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前言

自从1978年恢复研究生入学考试以来,英语试卷的分量愈来愈重,这不仅体现在数量上,而且体现在难度上,体现在试卷中地道的英语和大量的习惯用语上。作者曾在上世纪90年代出版的一本考研指导书中对研究生入学考试英语试卷做过详细的分析,将考研词汇精确地分为如下四大类型:

- ① 短语与搭配。
- ② 同义词和近义词。
- ③ 在拼写和词形上容易混淆的词。
- ④ 根据上下文选择答案的词。

分析发现第1、2类所占比例最大,分别占全部词汇题的40%和30%。而第3、4类则只要单词记得牢,看懂上下文意思,便能做出答案。在前两类中,短语和搭配是特别难记的,它们的意思通常和构成这个短语的任何单词都没有关系,因而人们在记忆过程中往往会受到这些词原意的干扰,产生错误联想。如 put away,人们会把它误解成“弃之一边”,而它的实际意义则是“收好备用”,几乎没有规律可循。另外,英语短语的数量很大,一个简单的动词或名词往往可以和其他词构成几十条甚至上百条短语,而且愈是常用的词构成的短语就愈多。作者在翻译一本英文教材时曾遇到这样一段话:

一个显见的事实是:一个优秀的外国学生和一个英国人在作文,尤其是在说话方面的区别,就在于英国人的作文和说话中充满了短语和习惯表达,而多数外国学生都很害怕它们,小心翼翼地回避它们,结果听起来语言呆板。喜欢人家赞扬自己英语棒的外国学生,可以通过正确地大量使用这样的短语和习惯表达来最有成效地达到这个目的。

(F. V. Bywater)

这段话和对笔者考研试卷的分析都表明,惯用语是考生词汇复习的重要内容。但是惯用语的用法也是很难掌握的,它需要结合情景、例句来琢磨以获得语感,通过科学地训练来达到速记。本书就是根据以上特点,结合应试者的实际需要而编写的。作者搜集近年来考研试题中所出现的全部短语,科学地将其归为六大类,每类又根据记忆可行性的需要分为若干小节,每节按字母顺序排列,便于查找。每条惯用语全都配有试卷中的例句。每节中都配有形式多样的速记练习题。练习题的四种主要形式——辨认、填空、选择填空及画线置换——都是现代英语考试的主要形式,因而对提高考生的应试能力很有帮助。

最后提一下,在这套丛书中,我们把某个惯用语归为副词短语、形容词短语或连词短语,并非因为这个短语中一定有副词、形容词或连词,而是因为它们在中起着这些词的作用;其次,有些短语(如 a little)既可起副词状语作用,也可起形容词定语作用,因而在两章中皆能找到。更有甚者,有些短语的分类可能会

引起争议,但这并不妨碍同学们通过例句和练习来迅速掌握其意思与用法。

另外,本书设计的目的不仅是帮助读者记住这些短语和习惯表达,更希望读者通过做题和熟悉词条下的实例,接触考研试卷中所有的句型,从而提高阅读和写作能力,实现一箭双雕(kill two birds with one stone)的目的。果真如此,编者

的目的也就达到了。在以高普华人士受而反战平 8801 以自
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第一章 动词短语

动词短语 A—E

abide by 恪守, 遵守, 服从……

Californians and New Englanders speak the same language and abide by the same federal laws.

accomplish one's mission 完成使命/任务

Thus, when it has accomplished its mission, it can be ready for another trip in about two weeks.

account for 解释, 说明; 是……的原因; 占……

One of the major problems is the underside of the car, where there are many exposed parts. This area accounts for about 20 percent of the drag.

The size of these craft, however, has accounted for the relatively low level of maneuverability and for their high cost.

There's no question that the big are getting bigger and more powerful. Multinational corporations accounted for less than 20% of international trade in 1982. Today the figure is more than 25% and growing rapidly.

accuse sb of sth 指责[指控, 控告]某人……

Again suspecting cheating, Martin had accused his former friend of dishonesty; a fight had broken out.

Historians, especially those so blinded by their research interests that they have been accused of "tunnel method," frequently fall victim to the "technicist fallacy."

The neighbor decided to accuse the man of playing his radio too loudly.

achieve an agreement 达成协议/一致

At a minimum, the negotiators are hoping to achieve an agreement in principle, with details to be worked out later.

achieve the goal 达到目的, 实现目标

With all factors considered we think that this program may excel all the others in achieving the goal.

acknowledge with thanks 感谢, 感激

I acknowledge with thanks the help of my colleagues in the preparation of this new column.

acquaint sb with sth 使某人熟悉/了解/认识某事

Moreover, despite the efforts made to link education more closely with the world of work, as an essential requirement for a sound training for life, whether

through better career counseling or through a growing interpenetration of education and work, calculated to acquaint pupils, students and teachers with the realities of the productive sector, this relationship has seldom been achieved.

acquire a broader perspective of 扩大……的眼界, 拓宽……的视野

Usually a student goes to university to acquire a broader perspective of life, to enlarge his ideas and to learn to think for himself.

act as 扮演, 担任, 担当, 充当

Brain 3 apparently also acts as a unifying control of the other two Brains. As scientists continue to study the brain, they discover specific areas that control particular functions of the body and particular emotions.

The antibody molecules seem to act as bridges between the foreign particles, linking them together in large clumps which may later dissolve or be phagocytized.

Today many cars have hoods that slope to act as wedges against the wind.

act for 代表, 代理; 充当, 起……作用

The paid manager acting for the company was in more direct relation with the men and their demands.

act on 根据……办事, 按照……行动

In the same way, I trust you that you will take comfort, and be delighted with yourselves, on the discovery that you have been acting on the principles of inductive and deductive philosophy during the same period.

Aerodynamics is a science that involves the study of moving air and the forces that act on objects moving through the air.

Governments throughout the world act on the assumption that the welfare of their people depends largely on the economic strength and wealth of the community.

adapt oneself to (使自己)适应……

Some of the difficulties they experienced when they were trying to adapt themselves to the new medium

were technical.

To our delight, she quickly adapted herself to the situation.

adapt to 适应, 适合……

Do we think we're slow to adapt to change or that we're not smart enough to cope with a new challenge? Then we are likely to take a more passive role or not try at all.

Divers must go through a lengthy gradual ascent known as decompression to allow their bodies to adapt to the lessening pressure, and therefore avoid the bends.

adapt...to... 使……适应/适合……; 把……改写/改编成……

In response, schools are modifying their programs, adapting instruction to children who are exceptional, to those who cannot profit substantially from regular programs.

adapted to, be 适应/适合……

One characteristic common to unsuccessful food innovations has been that, even with extensive government support, they often have not been technologically adapted or culturally acceptable to the people for whom they had been developed.

Social science methodologies had to be adapted to a discipline governed by the primacy of historical sources rather than the imperatives of the contemporary world.

add flavor to 给……加调味品; 为……增加趣味

Families in frontier settlement used to entertain strangers to add some flavor to their own daily life.

add fullness to 使……充实

It is human, perhaps, to appreciate little that which we have and to long for that which we have not, but it is a great pity that in the world of light the gift of sight is used only as a mere convenience rather than as a means of adding fullness to life.

add to 增加, 增添, 补充

By this time tomorrow, and every day, there will be added to the earth about 120,000 extra people — just about the population of the city of York.

Experiments by the U.S. Geological Survey in the Rangely oil field of northwestern Colorado have added to the experience gained from the study of the Denver earthquakes.

We were pleased to note that the early morning delivery didn't add to the traffic jam of the busy city.

add up to 总计, 累加; 意味着……

All the information we have collected in relation to that case adds up to very little.

In fact, the events that produced the canyon, far from being sudden and cataclysmic, simply add up to the slow and orderly process of erosion.

Even so, that gain adds up to only 11.4 percent, lowest in American annual records except for the Depression years.

add...to... 把……加到……上, 为……增加/增添……

Above all, he has to be able to create a continuous sequence of visual images which add meaning to the sounds which the listener hears.

But more significantly, it will deliver materials and machines into space for industrial purposes unimagined two decades ago when "Sputnik" (artificial satellite) was added to vocabulary.

The professor would try to show his pupils how they could add joy to their lives by really seeing what passes unnoticed before them.

added to that is 此外还有……

Added to that is an atmospheric pressure about 900 times Earth's.

address a letter to 给……寄一封信

Prior to his departure, he addressed a letter to his daughter.

adjust to 调整/调节为……; 适应/适合……

Either way—contrary to popular belief in constant geometric growth—population can be expected in the long run to adjust to productivity.

admit into 准许进入……

Airline companies today require that all luggage be inspected before passengers are admitted into the waiting rooms.

advance into 进入, 冲进, 闯进

They haven't attracted the attention that has often followed women advancing into the male-dominated fields, but women are moving into more and more jobs that have traditionally been held by women.

affiliated with, be 与……有往来, 与……结合, 加入……

Anthropologists classify the Navajo people as an Athapaskan people, once closely affiliated with other peoples found in present-day Canada and Alaska.

Third, women were occasional fighters affiliated with local militia companies or committees of safety formed to protect the local community.

agree on 就……取得一致意见, 商定……

The union and the management are having a difficult time agreeing on a contract for the forthcoming year that the workers may go on strike.

That group—the National Bioethics Advisory Com-

mission (NBAC)—has been working feverishly to put its wisdom on paper, and at a meeting on 17 May, members agreed on a near-final draft of their recommendations.

agree to 同意, 赞成(某事)

In order to convince the director to agree to their plan, they brought forth a number of reports which supported their argument.

We all agreed to the decision that Comrade Li has made.

agree upon 就……取得一致意见, 商定……

She wants to know whether the measures have been agreed upon.

If one were to ask a group of randomly selected individuals to define "price", many would reply that price is an amount of money paid by the buyer to the seller of a product or service or, in other words, that price is the money value of a product or service as agreed upon in a market transaction.

The precise time of the Navajo's appearance in the Southwest is not fully agreed upon, but archaeological evidence suggests that they have been in the region for at least 500 years.

agree with 同意, 赞同(某人); 与……一致, 适应……

But if you want to make sure that you are right in agreeing with the prevailing opinion, you will find it a good plan to test the arguments that occur to you by considering what Gandhi might have said in refutation of them.

aim at 瞄准, 对准, 目标在于, 旨在……

An education that aims at getting a student a certain kind of job is a technical education, justified for reasons radically different from why education is universally required by law.

When a new movement in art attains a certain fashion, it is advisable to find out what its advocates are aiming at, for, however farfetched and unreasonable their principles may seem today, it is possible that in years to come they may be regarded as normal.

aimed towards, be/seem/appear 瞄准, 旨在, 致力于……

As a logical consequence of this development, separate journals have now appeared aimed mainly towards either professional or amateur readership.

align oneself with 与……成一条直线, 和……结盟

The magnetic field causes the nuclei of certain atoms to align themselves with the direction of the field. In essence, the nuclei themselves behave as tiny magnets.

allude to 暗示, 暗指; 间接引用, 间接提到……

One of the greatest insults is for someone to call your bush, alluding to the incompetent performance of the minor (bush) leagues.

alternate with 与……交替出现

In that sense play stands in contrast to work, and is usually regarded as an activity that alternates with work.

amount to 总计为, 总数达; 成为, 等于, 意味着

In what amounts to a last minute stay of execution, a council announced that emergency funding would keep alive two aging satellites.

The scientist has been shocked at having even been asked to speculate. What this amounts to, of course, is that the scientist has become the victim of his own writings.

With an annual corn production in the United States of about 6 billion bushels, a 2-percent loss amounts to about 120 million bushels.

answer for 为……负责, 为……承担责任

He failed to carry out some of the provisions of the contract, and now he has to answer for the consequences.

apologize for 因……而道歉

The captain apologized for being unable to tell us more about the accident.

apologize to sb for sth 因某事而向某人道歉

They apologized to my friend for the inconvenience, but explained that a person who had used the same name as his was responsible for a number of recent robberies.

appeal to 向……呼吁, 向……上诉; 请求, 恳求; 对……有魅力, 吸引

NBAC members also indicated that they will appeal to privately funded researchers and clinics not to try to clone humans by body cell nuclear transfer.

appear on the scene 登上舞台, 崭露头角

For example, women have appeared on the scene for the first time as state police, railway workers and street cleaners.

apply for 申请……

When they apply for their first job, they are tested for intelligence as well as for the right mixture of submissiveness and independence.

apply to 向……提出申请; 适用于……

Although the fundamental physical laws applying to combustion, namely the Law of Conservation of Energy, the Law of Conservation of Matter, the Law of Combining Weights, and Dalton's, Amargat's, Avogadro's Laws, have been understood for some

time, the focus of recent combustion technology research has been on facilitating more efficient fossil fuel combustion through deeper understanding of the process itself.

It applies equally to traditional historians who view history as only the external criticism of sources, and to social science historians who equate their activity with specific techniques.

Only the deaf appreciate hearing, only the blind realize the manifold blessings that lie in sight. Particularly does this observation apply to those who have lost sight and hearing in adult life.

apply...to... 把……应用于; 对……施加……; 把……敷在/贴在……

The geneticist applies large doses of salt to each culture, the result of which is that many (but not all) cells die.

approve of 赞成, 批准

The professor told the economics student that he didn't approve of his taking the advanced course before he made a passing mark in Economics I.

argue about 争论……, 辩论……

The matter that you were arguing about last night has been settled.

This question of giving up seats in public transport is much argued about by young men.

argue for 支持, 主张, 为……争辩

An invisible border divides those arguing for computers in the classroom on the behalf of students' career prospects and those arguing for computers in the classroom for broader reasons of radical educational reform.

argue out 把……辩论清楚, 把……辩个水落石出

It is more difficult to deal with the self-esteem of man as man, because we cannot argue out the matter with some non-human mind.

argue with 和……辩论/争辩

Opponents should not be argued with; they should be attacked, shouted down, or if they become too much of a nuisance, liquidated.

arise from 从……中产生, 由……引起

Many of the minor illnesses of modern industrial society are thought to arise from breathing polluted air.

Additional social stresses may also occur because of the population explosion or problems arising from mass migration movements—themselves made relatively easy nowadays by modern means of transport.

Most recent theorists have suggested that sunspots arise from a complex physical process determined by the uneven nature of solar rotation.

arise in 产生于, 出现在……

This imbalance can be traced to many causes. Most arise in the greed and poor planning of man himself.

arrive at 到达(一个小地方)

When his plane arrives at the airport in Shanghai, I shall already have left for Beijing.

arrive at an understanding of 达成谅解

Aristotle, for example, whose natural science dominated Western thought for two thousand years, believed that man could arrive at an understanding of reality by reasoning from self-evident principles.

arrive at the discovery that... 作出……发现

If this is so then the mother, either instinctively or by an unconscious series of trials and errors, would soon arrive at the discovery that her baby was more at peace if held on the left against her heart, than on the right.

arrive in 到达(一个大地方)

You can arrive in Beijing earlier for the meeting provided you don't mind taking the night train.

as compared to 与……相比, 比起……来

Field experiments at Riverside, California, showed that yields of sweet corn were reduced by 72 percent, alfalfa 38 percent, radishes 38 percent, grapes 60 percent, navel oranges 50 percent, and lemons 30 percent as compared to similar plants grown in clean, filtered air.

as compared with 与……相比, 比起……来

In the early part of the twentieth century, the population was predominantly rural but, by the time of the 1960 census, 74.5% was urban-dwelling, as compared with 55.5% at the decennial census ten years earlier.

This has one advantage, and only one, as compared with actual conversation with opponents; this one advantage is that the method is not subject to the same limitations of time and space.

as far as one knows 就某人所知

As far as we know, he was the first person to see with a noninverted, or right-side-up, retinal image.

as follows 如下, 如次

All problems in interest may be solved by use of one general equation which may be stated as follows:
Interest = Principal × Rate × Time.

as opposed to 与……相比/相对, 相对于……

These birds, found in tropical and temperate climates throughout the world, are currently the subject of intense investigation by ornithologists, who are finding out if the owls use hearing, as opposed to sight, in capturing their preys.

as time goes on 随着时间的推移

As time goes on, he will understand what I said.

ask about 询问, 打听

The cheerful-looking woman serving behind the bar said good-evening to him in a friendly way but shook her head discouragingly when he asked about a room.

ask for 要求, 请求, 寻求

The radio was of such inferior quality that I took it back and asked for a better one.

Because the first pair of pants did not fit him properly, he asked for another one.

We've given him just about everything he's asked for: whatever else can he want?

ask for a lift 要求搭(便)车

At Yarmouth an elderly woman is supposed to have jumped into a stranger's car and asked for lift because she was afraid of the hairy youngsters.

assert oneself 坚持自己的主张或权利; 表现自己

It doesn't help that building a big, powerful dam has become a symbol of achievement for nations and people striving to assert themselves.

assign... to... 把……归因于……; 把……分派/分配到……

Young believed that sound values could be assigned to the symbols, while Champollion insisted that the pictures represented words.

associated with, be 与……有联系, 和……联想在一起; 与……有交往

It is no easy task to determine the social costs and social benefits associated with a public good.

They watch for changes in the water level and temperature that are associated with movement along faults.

It is widely accepted that the condition is associated with a life span diminished on average by ten to twenty years, usually due to the increased rate of the atherosclerotic process.

attach importance to 重视……, 认为……很重要

The modern school that hails technology argues that such masters as Galileo, Newton, Maxwell, Einstein, and inventors such as Edison attached great importance to, and derived great benefits from, craft information and technological devices of different kinds that were usable in scientific experiments.

The Greeks attached so much importance to these games that they calculated time in four-year cycles called "Olympiads" dating from 776 BC.

attach oneself to 吸附, 附着, 附属; 依恋, 爱慕; 与……紧密联系

Doping with iodine compound oxidizes the poly-

acetylene, dislodging an electron from one of its double bonds and causing it to attach itself to the iodine atom.

attach to 吸附, 附属; 依恋, 爱慕

One such venture has been restrained by the courts on the grounds that the reefs and seamounts attach to the seabed on the continental shelf, and are, therefore, under the U.S. jurisdiction.

attached to, be 与……联系/连接在一起; 附属于; 爱慕, 爱恋……

There is a slight stigma attached to this expression, since it suggests relative inexperience, immaturity, or incompetence on the part of the one riding the bench.

A short piece of rubber tubing is attached to the stump of a freshly decapitated, young, well-watered herbaceous plant plotted in well aerated soil.

A survey of news stories in 1996 reveals that the anti-science tag has been attached to many other groups as well, from authorities who advocated the elimination of the last remaining stocks of smallpox virus to Republicans who advocated decreased funding for basic research.

attain an objective 达到目的, 实现目标

Emphasis is laid on the necessity that all the objectives to be attained be taken into account before starting a new project.

attribute... to... 把……归因/归功于/归咎于……

How things have changed! In 1995 the United States can look back on five years of solid growth while Japan has been struggling. Few Americans attribute this solely to such obvious causes as a devalued dollar or the turning of the business cycle.

attributed to, be 归因于……, 归功于……, 归咎于……

In addition, in earlier centuries, magical properties were attributed to amber because of the electricity it acquires when rubbed.

Among large cities, San Diego moved from 14th to 8th and San Antonio from 15th to 10th—with Cleveland and Washington, DC, dropping out of the top 10. Not all that shift can be attributed to the movement out of the snow belt, census officials say.

avail oneself of 利用, 趁……(机会)

Prof. White, my respected tutor, frequently reminds me to avail myself of every chance to improve my English.

award a degree 授予学位

A university is an educational institution which awards degrees and carries out research.

back down from 从……撤退, 放弃……

Tom's mother tried hard to persuade him to back down from his intention to invest his savings in stock market.

back off 倒车; 放弃(立场)

Levin would not comment on the debate last week, but there were signs that the chairman was backing off his hard-line stand, at least to some extent.

back up 支持, 援助, 做……的后盾; 倒车; 备份(软件)

Jim always backs up his classmate in a debate.

ban...from... 禁止……做……, 不许……做……

Lawmakers are considering banning both beer and wine commercials from television.

The government yesterday banned restaurants from serving traditional soup made from dog and snake meat to improve the country's image for the 1986 Asian Games and 1988 Olympics being held here.

bank on 依赖, 依靠, 指望……

Banking on the confusion between educational and vocational reasons for bringing computers into schools, computer-ed advocates often emphasize the job prospects of graduates over their educational achievement.

based on, be 建立在……基础之上, 基于……

The trend was naturally most obvious in those areas of science based especially on a mathematical or laboratory training and can be illustrated in terms of the development of geology in the United Kingdom.

be able to 能够, 会, 有……能力

Washing machines take the drudgery out of laundry, the latest models being entirely automatic and able to wash and dry a large quantity of clothes in a few minutes.

When TV first began to expand, very few of the people who had become famous as radio commentators were able to be equally effective on television.

Seismologists want to be able to predict those earthquakes that have a reading of over 4 on the Richter Scale.

be about to (do sth) 即将, 正要, 正准备, 正打算(做某事)

There have been only two major changes in the way TV sets work: the introduction of color in 1954, and the shift from tubes to transistors in the 1970s. Now a radical change is about to take place.

Marlin is young man of independent thinking who is not about to pay compliments to his political leaders.

The man sighed in relief and gathered up his brush and paint. But as he was about to go, the girl of the

silent torrent came up tripping and cried: "Wait a moment. I shall go with you."

be absorbed in 专心于, 全神贯注于……

A group of three in the far corner, who looked like commercial travellers, were very nearly quarreling over politics, while a third group, quietly playing dominoes, seemed completely absorbed in their game.

He appears to be absorbed in the sports news on the back page of his paper and ignores the hurrying crowds.

be acquainted with 认识, 了解, 熟悉……

Ms. Green has been living in town for only one year, yet she seems to be acquainted with everyone who comes to the store.

be adapted to 被改编/改写成; 适应, 适合……

Exceptional children are different in some significant way from others of the same age. For these children to develop to their full adult potential, their education must be adapted to those differences.

be assigned to 被分配/派到……

I don't think it advisable that he be assigned to the job since he has no experience whatsoever.

be based in 以……为基地

As industrial giants like General Motors and IBM struggle to survive by reducing the number of employees, Manpower, based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is booming.

be based on/upon... 以……为基础, 建立在……的基础之上

All informed predictions of future performance are based upon some knowledge of relevant past performance: school grades, research productivity, sales records, or whatever is appropriate.

Some economists argue that powerful structural changes in the world have up-ended the old economic models that were based upon the historical link between growth and inflation.

The intensive cultivation characteristic of Japan uses every little bit of land and only the barren hillsides are not required. Much of the agriculture is based on rice.

be bored with 对……感到厌倦/厌烦

He does not whole-heartedly participate in his work and that he is bored with it.

be born with 生来就有……, 有……天赋

Recent evidence suggests that an infant is born with the capacity to speak.

Supporters of the nature theory insist that we are born with a certain capacity for learning that is biologically determined.

Cholera I had, with severe complications; and

diphtheria I seemed to have been born with.

be bound and brought to 被绑架到……

Once we realize what a shock this first encounter was, we can begin to understand the amazing, albeit agonizing, transformation that produced the contemporary black Americans from the people who were first bound and brought to this country.

be bound to 必定,注定,必然会……;保证……;有义务……

Faced with getting from A to B, the average person will automatically set out on the best-known and apparently simplest route. The innovator will search for alternate courses, which may prove easier in the long run and are bound to be more interesting and challenging even if they lead to dead ends.

I support your decision, but I should also make it clear that I am not going to be bound to it.

The author is strongly opposed to the practice of examinations at schools because some students are bound to fail.

be bound up with 与……紧密联系在一起

Furthermore, it is obvious that the strength of a country's economy is directly bound up with the efficiency of its agriculture and industry, and that this in turn rests upon the efforts of scientists and technologists of all kinds.

be caught in 在……被逮住,陷入,遇着……

Man, about to be buried in his own waste, is caught in a vicious cycle. "Stop the world, I want to get off," is the way a popular song put man's dilemma.

Having been caught in the rain, he was wet to the skin.

I was caught in the rain immediately after I left home this morning.

be characterized by 有……特点/特征

Note that both the presbyopic and hyperopic eye are characterized by abnormally distant near points and could be called farsighted, but for different reasons, the former because of the lens, the latter because of the shape of the eyeball.

be committed to doing sth 受……束缚/约束,有义务/致力于/保证(做某事)

Since it is too late to change my mind now, I am committed to carrying out the plan.

be composed of 由……组成/构成

Except for Florida and Texas, the top 10 in rate of growth is composed of Western states with 7.5 million people—about 9 per square mile.

Modern science teaches that all matter — that is to

say, its atom — is composed of a vast number of units of energy. An atom is in reality a collection of electrons, i.e., of the tiniest particles of electricity.

They found that the bird's heart-shaped facial ruff is composed of rows of tightly packed feathers.

be confined to 被限制在……,局限于……

If its message were confined to information, advertising would be so boring that no one would pay any attention.

Aquaculture could also be applied to a variety of marine plant life. Nor is the potential confined to what we can extract from the seas and the seabed.

The significance of hot spots is not confined to their role as a frame of reference. It now appears that they also have an important influence on the geophysical processes that propel the plates across the globe.

be confronted with 面临着……

In our work it's nothing unusual to be confronted with failures but we should in no way be discouraged on that account.

be convinced that... 确信……,深信……

All the same I was convinced that I had written a good poem, so that evening I wrote it out again from memory.

be covered with 覆盖着……

Access to some parts of South America is still difficult, because parts of the continent are still covered with thick forests.

be deprived of 被剥夺了……,失去……

The real cause of the anxiety of the workers and employees is that they are deprived of their individuality and independence.

Behaviorists, in contrast, say that differences in scores are due to the fact that blacks are often deprived of many of the educational and other environmental advantages that whites enjoy.

be distinguished from 与……区分开来,和……有区别[不同]

Advertising is distinguished from other forms of communication in that the advertiser pays for the message to be delivered.

be divided on 在……有分歧

But they were divided on whether to go further by calling for a federal law that would impose a complete ban on human cloning.

be elected out of office 落选,竞选失败失去公职

Countless divorced politicians would have been elected out of office years ago had they even thought of a divorce, let alone gotten one.

be engaged in 参加,从事……

The electrons in polyacetylene are all engaged in the bonding of atoms, leaving no free electrons to circulate about the molecule.

be entitled to 有权, 有资格……

He now can vote, he can buy liquor, he can enter into financial contracts, and he is entitled to run for public office.

It is well-known that the retired workers in our country are entitled to free medical care.

Unless you sign a contract with the insurance company for your goods, you are not entitled to a repayment for the goods damaged in delivery.

be equipped for 具备……条件, 为……做好准备

Many European schools introduce the concept of professional training early on in order to make sure children are properly equipped for the professions they want to have.

be equipped with 配备有, 装备有, 具备……

It is important to see that our cars are equipped with pollution-control devices. Such devices effectively reduce the harmful gases emitted from the engines.

The orbiting spacecraft is equipped with special instruments that are used to produce sequential, overlapping pictures of the surface of the earth. One of these instruments is called a multispectral scanner.

The smokestacks of these buildings should be equipped with filters and other smoke reduction devices.

be exposed to 暴露于, 接触……

Owing to the remarkable development in mass-communications, people everywhere are feeling new wants and are being exposed to new customs and ideas, while governments are often forced to introduce still further innovations for the reasons given above.

Actual hearing loss will depend upon the particular frequencies to which one is exposed, and whether the sound is continuous or intermittent.

be faced with 面对, 面临着……

The real cause of the anxiety of the workers and employees is that they are faced with the fundamental realities of human existence.

It is naive to expect that any society can resolve all the social problems it is faced with once for all.

Then we are faced with a choice between using technology to provide and fulfill needs which have hitherto been regarded as unnecessary or, on the other hand, using technology to reduce the number of hours of work which a man must do in order to earn a given standard of living.

be filled with 充满, 填满, 塞满……

Scientists tend to forget this when writing their cut and dried reports for the technical journals, but history is filled with examples of it.

Soldiers from a large army camp nearby also visited the city looking for fun. New Orleans provided plenty of gaiety and bright lights in a disreputable district called Storyville, which was filled with bars, dance halls, and bordellos.

Their sometimes sensational findings were filled with warnings about the growing competition from overseas.

be finished 结束, 完蛋

Their manager was in a rage when he said: "This wasn't hockey. Hockey and the International Hockey Federation are finished."

be furnished with 配备有……, 装配有……

This room is partly furnished with a few old arm-chairs.

be going to (do sth) 打算, 准备, 将要(做某事)

For an indefinite period from here on, mankind is going to advance cautiously, and consider itself lucky that it can advance at all.

It would be interesting to discover how many young people go to university without any clear idea of what they are going to do afterwards.

The invention I am going to show you means a bigger revolution in technical methods than Watt's invention of the steam engine. To give you its nature briefly, it provides, putting it theoretically, for the complete utilization of atomic energy.

be grouped around 集中/聚集在……周围

Typically a hydathode is an opening or pore in the leaf epidermis around which are grouped several thin-walled parenchyma cells.

be immersed in 沉浸于, 浸泡于; 埋头于; 陷入……

One researcher has tested several battery cells, one of which includes a piece of polyacetylene as a positive electrode and lithium metal as a negative electrode, all immersed in an electrolyte solution.

To review, the latter has two electrodes (one composed of lead, the other of lead dioxide) which are immersed in an electrolyte—in this case, a solution of diluted sulfuric acid.

be impressed with 对……留下深刻印象

Freud was so impressed with the possibilities offered by the study of dreams for understanding mental life that he spoke of the dream as royal road to the unconscious.

be imprinted on 在……上留下烙印

Thinking along these lines it was argued that per-

haps during its existence inside the body of the mother, the growing embryo becomes fixated ("imprinted") on the sound of the heart beat.

be intended to 旨在, 目的在, 打算, 企图……

Moreover, most of the changes that companies make are intended to keep them profitable, and this need not always mean increasing productivity: switching to new markets or improving quality can matter just as much.

be involved in 卷入, 介入, 参加……

The nations that are actively involved in earthquake prediction programs include Japan, China, the Soviet Union, and the United States.

The scientists who are involved in this work are called seismologists.

be known as 被称为, 被叫做……

Drugs (substances) that affect the central nervous system and alter perception, mood, and behavior are known as psychoactive substances.

The sun's rays can be transformed into electricity by a photovoltaic cell. A photovoltaic cell is also known as a solar cell.

be known for 以……著称/出名/闻名

New Orleans is known for its jambalaya, a spicy dish of rice, ham, shrimp, and tomatoes.

be laced with 用……围起来/圈起来

The silicon crystal is first laced with a metal grid, or network, of tiny wires, and is then placed on a thin metal base.

be limited to 局限于, 限制在, 限于……

Until recently, even in countries with snow, it was limited to mountainous regions. Now there is new variation that can be enjoyed by everyone. It is called ski touring.

be lined with 用……衬里; 两边植有/排列着……

The roadsides, once so attractive, were now lined with browned and withered vegetation as though swept by fire.

be linked to 与……有联系, 连接在……上

One scanner, called the CAT (Computerized Axial Tomography), is actually an X-ray machine linked to a computer.

be located in 坐落在, 位于……

Plants which refine crude ores are often located in countries other than those in which the crude ores are mined.

be made from 由……组成, 用……制成

Amaranth can be ground into flour and made into baked goods. Bread made from amaranth flour is heavy and very compact when compared with the light

and airy bread common in North America.

Most photovoltaic cells are made from a single silicon crystal. Silicon is a common chemical element found abundantly in the earth's crust in quartz (a compound of silicon and oxygen).

be made into 被制成/加工成……

Any leftover scrap metal is mixed with concrete and made into exceptionally strong bricks that are used in buildings and bridges. Man's ingenuity has come to his rescue.

The solid material, called sludge, is converted into fertilizer. The sludge can also be made into bricks.

be made of 由……组成, 用……制成

Venus has a similar density, so it is probably made of approximately the same stuff, and it has an atmosphere, complete with clouds.

be made up of 由……组成/构成

During its eighteen-day orbit Landsat records more than 30,000 scenes. Each scene is made up of 32 million tiny squares called picture elements, or "pixels".

The laser beam is made up of the same kind of light that shines from a lamp.

be opposed to 反对, 不同意, 与……对抗/对立

The author is strongly opposed to the practice of examinations at schools because some students are bound to fail.

Declaring that he was opposed to using this unusual animal husbandry technique to clone humans, he ordered that federal funds not be used for such an experiment and asked an independent panel of experts chaired by President Harold Shapiro to report back to the White House in 90 days with recommendations for a national policy on human cloning.

be prepared for 为……做好准备

It is then towed to ground facilities for overhaul and maintenance, and prepared for reuse.

be produced from 用……制成

Electricity is produced from the chemical reaction of these materials.

be programmed to 为……编好程序, 适合于……

The reason for this is that the mother is insensitive to the signals of the infant, whose brain is programmed to learn language quickly.

be reduced to 被减少到; 被降格为/贬低为/沦为……

As Eugene Ferguson has pointed out, "A technologist thinks about objects that cannot be reduced to unambiguous verbal descriptions; they are dealt with in his mind by a visual, nonverbal process."

be referred to as 被称为/叫做……

Another important genetic technique is gene splicing, or gene cloning. This technique, referred to as recombinant DNA technology, allows the transfer of genetic material from a plant cell of one species to that of another.

be relieved from 从……释放/解放出来

Yet the great majority of the housewives will wish to be relieved completely from the routine operations of the home such as scrubbing the floors or the bath or the cooker, or washing the clothes or washing up, or dusting or sweeping, or making beds.

be restricted to 被限制在……; 局限于……

He can choose from different jobs and probably changes his work more frequently as he is not restricted to a choice with a small radius.

The demand for fur boots is restricted to 2 million in this country.

be rewarded with 被赏给……; 得到……报酬, 获得……

But Galileo continued his observation and was soon rewarded with another discovery.

be rooted in 植根于/起源于……

The astonishing distrust of the new media isn't rooted in inaccuracy or poor repertory skills but in the daily clash of world between reporters and their readers.

be satisfied with 对……感到满意, 满足于……

— Is your new bus going OK?
— Oh, yes. Couldn't be better. It's the first minibus we have had and we're all satisfied with it.

The scientists are not satisfied with the outcome of the research project.

be scheduled for 原计划……, 订于/定于……

A series of debates between the lectures were scheduled for the next weekend.

be stricken blind or deaf 导致失明或失聪

I have often thought it would be a blessing if each human being were stricken blind and deaf for a few days at some time during their early adult life.

be subject/subjected to 遭受, 经受; 受到……控制

The amount of pressure which the materials are subject to affects the quality of the products.

The old idea that talented children "burn themselves out" in the early years, and, therefore, are subjected to failure and at worst, mental illness is unfounded.

be supposed to 被认为……, 据说……; 应该, 应当……

Theoretically, women were not supposed to be recruited into the Continental Army, but if a woman

was a good soldier, no one made an issue of sex at a time when the army was so short of soldiers that boys not yet in their teens were also being recruited in violation of rules.

As an increasing number of traffic regulation schemes are devised, the poor bewildered driver finds himself diverted and forced into one-way systems which cause even greater delays than the traffic jams they are supposed to prevent.

be to blame for 因……而应受责备, 应对……负责

I thought the technician was to blame for the blowing of the fuse, but I see now that I was mistaken.

be to do sth 打算, 应该, 必须, 能够(做某事)

The origins and traditions of the United Kingdom are to be found in each of the four parts that make up the country.

For an hour or more, she would walk up and down between the stalls looking at everything, buying here and there, and fixing a sharp lookout for the bargains that were sometimes to be had.

If students are not to waste their opportunities, there will have to be much more detailed information about courses and more advice.

be to understand... 认为, 以为, 推断, 猜想……

According to what you have just said, am I to understand that his new post carries no responsibility with it at all?

be traced to 追溯到/追踪到/追查到……

This imbalance can be traced to many causes. Most arise in the greed and poor planning of man himself.

be translated into 翻译成/转换为……

The relative motion of the plates carrying these continents has been constructed in detail, but the motion of one plate with respect to another cannot readily be translated into motion with respect to the earth's interior.

be used for 用于……

The names Jimmy and Bobby ending in "y" are used especially for children, but they often continue into adult life.

The flour can also be used for cakes, cookies and crackers, as well as high-protein breakfast cereals and snack foods.

be used to 习惯于, 适应于……

I am not used to a public call box so, at my first attempt to get through, the warning pips had stopped before I realised I had to insert a coin.

If people are used to drugs, it's usually very difficult for them to stop.

Such enormous numbers used to daunt us and cause

us to dismiss the possibility of making a machine with human-like ability, but now that we have been used to moving forward at such pace we can be less sure.

beam instructions to 把指令发送到……

It might carry its power, for example, by storage batteries, and have its instructions beamed to it by a short-wave short-range electromagnetic waves.

bear in mind 牢记, 记住……

But we must bear in mind that the great proportion of books, plays and films which come before the censor are far from being works of art.

Bear in mind the rules of safety when you go to swim.

bear out 证明, 证实……

This is borne out by the fact that content and curricula often lag far behind the advance of knowledge, particularly as regards science and technology teaching.

beat down 战胜, 打倒, 打败, 击败

Even death couldn't beat him down. He died, it is true, but only, as one of his admirers said, after "straight-arming the death-angel" for more than an hour.

become of (与 what 连用) 结果如何, 后来怎样, 发生于……

Nobody knows now what became of either of the brothers who were always hoping for too much.

What has become of the book I put here yesterday?

become trapped inside a shell of one's own making 作茧自缚, 自作自受, 咎由自取

If we do not confront and overcome these internal fears and doubts, if we protect ourselves too much, then we cease to grow. We become trapped inside a shell of our making.

begin with 以……为开端, 始于……; (用做插入语) 首先, 第一

In making a blueprint for a job, begin with yourself, for when you know exactly what you have to offer, you can intelligently plan where to sell your services.

Attack against these animals began with the arrival of the first European settlers, who wished to protect their livestock.

What the researchers found was at once both amazing and expected: the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Cosmic Background Explorer satellite —Cobe—had discovered landmark evidence that the universe did in fact begin with the primeval explosion that has become known as the Big Bang (the theory that the universe originated in an explo-

sion from a single mass of energy).

behave oneself 安分, 守规矩, 有礼貌

The children will not be allowed to come with us if they don't behave themselves.

believe in 信奉, 信任, 信仰, 相信

Many people, however, believe in being on the "safe" side and thus take extra vitamins. However, a well-balanced diet will usually meet all the body's vitamin needs.

Sagan is more concerned with those who believe in ghosts, creationism and other phenomena that contradict the scientific worldview.

The man had never believed in mere utility. Having had no useful work, he indulged in mad whims.

belong to 属于, 应归……所有

Whatever it is you've found, you must give it back to the person it belongs to.

The hills belong to the National Trust and have been fenced off to prevent too many visitors from camping on National Trust property and, incidentally, getting a free seat for the concerts.

Virtue and intelligence belong to human beings as individuals freely associating with other individuals in small groups. So do sin and stupidity.

bend over 弯腰, 俯身于……

When I came to my senses, I found myself wrapped up in bed in my little room, with Grandma bending over me.

benefit from 从……获益/得到好处, 得益于……

National defense is another example of public goods. Even a person who voted against military expenditures or did not pay any taxes will benefit from the protection afforded.

What is odd is that they have perhaps most benefited from ambition—if not always their own then that of their parents and grandparents.

bid for 要求, 争取; 为……投标, 出价竞买

The huge complex will probably have all the usual problems of big dams. But Slovakia is bidding for independence from the Czechs, and now needs a dam to prove itself.

bid up 哄抬价格, 竞相出高价

If the product is in short supply relative to the demand, the price will be bid up and some consumers will be eliminated from market.

blame sb for 责备某人……, 因……而责怪某人

Mr. Jankin regretted blaming his secretary for the mistake, for he later discovered it was his own fault.

Nor, if regularity and conformity to a standard pattern are desirable to the scientist as the writing of his