1. Give me some if there is (are) *any*. 2. *Any* is good enough for me.

any³ *adv.* in any degree; in the least degree/ Is that *any* better?

anybody /'eni'bədi/ *pron.* 1. any person 2. anyone 3. a person of importance or influence/ 1. (Has) *Anybody* anything more to say? 2. Don't owe *anybody* a penny. 3. Was she *anybody* before her marriage?

anyone /'eniwʌn/ *pron.* 1. who 2. any person/ 1. Did *anyone* call when I was out? 2. *Anyone* can do that.

anything /'eniθiŋ/ *pron.* any one thing; something/ *Anything* I can do?

anywhere /'eniweə/ *adv.* to any

place/ Are you going *any-where* tonight?

apple /'æpəl/ *n.* a hard round fruit with white juicy flesh and *usu.* a red, green or yellow skin/ Eve pulled an *apple* from the tree and ate it.

April /'eɪprəl/ *n.* the 4th month of the year/ All Fools' Day is on *April* 1.

arm /ɑ:m/ *n.* 1. either of the 2 upper limbs of a human being or other animal that stands on 2 legs 2. something that is shaped like or moves like an arm/ 1. Most starfish have five *arms*. 2. Justice has long *arms*.

army /'ɑ:mi/ *n.* 1. the military forces of a country 2. the military forces trained to fight on land 3. a large body of people armed and trained for war 4. any large group/ 1. There they formed an *army* of about twenty thousand men. 2. We must build up a modern *army* and navy. 3. That is a field *army*. 4. He had an *army* of assistants.

around¹ /ə'raʊnd/ *adv.* 1. on all sides 2. near 3. in every direction 4. about/ 1. I travelled *around* for a few years. 2. I'll see if he's *around*. 3. The light shed its light *around*. 4. It cost me *around* £ 10.

around² *prep.* 1. on all sides 2. in some place near 3. round

4. here and there in /1. The sun shines all *around* us. 2. She liked to work *around* her own home. 3. Let's go *around* the town, not through it. 4. I travelled *around* the world for a few years.

arrive /ə'raɪv/ *v.* 1. to reach a place; come 2. to reach; come to (a decision) /1. Smith *arrived* punctually at four o'clock. 2. What decision did you finally *arrive* at?

as /əz, strɒŋ æz/ *conj.* 1. in or to the same degree in which 2. because 3. while; when 4. in the way or manner that 5. though 6. (in the pattern *so...as...*)/ 1. She runs *as* fast *as* Paul. 2. *As* all the seats were full, he stood up. 3. We get wiser *as* we get older. 4. I have changed it *as* you suggest. 5. Try *as* you will, you won't manage it. 6. Will you be so good *as* to help me out of a difficulty?

ask /ɑ:sk/ *v.* 1. to call on (a person) for an answer 2. to make a request for or to 3. to invite/1. *Ask* him his name. 2. You're *asking* too much. 3. Didn't you *ask* him in?

at /ət, strɒŋ æt/ *prep.* 1. (used with something seen as a point in space) 2. (used with a point in time or before ages) 3. (used with an intended aim, or object towards

which a thing or action is directed) 4.(used with words, actions, or ideas that are the cause of feeling or behaviour) 5. (used with the field or area about which a judgment is made) 6.(used before speeds and rates or with prices)/ 1. Jenkins was not *at* his office. 2. *At* noon there was still no news. 3. Fleur gazed *at* her. 4. I was surprised *at* his tone. 5. I am rather slow *at* accounts. 6. I'll buy the furniture *at* that price.

August /'ɔ:gəst/ *n.* the 8th month of the year /Army Day is on *August* 1.

aunt /ɑ:nt/ *n.* 1. the sister of one's father or mother 2. the

wife of one's uncle /1. My *aunt* on my mother's side is coming. 2. *Aunt* Mary is the wife of his uncle.

autumn /'ɔ:təm/ *n.* the season between summer and winter when leaves turn gold and fruits become ripe /It is dry here in *autumn*.

away /ə'wei/ *adv.* 1. from this or that place 2. not at home 3.out of one's possession, control, etc. 4. at a distance 5. continuously /1. She had been *away* on a long trip. 2. Gavin is still *away*. 3. I don't think I can get *away*. 4. How far *away* is it? 5. The kettle was boiling *away* merrily on the fire.

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baby¹ /'beibi/ *n.* 1. a very young child, *esp.* one who has not learnt to speak 2. a very young animal /1. Mother was nursing her *baby*. 2. A *baby* lion is called a cub.

baby² *adj.* of a small member of a group /We were all seated around the *baby* wireless.

back¹ /bæk/ *adv.* 1. where or how (something or someone) was *before* 2. *away* (from front, the speaker, etc.) 3.ago/ 1. I'll be *back* by two. 2. Stand *back*, please. 3. It happened *back* in 1950.

back² *n.* 1. the part of the body of a human or animal down the middle of which runs the backbone 2. the less important side or surface/ 1. A little child ran down her *back*. 2. The *back* of the knife won't cut.

back³ *v.* 1. to support and encourage 2. to (cause to) go backwards/ 1. Many of his friends *backed* his plan. 2. The car *backed* through the gate.

back⁴ *adj.* 1. at the back 2. long past 3. (of money) owed from an earlier time/ 1. A well

was dug in the *back* yard. 2. The war is all *back* history now, and our two countries are friends now. 3. He owed three months' *back* rent.

bad /bæd/ *adj.* 1. poor 2. unfavourable 3. serious 4. no longer of acceptable quality because of decay or disrepair 5. unpleasant/1. The air was *bad*. 2. I've felt *bad* all week. 3. Is the pain very *bad*? 4. This egg is *bad*. 5. What's that *bad* smell?

bag¹ /bæg/ *n.* a container made of soft material such as cloth, paper, or leather, opening at the top /We brought home three *bags* of groceries.

bag² *v.* 1. to put into a bag or bags 2. to kill or catch /1. They are *bagging* (up) wheat. 2. The policeman *bagged* the thief.

ball /bɔ:l/ *n.* 1. a round object used in a play 2. a round mass /1. He throws a fast *ball*. 2. The earth is a *ball*.

banana /bə'nɑ:nə/ *n.* any of several types of long curved tropical fruit, shaped like a thick finger, with a yellow skin and a soft, *usu.* sweet, inside /He is holding a hand of *bananas*.

bank¹ /bæŋk/ *n.* a place in which money is kept and paid out on demand, and where related activities go on /The *bank*

*cash*ed his cheque.

bank² *v.* to put or keep (money) in a bank /I *banked* \$20 this week.

bank³ *n.* 1. earth which is heaped up in a field or garden 2. land along the side of a river, lake, etc. /1. A high *bank* of earth surrounded the fortress. 2. We stand on the river *bank* to fish.

basket /'bɑ:skit/ *n.* 1. a *usu.* light container which is made of bent sticks or other such material and used for carrying things. 2. the contents of a basket /1. My dad hates carrying the shopping *basket*. 2. We bought a *basket* of peaches.

bath /bɑ:θ/ *n.* 1. an act of washing one's whole body at one time 2. a container in which one sits to wash the whole body /1. Give the dog a *bath*. 2. Clean out the *bath* when you're done.

be /bi; *strong* bi:/ *aux. v.* 1. (as a connecting verb) 2. to exist 3. (forms perfect tenses of verbs) 4. to happen 5. to do; become 6. (forms the *pass.* voice of verbs) 7. (forms the continuous tenses of verbs) 8. (with infinitives) /1. Let *x be* 10. 2. "To *be* or not to *be*," that is the question. 3. Who has *been* here? 4. What will *be*, will *be*. 5. Why don't you

be yourself? 6. Smoking is not permitted. 7. Lawson and I are going. 8. My idea is to go there right today.

beat¹ /bi:t/ *v.* 1. to hit many times, *esp.* with a stick 2. to defeat 3. to move regularly/ 1. They *beat* him unconscious. 2. Achilles *beat* Hector. 3. Her heart was *beating* furiously.

beat² *n.* 1. a single stroke or blow 2. a regular sound produced by or as if by repeated beating 3. time in music or poetry /1. We heard the *beat* of a drum. 2. His heart *beats* were getting weaker. 3. A good dancer never misses a *beat*.

beautiful /'bju:tɪfəl/ *adj.* 1. having beauty 2. very good /1. Still, the scenery is so very *beautiful*. 2. Your little granddaughter is in such a *beautiful* sleep.

because /bi'kɔz/ *conj.* for the reason that /You only do it *because* you have to.

become /bi'kʌm/ *v.* 1. to come to be 2. to suit or be suitable to /1. Gradually he *became* silent. 2. Her new hat *becomes* her.

bed /bed/ *n.* 1. an article of furniture to sleep on 2. a piece of ground prepared for plants 3. the course of a river or the hollow in which a sea lies; bottom /1. There was a

big double *bed*. 2. Plant a *bed* of roses by the garage. 3. The ship sank to the sea-*bed*.

bedroom /'bedru:m/ *n.* a room for sleeping in /Here is the *bedroom*.

before /bi'fɔ:/ *prep.* 1. in front of 2. earlier in time than / 1. She knelt *before* the fire to warm herself. 2. We left *before* eleven.

begin /bi'gɪn/ *v.* 1. to start 2. to take the first step /1. Then he *began* a series of experiments. 2. She did not quite know how to *begin*.

behind¹ /bi'haind/ *prep.* 1. to or at the back of, or further side or part of 2. in a place, state, or time formerly held by /1. *Behind* it was a cherry-wood table. 2. New York is twelve hours *behind* Beijing in time.

behind² *adv.* 1. at the back; back 2. late; slow /1. He's a long way *behind*. 2. I'm a fortnight *behind* already.

bell /bel/ *n.* 1. a round hollow metal vessel, which makes a ringing sound when struck 2. the sounding or stroke of a bell /1. The *bell* has gone. 2. Leave the ship at 8 *bells*.

belong /bi'lɔŋ/ *v.* 1. to be the property of 2. to be in the right place /1. Does this book *belong* to you? 2. The *lamp belongs* on that table.

below¹ /bi'ləu/ *prep.* in a lower place than /The temperature is *below* freezing.

below² *adv.* in a lower place; on a lower level than /The rose-garden lay *below*.

beside /bi'said/ *prep.* 1. next to 2. in comparison with /1. He was sitting *beside* her. 2. You look tall *beside* him.

best /best/ *adj.* of the highest quality /The *best* mirror is an old friend.

better /'betə/ *adj.* of higher quality, moral value, usefulness, etc. /Two heads are *better* than one.

between¹ /bi'twi:n/ *prep.* 1. (of position or time) 2. (showing the result of the shared activity of several people) /1. You're to sit *between* Moira and me. 2. *Between* them they soon finished the work.

between² *adv.* in or into a space, or period of time, that is *between* /He drew a series of parallel lines and then put dots *between*.

beyond /bi'jənd/ *prep.* 1. on or to the further side of 2. later than 3. out of reach of 4. besides /1. He saw a building some distance *beyond* the wood 2. He never sees *beyond* the present. 3. It's *beyond* human power. 4. I know nothing *beyond* this.

bicycle (*abbrev.* bike) /'baisikəl/

n. a 2-wheeled vehicle which one rides by pushing its pedals with the feet /He comes to school by *bicycle*.

big /big/ *adj.* 1. of more than average size, weight, force, etc. 2. of more than average importance 3. boast /1. How *big* is it? 2. The *big* moment has come at last. 3. He talks *big*.

bird /bɜ:d/ *n.* a creature with wings and feathers /Ducks are *birds*.

birthday /'bɜ:θdeɪ/ *n.* the date on which someone was born /When is your *birthday*?

bit /bit/ *n.* 1. a small piece or quantity 2. a short time /1. You first cut them into small *bits*. 2. Let's rest for a *bit*.

bite¹ /bait/ *v.* 1. to cut, crush, or seize (something) with the teeth or to attack (someone or something) with the teeth 2. (knife, sword, etc.) to cut into 3. (of fish) to accept food on a fisherman's hook /1. A mosquito just *bite* me. 2. The sword *bite* him to the bone. 3. The fish wouldn't *bite*.

bite² *n.* 1. an act of biting; a piece bitten off 2. a wound made by biting 3. sharpness; bitterness /1. He took a *bite* at the apple. 2. He was scratching an insect *bite*. 3. His words had a cruel *bite* to them which we all felt keenly.

black¹ /blæk/ *adj.* 1. of the colour