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編輯大意

你真有心想學好英文時,會「無所不用其極」: 勤聽廣播英語教學,常看美國電視影集、好萊塢電影,也交外藉朋友;但有時仍會遇到一個困擾—就是常發現不出語言間的幽默處;該笑的地方不知其所以然。原因無它,只是你沒有弄懂英美語的精髓 — 俚俗語的妙處。

便俗語是語言裡頗重要的部分,它使一個語言鮮活生動起來,而一些現在已普遍使用的字彙也曾一度是俚俗語。俚語大部份是富感情、幽默活潑的,有一些則粗俗傷人。學俚語可以更了解語言的箇中幽默;說一些俚語可以讓人覺得你蠻上道的、夠「酷」;此外,老美用俚語罵你,你不至於跟他握手稱謝,這也是讀本書的好處之一。

綜觀目前坊間以俚語為主題的參考書,多半稱不上完美。本 書採中英對照,精挑美語仕內最常用的俚俗語,並附以例句, 讓學者更了解該俗語的用法。本綜書共編輯三冊,分為「美國 俚語第一冊」、「美國俚語第二冊」和「英國俚語」並另附有 教書卡帶,全由美籍專業人士錄音。我們希望本書的讀者能藉 本書對美國俚語有進一步認識,更因此能提高學習英文的興 趣。本社願永遠以日新又新的教材來表示對讀者的謝意。

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lang is...vigorous and apt.

Probably most of our vital words were once slang. One by one timidly made sacrosanct in spite of ecclesiastical and other wraths.

John Galsworthy Castles in Spain and Other Screeds

stuffed (adj./v.)

飽; 艘飽

full from over-eating

- I'm stuffed after eating all those sweets.
- I feel *stuffed*, I shouldn't have eaten so much.
- She stuffed herself with so much chocolate that she was sick afterwards.
- ◆ 在吃完那些所有甜點後,我真的好飽了。
- ◆ 我覺得好飽,我不該吃這麼多的。
- ◆ 她用這麼多巧克力把她自己填飽,之後她就生病了。

walk off (v.)

散步;消化一下

to exercise after over-eating in order to feel more comfortable

- ◆ After eating so much for dinner, I need to go and *walk* it *off*.
- She always walks off her dinner.
- ◆ 在吃過這麼豐盛的晚飯後,我需要去散散步消化 一下。
- ◆ 她需要散步,消化她的晚餐。

pig-out (v.)

吃太撐了

to eat too much

- ◆ I really *pigged-out* on ice cream at lunch.
- ◆ We're having a *pig-out* tonight after work, so I'm not going to eat lunch today.
- ◆ 我午餐吃冰淇淋吃太撐了。
- ◆ 我們傍晚下班之後吃太撐了,所以我今天不要吃 午餐。

knackered (v./ adj.)

疲倦的;累壞了;打破

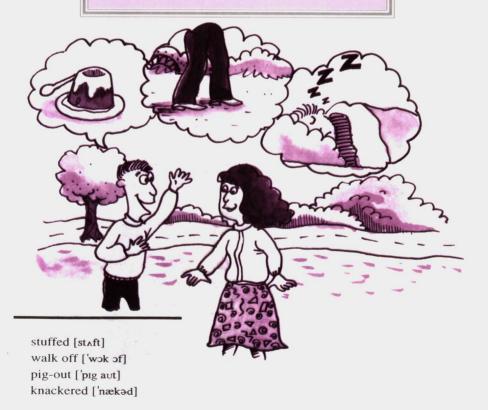
tired; exhausted; broken; to break

- I'm really knacked, and I don't want to go out again.
- This motorcycle is completely *knackered*;
 I don't think it can be repaired.
- I was so angry. He knackered my hairdryer, and it was brand new!
- ◆ 我真的累斃了,而且我不想再出去了。
- ◆ 這台摩托車已經完全壞了,我不認為可以修好。
- ◆ 我好生氣,他弄壞了我的吹風機,而且那是全新 的耶!



We really *pigged-out* on Christmas pudding last night. We all felt so *stuffed* that we went out to *walk* it *off*, but as soon as we got home, I was so *knackered* that I fell asleep straight away.

我們昨天晚上真的吃太多的聖誕布丁,我們都 覺得好飽,所以出去散步消化一下,但是一回 家,我就好疲倦,於是我馬上就睡著了。



bloke (n.)

a man, a male youth

小子; 傢伙

- Who's that bloke over there?
- ◆ That *bloke* is really strange. Do you know him?
- ◆ 那邊那個傢伙是誰?
- ◆ 那小子真的很奇怪,你認識他嗎?

fit (adj.)

handsome; attractive [usually describes a male]

帥;英俊

- That bloke standing over there is really *fit*.
- So, you think he's *fit*?
- ◆ 站在那裡的那個傢伙真的很帥。
- ◆ 你認為他很帥嗎?

gawp (v.) 警訝地瞪著眼看

to stare at; look at (often indicates surprise)

- What are you gawping at?
- * I was so shocked, I just *gawped* at him without saying a word!
- ◆ 你看什麼看?
- ◆ 我嚇呆了,我就只是瞪著他看,什麼話也沒說。

mate (n.)

friend; pal

伙伴;朋友

- * He's a real mate to me.
- * Good mates always help each other out.
- 他是我真正的好朋友。
- ◆ 好朋友總是會互相幫忙。

Yesterday, some *bloke* caught me and my *mates gawping* at him. It was really embarrassing, but we all thought he was really *fit*, and we couldn't help it!

昨天有一個傢伙抓住我,而我的好朋友們驚訝地瞪著他看,那真的很窘,但是,沒辦法,我們都認為 他真的很帥。



DIOKE [BIOK]

fit [fit]

gawp [gop]

mate [met]