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## 内 容 简 介

本书的主要目的是通过对通俗易懂的趣味短文的学习,提高学生的词汇量和阅读量,最重要的是提高学生学习词汇的兴趣,改变以往枯燥、陈旧的记忆模式。一方面帮助学生在短期内达到考试大纲所规定的词汇基本要求,以顺利通过考试;另一方面帮助具有相应水平的英语学习者提高英语学习兴趣,扩大英语知识面和词汇量。本书以大学英语六级考试大纲为基础,通过幽默诙谐的短文,使考生在轻松愉快的环境中掌握重点词汇的使用。本书对每个重点词汇分别从讲解、例句、辨析、练习四方面进行了全面的剖析,以便帮助同学们充分地掌握词汇,为六级考试的其他部分打下很好的基础。

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# 前 言

全国大学英语六级考试 (College English Test-6), 简称 CET-6, 是由国家教育部高教司组织的一项大规模标准化考试。考试的主要对象是, 根据教育大纲修完大学英语六级的大学本科生或研究生, 以及社会上大学毕业但未获得六级证书的人员。

大学英语四、六级考试是配合现行的“大学英语教学大纲”于 1987 年推出的, 每年参加考试的人数近 200 万人, 是我国目前规模最大的英语水平测试。由于四、六级英语考试是目前全国最权威的英语考试, 且社会上不少用人单位把是否通过四、六级考试作为衡量员工英语水平的硬指标, 因此, 考取四、六级证书不论是对大学在校生或是在职人员都显得尤为重要。

CET 考试的地位是举足轻重的。在大学里, 广为流传着这样一句话: “四、六级证书不是万能的, 但没有四、六级证书却是万万不能的!” 上学时没有四、六级证书就无法取得学位, 甚至无法毕业, 找工作时到处又都是要求英语有四、六级证书。因此, 对于那些即将或刚刚踏上职业生涯的学子们, 四、六级证书就是他们的职场驾照!

六级考试分为六种基本题型: 1. 听力理解部分; 2. 阅读理解部分; 3. 词语用法和语法结构部分; 4. 完形填空部分; 5. 综合改错部分; 6. 短文写作部分。另外, 对于优秀的考生, 还要进行口语考试。事实上, 这六种基本题型都需要考生有很好的词汇基础, 词汇的重要性是不言而喻的。

相对于以往各种词汇书籍, 本书具有以下特点。

1. 音标: 音标是语音学上用来标音的一套符号, 是单词记忆的有效工具。对于任何一个单词来说, 尤其是要求熟练掌握的词, 了解它的读音有助于记忆。例如 *absurd* /əb'sɜ:d/, 通过它的音标我们很容易记住。ab-发 /əb/ 的音, -surd 发 /sɜ:d/ 的音。

2. 讲解: 每个单词都有多条不同的释义, 本书分别对各个释义进行了讲解, 使考生能更全面地理解该单词。例如 *absurd* 有两个含义: 1. *adj.* 荒谬的; 2. *adj.* 荒唐可笑的, 愚蠢的。

3. 例句: 例句能帮助考生更好地掌握单词的内涵, 掌握语言交际及写作中的准确运用技巧, 而且它还可以帮助考生增加阅读量, 扩大词汇量, 增强在阅读中识

别和理解非重点词的能力。例如单词 absurd 的例句: Their request is absurd.

4. 辨析: 辨析部分不仅包括与该单词意思相近的词的辨析, 还包括该单词的一些常用搭配的辨析。词类的辨析在词汇题中占有很大的比重, 该部分可以帮助考生弄清它们在不同的上下文中的用法, 以便在做题时选出正确的答案。例如单词 absurd, 与之意思相近的词有三个: foolish, silly, ridiculous。absurd 强调不符合人情或常识的; foolish 强调缺乏智慧和判断力的; silly 强调单纯、糊涂、低能的; ridiculous 意为荒谬的、令人发笑的, 常会有鄙视之意。

5. 练习: 一些单词后面有若干道练习题, 这不仅能加深考生对该词的理解, 还有助于考生灵活地运用该词。例如单词 invariably, 有两道练习题:

1. Thank you for your \_\_\_\_\_ help.

- A. invalid      B. variable      C. invaluable      D. negligible

The answer is: C

2. These rare manuscripts are \_\_\_\_\_ to scholars and should be in a museum.

- A. invaluable      B. worthless      C. valueless      D. unworthy

The answer is: A

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## Passage One

A man tried to sell his neighbor a new dog for five dollars. "This is a talking dog." He said. "That is simply abnormal," the neighbor replied, "how can a beast like that talk? Or you mean bark?" Suddenly, the dog looked up and said with tears in his eyes, "Please buy me, Sir. This man is mean. He keeps me in a barn and I have to sleep in a barrel. He dieted me strictly. He feeds me only beans and never walks me to the bay, and the only toy I have is a waste gear. Basically speaking, he treats me like a beggar. On the basis of his behavior, I'm sure he'll abuse me with his baseball bat one day. And mind you, I hate his ugly beard. I used to be the richest circus dog in the country, and have the best bearing, too. I can jump over the highest barrier and barrel over any high beam. I attended the Animals Olympics on behalf of the country. I had so many fans who loved me so much that my body guards had trouble keeping them at bay." The dog beamed with pride. "Hey," said the neighbor, "he can talk! How come you want to sell him for just five dollars?" "I'm selling him on my own behalf. I'm getting tired of his lies, which is adverse to my kids, too, and wish he would only talk with a bark." the seller said.



**abnormal** /æb'normal/

### [讲解]

基本含义: *adj.* 反常的, 不正常的, 变态的, 不规则的

### [例句]

We do not think such an abnormal phenomenon will last long.

### [辨析]

abnormalcy *n.* 反常, 畸形

abnormalism *n.* 变态性, 反常性

abnormality *n.* 变态; *n.* 畸形, 异常性

abnormally *adv.* 反常地, 不规则地

### [练习]

That is simply \_\_\_\_\_.

A. abnormal      B. insane      C. eccentric      D. odd

The answer is: A

**adverse** /'ædvərs/

[讲解]

基本含义: *adj.* 不利的, 敌对的, 相反的

[例句]

Adverse circumstances compelled him to close his business.

[辨析]

be adverse to 跟...相反, 不利于, 反对

**bearing** /'beəriŋ/

[讲解]

基本含义: *n.* 轴承, 关系, 方面, 意义, 方向, 方位

[例句]

What they have done has no bearing on the promotion of sales.

[辨析]

have a bearing on 关系到..., 影响到...

have no bearing on 与...无关, 对...没有影响

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**circus** /'sə:kəs/

[讲解]

基本含义: *n.* 马戏团, 杂技团, 马戏场, 杂技场

[例句]

Last Christmas, the circus owner, Jimmy Gates, decided to take some presents to a children's hospital.

[辨析]

put up a circus 临时搭棚卖艺

**diet** /'daɪət/

[讲解]

有两个含义: 1. *n.* 饮食, 食物; 2. *n.* 特种饮食, 保健食谱

[例句]

He began his diet a week ago.

[辨析]

on a diet 吃规定的饮食

[练习]

If you are on a \_\_\_\_\_, you must not have chocolate.

- A. decline      B. diet      C. rise      D. drop  
The answer is: B

gear /giə/

[讲解]

有两个含义: 1. *n.* 齿轮, 传动装置; 2. *v.* 调整, (使) 适合, 换挡

[例句]

The truck driver changed gear to go up the hill.

[辨析]

in high gear 搭上高速齿轮, 以高速挡; 高速度地

out of gear (机器) 开不动, 出毛病; (事情) 脱节

[练习]

1. The country's economics must be \_\_\_\_\_ to wartime requirement.

- A. fit      B. associated      C. geared      D. qualified

The answer is: C

2. To survive in the intense trade competition between countries, we must \_\_\_\_\_ the qualities and varieties of products we make to the world-market demand.

- A. enhance      B. gear      C. improve      D. guarantee

The answer is: B



## Passage Two

It is reported that the following addition to the Book of Genesis of the Bible was discovered in the Dead Sea Scrolls. If authentic, it would shed light on the question, "Where did Pets come from?"

And Adam said, "Lord, when I was in the paradise, you walked with me every-day. Now I do not see you anymore. I am lonesome here and it is difficult for me to remember how much you love me." And God said, "No problem! I will create a companion for you that will be with you forever and who will be a reflection of my love for you, so that you will know I love you, even when you cannot see me. Regardless of how nasty and coward and absurd you may be, the new companion will accept you as you are and will love you as I do, in spite of yourself." And God created a new animal to be a companion for Adam. And it was a good animal. And God was pleased. And the new animal was pleased to be with Adam and he wagged his tail. And Adam

said, "But Lord, I have already named all the animals in the Kingdom and all the good names are taken and I cannot think of a name for this new animal."

And God said, "No problem! Because I have created this new animal to be a reflection of my love for you, his name will be a reflection of my own name, and you will call him DOG." And Dog lived with Adam and was a companion to him and Eve loved them. And Adam was comforted. And God was pleased. And Dog was content and wagged his tail. After a while, it came to pass that Adam's guardian angel came to the Lord and said, "Lord, Adam has become filled with pride. He struts and preens like a peacock and believes he is worthy of adoration. Dog has indeed taught him that he is loved, but no one has taught him humility." And the Lord said, "No problem! I will create for him a companion who will be with him forever and who will see him as he is. The companion will remind him of his limitations, so he will know he is not worthy of adoration." And God created CAT to be a companion for Adam. And CAT would not obey Adam. And when Adam gazed into Cat's eyes, he was reminded that he was not their supreme being. And Adam learned humility. And God was pleased. And Adam was greatly improved. And CAT did not care one way or the other.



**absurd** /əb'sɜ:d/

[讲解]

有两个含义: 1. *adj.* 荒谬的; 2. *adj.* 荒唐可笑的, 愚蠢的

[例句]

Their request is absurd.

[辨析]

absurd 强调不符合人情或常识的。

foolish 强调缺乏智慧和判断力的。

silly 强调单纯、糊涂、低能的。

ridiculous 意为荒谬的、令人发笑的, 常会有鄙视之意。

[练习]

It was \_\_\_\_\_ to believe that the earth is flat.

A. ridiculous    B. irrational    C. absurd    D. abnormal

The answer is: C

**angel** /'eɪndʒəl/

[讲解]

有三个含义: 1. *n.* 天使; 2. *n.* 守护神; 3. *n.* 仁慈、漂亮的女人

[例句]

She is a perfect angel.

[辨析]

angelet *n.* 小天使

entertain angels unawares 无意之中为显贵们做好事

on the side of the angels 在道义一方

**authentic** /ɔ:'θentik/

[讲解]

基本含义: *adj.* 可信的, 真实的, 可靠的

[例句]

Is that an authentic painting from Picasso, or a modern copy?

[辨析]

authentic news 可靠的消息

an authentic signature 真实手迹签字

authentic document 真实的文件

[练习]

This is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ news report. We can depend on it.

A. real

B. clear

C. authentic

D. evident

The answer is: C

**coward** /'kauəd/

[讲解]

基本含义: *n.* 懦弱的人, 胆小的人

[辨析]

cowardice *n.* 怯懦, 胆小

cowardly *adv.* 胆怯地

**nasty** /'nasti/

[讲解]

有两个含义: 1. *adj.* 丑陋的, 令人不愉快的, 讨厌的; 2. *adj.* 有害的, 危险的

[例句]

The room is full of a nasty smell.

[辨析]

nastily *adv.* 污秽地, 不洁地



nastic *adj.* [植] 感性运动的, 倾性的

[练习]

Mrs. Smith was offended by the clerk's \_\_\_\_\_ remark.

A. misty                      B. tasty                      C. nasty                      D. muddy

The answer is: C

paradise /'pærədəis/

[讲解]

有五个含义: 1. *n.* 天堂; 2. *n.* 伊甸乐园, 天国; 3. *n.* 乐土, 福地; 4. *n.* 乐园;  
5. *n.* 极乐, 至福

[例句]

This club is a sportsman's paradise.

[辨析]

paradisean 天堂(似)的, 乐园(似)的; 极乐的

paradisiac *adj.* 天堂的, 乐园的

paradisiacal *adj.* 天堂的, 天堂似的, 乐园的

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## Passage Three

In April 1956, Khrushchev and Bulganin visited Britain. Nominally Bulganin was the head of the Soviet delegation and Khrushchev was the only one of the members of the delegation. Their hosts, however, knew the importance of Khrushchev's position in the Soviet political life so they accorded this delegate special treatment.

During the visit, the Soviet leaders were invited by the British Prime Minister Another Eden to spend a weekend at his country house. It was a very old house, beautifully situated in pastoral surroundings. Each room was heated by an old-fashioned fireplace burning coal. All the bedroom were on the second floor. Khrushchev and Bulganin each had a bedroom near their hosts Mr. and Mrs. Eden's bedroom.

Khrushchev was a heavy sleeper. Though the coal fire gave out very strong tar odor, it did not distract Khrushchev at all and he soon fell sound asleep. After all he had grown up in a mining district.

He woke up very early the next morning, got dressed and came out of his bedroom. He thought he should wake up his ally Bulganin, so he knocked the door of one of the bedrooms which he thought to be Bulganin's. To his utter startle is a woman's

voice which answered his knock.

Khrushchev immediately realized the blunder he had made: he had mistaken his host's bedroom for Bulganin's. He had recognized the voice to be Mrs. Eden's as during dinner the previous evening he had chatted with his hostess. Mrs. Eden had asked him about the Soviet missiles, what kinds there were and what range they had. Khrushchev had told her that Soviet missiles could easily find their targets in the British Isles. Mrs. Eden had not expected such an answer to her question so she bit her tongue and said no more.

In specifically that he had knocked at the wrong door Khrushchev immediately turned tail and got away as fast as he could. How would he have dealt with the situation had Mrs. Eden opened the door in answer to his knock? Indeed he would have had a very hard time to give an explanation and make his apologies. And so he never mentioned the affair to his hostess leaving her wondering who it was who had knocked at her door at such an ungodly hour. He did however tell Bulganin about his adventure and they both had a good laugh over it.



**accord** /ə'kɔ:d/

[讲解]

有三个含义:1. *n.* 一致,符合,调和,协定;2. *vt.* 一致,给与;3. *vi.* 符合

[例句]

His opinion accorded with mine.

[辨析]

bring...into accord 使一致,使符合

in accord with 与...一致,与...契合(指见解,观点等)

accord with 与...一致,与...相符合

[练习]

His violent actions do not accord \_\_\_\_\_ his peaceful words.

A. to

B. of

C. with

D. at

The answer is: C

**ally** /'ælaɪ, ə'laɪ/

[讲解]

有两个含义:1. *v.* 结盟,与...(在血统、性质等上)有关联,同盟;2. *n.* 同盟国,支持者

[例句]

France and England were allies in the war.

[辨析]

ally oneself with 与...联合[结盟];与...结婚

be allied to 与...(在起源或性质上)有关联;与...类似

[练习]

In that war, England was not an \_\_\_\_\_, She was neutral.

A. alliance      B. allying      C. league      D. ally

The answer is: D

**blunder** /'blʌndə/

[讲解]

有两个含义:1. *v.* 跌跌撞撞地走,犯大错,做错;2. *n.* 大错,失误

[例句]

He blundered through the dark forest.

[辨析]

blunder away 因处置不当而失去;因无知(或管理不善)而挥霍掉

blunder into 无意中发现;偶然碰见

blunder out 脱口而出,冒失地说出

[练习]

She \_\_\_\_\_ in not packing a raincoat for her trip to England.

A. offended      B. blundered      C. mistook      D. commit

The answer is: B

**delegate** /'deligeit/

[讲解]

有三个含义:1. *vt.* (常与 to 连用)托付,授权;2. *vt.* 委任,委派,指派...为代表;3. *n.* 代表

[例句]

The people delegate their power to the Congress.

[辨析]

delegation *n.* 代表团,授权,委托

[练习]

He said his government hadn't appointed any \_\_\_\_\_.

A. delegates      B. organization      C. delegation      D. meet

The answer is: A





**distract** /dis'trækt/

[讲解]

有三个含义:1. *vt.* (常与 from 连用)使…注意力转移,使分心;2. *vt.* 打扰,使心情烦乱

[例句]

The school students were distracted by the noise outside the classroom.

[辨析]

be distracted with 被…搞得心烦意乱;被…搞得要发狂

distract from 使(人)分心,分散(注意力等)

[练习]

The advertisements, along the bridge, have to be done away with, for they sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ the attention of motorists.

A. avert

B. absorb

C. attract

D. distract

The answer is: D



**nominal** /'nɒmɪnəl/

[讲解]

基本含义:1. *adj.* 名义上的,有名无实的,名字的,[语]名词性的;2. *n.* 名词性词

[例句]

Everything was nominal during the test.

[辨析]

nominalism *n.* 唯名论,名义主义

nominalist *n.* 唯名论,名义主义者

nominalistic *adj.* 唯名论的,名义主义的

nominally *adv.* 有名无实地,名义上地

**odor** /'əʊdə/

[讲解]

基本含义:*n.* 气味,名声

[例句]

An odor of sadness permeated the gathering.

[辨析]

in good odor with 得宠于…