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前 言

众所周知,英语词汇丰富多彩,富有表现力。其中不仅有许多同义词和近义词,它们或在词义褒贬、词义引伸、比喻上互有差别,在适用范围或使用场合中各有千秋。此外英语中还有丰富的反义词体系,反义词在性质、状态、行为、时间、地点、条件等诸多方面都存在相反或相对的矛盾统一的关系中。这就决定了反义词体系在语言文学中占有重要位置。

在大学四、六级以及考研考试中的写作和阅读中存在着许多同义词和反义词。人们可就文章内容进行正、反两方面的叙述表达。选择恰到好处的词语(同义词或反义词)不仅能使语言增光添彩,而且会达到意想不到的效果,辨别与运用这些词汇在词义、用法或修辞色彩上的异同,对于增强语感、提高英语的驾驭能力都有不可忽视的重要性。美国作家马克·吐温说:“一个几乎恰到好处的词和一个真正恰到好处的词的差别之大,就像萤火虫和闪电的差别一样。”所以认识反义词体系、学会运用反义词对读者提高语言表达能力能发挥重要作用。

我们编写了《英语常用同义词近义词手册》(A Handbook of Common English Synonyms and Related Words)。现在

编写了《英语常用反义词手册》(A Handbook of Common English Antonyms)与之配套,以供读者参考使用。

本书共收集 1850 组词条,其中完全对应的词条有 1432 组;还有 418 组词条广义对应,使用范围和场合各异。

由于编者水平所限,无论在词条的收取上,还是例句的典型化方面,或是解析辨异上都还有许多不尽人意之处,希望专家、学者及广大读者予以批评指正。

编 者

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sporting, sporty, strong

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同义 blithe, cheery, happy, sunny, winsome

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同义 town, metropolis

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同义 explain, elucidate, explicate, interpret

反义 confuse, befog, complicate, obfuscate, obscure

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反义 pollute, soil, befoul

clean (79)

同义 fresh, immaculate, spotless, stainless, pure

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polluted, stained, sullied, tainted

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同义 definite, distinct, unmistakable

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