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前言

介词是英语中极为活跃的词类,数量很少,使用频率很高,但掌握起来很难。这是因为英语介词本身的含义已很繁复(从十来个到数十个),在句中依附于其他词类,意义就更变化多端。而介词与某些词结合成固定短语所含有的特定意义,则更难从字面上推测出来。所以,“学好了介词,就等于学好了英语”这句话,就人皆认同了。

为了帮助广大大学生提高介词的运用能力,我们根据教学中遇到的有关问题及历年来四六级统考中发现的问题,编写了这本《新编大学英语介词用法词典》。

本书选取了常用介词 50 个,每个介词分两部分:一、意义和用法;二、常用词组及成语。重点放在介词和其他词类的搭配上。所涉及的词条之多,足以满足大学生学习和应试的需要。所有例句均附汉语译文,两相对照,细加揣摩,小小介词的微妙含义就会了然在胸了。

在本词典编写过程中,我们参考了大量中外词书及专著,在此谨向这些作者致以诚挚的谢意。

限于水平,本词典错误疏漏之处在所难免,欢迎读者诸君不吝赐教。

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about

【意义与用法】

☞ about 表示静止状态的位置时,意思是“在……附近”,“在……周围”。about 也可以和 go, walk, get, run, wander, stroll 等动词连用,表示运动方向,意思是“到……各处”。例如:

Fish are abundant about the reefs. 暗礁附近鱼很多。There was a necklace of coral about her throat. 她脖子上有一串珊瑚项链。The children had left their toys lying about the room. 孩子们把玩具扔得满屋都是。Restlessly he walked about the room. 他心神不安地在屋里来回走着。He traveled about the country. 他周游全国。

☞ about 可以表示伴随时,意思是“在身边”。例如:

I have no pen about me. 我没带钢笔。Do you happen to have his letter about you? 你是否正好带着他的信啦? Have you money about you? 你身上带钱了吗? I suddenly realised that I had no money about me. 我忽然意识到身上没带钱。

☞ about 与时间、重量、数量、年龄等搭配时,意思是“大约”,“左右”。例如:

It was about the 23rd, November. 时间大约在 11 月 23 日。About this time, another torrent of barbarians poured out of the south. 大约在这个时候,另一群野人像洪流一般地从南面拥出。The boy about 13 years old became deaf and mute after a bad illness. 这个 13 岁左右的男孩在重病之后变得又聋又哑。He's much about my size and figure. 他跟我的个子和身材都差不多。

☞ about 还可指外观、性格、特征等“属于”。例如:

His face is the worst thing about him. 他吃亏就吃在他的面孔上。There was a look about it which seemed to me to be foreign. 其外观在我看来似乎有些陌生。There was something about him that I did not like. 他有些地方我不喜欢。There must have been something specially hateful about this tax. 这项赋税想必有特别令人憎恨之处。There was a certain charm about the old cottage. 那所古老的农舍自有迷人之处。

☞ about 可作“关于”解,用以说明主题、题材、内容、要点等。例如:

What is the book about? 这本书是关于什么内容的? I know nothing about the matter. 我对此事一无所知。I am very sorry about your troubles. 对于你遇到的麻烦我非常不安。In Britain, and probably many other countries too, teachers and parents are worried about this generation of school-children. 在英国,也许还在许多别的国家,教师和家长都为这一代的小学生担心。What do you know about him? 你知道

有关他的详情吗?

☞ **about** 还可作“从事于”解。例如:

Do you know how to do about it? 你知道如何做这事吗? Henry's been gone a long time. I wonder what he's about. 亨利去了很长时间了,我不知道他在干什么。I put it in the form of a poem while I was about it. 我写时便把它用诗的形式表达出来。I do not like to be interrupted when I am about an important piece of work. 我做重要工作时不喜欢别人打扰。

☞ **about** 后可接动词不定式,意思是“就要,马上要”。例如:

He was about to start. 他即将动身。He seems just about to finish. 他好像就要做完了。He was about to say something more and then checked himself. 他准备再说几句,但忍住没说。He was about to be transferred to another place. 他就要调到另一个地方去。

☞ **about** 后也可接动名词,意思是“就要,马上要”。例如:

She seems about deserting him. 她似乎正打算抛弃他。When I called on him, he was about going out. 我去访他时,他正要外出。

☞ **be about** 常和 **what** 连用,意思是“在做什么”,“关于”。What are you about? Do come along. 你在干什么? 快过来。What was he about? what had happened to him? 他在做什么? 他出了什么事了吗?

What's all this about? 这都是为了什么?

☞ **What/how about ...?** 意思是“(你觉得)……如何?”,用于建议,询问意见、探听消息、责备等。例如:

What about father? We can't just leave him here. 父亲怎么办? 我们不能只把他留在这儿。What about that business we talked about this morning? 我们今天早上谈的那件事怎么样? Of course I'll come. What about Friday? 我肯定会来的,星期五怎么样?

How about sending him a telegram? 要不要给他打个电话? How about sending him a copy? 给他送一份怎么样?

【常用词组及成语】

about face/turn 向后转

About face! 向后转! About turn! 向后转! He saluted smartly, about face, and marched out. 他干净利落地敬了个礼,向后转,开步走了出去。

about one's ears 彻底地,猛烈地

The war brought their plans down about their ears. 战争使他们的计划成为泡影。Immediately after she offered the suggestion, a storm broke about her ears. 她一提出那建议,立刻就引起一场轩然大波。

about time 该是(做……)的时候

It's about time you go up, Mary. 玛丽,你该起床了。

agree about 在……上一致

After that, we could agree about the procedure for the meeting tomorrow. 在那以后,我们可以就明天会议程序取得一致意见。Though they saw

eye to eye on most things, they could never agree about the merits about Picasso as a painter. 虽然他们在大部分问题上意见一致, 但对于毕加索作为一位画家的功绩却无法取得一致看法。

announcement about 对……的宣布

The company made an announcement about the coming increase in salary. 公司宣布即将提薪。The announcement about their marriage appeared in the newspapers. 他们的结婚启事已登在报上。

anxiety about 对……的忧虑

You need have no anxiety about that. 你没有必要为那件事忧虑。The budget statement removed all anxieties about higher taxes. 预算报告消除了人们对提高税率的担心。

approach about 接洽

I was afraid to approach them about this matter. 我不敢和他们接洽此事。Did he approach you about lending him some money? 他找你接洽借钱了吗?

argue about 争论

I won't argue about the matter. 我不想争论此事。

We got into an argument about whether to go by sea or by air. 我们开始争论是乘船还是乘飞机。They spent hours in argument about where to go. 他们花了几小时争论到哪里去。

arrange about 安排

I've arranged about the taxi. 我已安排好了出租汽车。

article about

1. 关于……的文章

She wrote an article about her research. 她写了一篇关于她的研究工作的文章。The professor wrote an article about space for the magazine. 教授给杂志写了一篇有关太空的文章。

2. 有关……的条款

The article about school appropriation was approved. 有关学校拨款的条款被批准了。

ask about 询问, 打听

She asked about you the other day. 前些日子她问到过你。The director is asking about those papers that you promised to have ready. 主任正在询问你答应准备好的材料呢! Newspaper reporters have been asking about the missing child all day. 新闻记者整天都在打听有关那失踪孩子的消息。

bait about 取笑

She kept baiting him about his other love affairs. 她总是拿他另外的几件恋爱故事取笑他。

ballot about 秘密表决

The union balloted its members about the proposed changes. 工会让会员们秘密投票表决所提的改革建议。

bargain about 对……讨价还价

The woman spent hours bargaining about the goods. 那女人花了好几个小时

时对货物讨价还价。I refused to bargain about the price. 我拒绝了讲价钱。

be angry about 因……生气

Her father is very angry about her stayout so late. 她父亲因为她那么晚回家而十分生气。I was angry about missing that film at the cinema. 我因到电影院晚了没看上电影而生气。

be annoyed about 对……懊恼

I was very annoyed about the damage to my car. 给我汽车造成的损伤使我十分懊恼。She was annoyed about the matter. 那件事使她懊恼。

be anxious about 为……忧虑

She is very anxious about her husband's health. 她十分担心她丈夫的健康。Mother felt anxious about the children who had been gone an hour too long. 母亲为这些孩子们焦虑不安, 他们应在一小时以前就回来, 可仍未见踪影。

be apologetic about 为……道歉

He was apologetic about being late. 他对于自己迟到表示抱歉。She was apologetic about her blunder. 她对自己的愚蠢错误表示歉意。

be bitter about

1. 因……痛苦/难受

He was still bitter about losing the job. 他还在为失去那份工作而心中难过。She is bitter about her divorce. 她为自己离婚而痛苦。

2. 恨(某人)

He's been so bitter about Mrs. Smith. 他一贯痛恨史密斯夫人。

be bothered about 为……担心

I'm bothered about Freda, she's out so late again. 我很担心费列达, 她又很晚不归。

be busy about 忙于

Mr. Smith is now busy about some important work. 史密斯先生目前正忙于某项重要工作。They are busy about their task. 他们忙于自己的工作。

be careful about 注意, 小心

You should be more careful about your pronunciation. 你应该特别注意你的发音。Be careful about what you say. 要注意你所说的话。

be careless about 不关心……

He is careless about the kind of clothes he wears. 他不注意所穿的是哪种衣服。He's careless about his appearance. 他不关心自己的仪表。

be casual about 对……漫不经心

She was very casual about winning the prize. 她对得奖一事感到无所谓。The rector had been very casual about visiting his parishioners. 教区长对看望教区居民掉以轻心。

be cautious about 注意, 小心

He is always cautious about spending money. 他用钱总是很谨慎。The boy was cautious about asking questions. 小男孩提问很谨慎。

be certain about 确信, 确知

I am not certain about the spelling of that word. 我不能确定那个词的拼法。I am not certain about that. 对那事我知道得不确切。No one was certain about his qualifications for the post. 谁都对担任那一职务的资格没有把握。

be clear about 明白

She seems quite clear about her plans. 她似乎对自己的计划很清楚。You were not sufficiently clear about our policy. 你对我们的政策不够了解。I am not clear about the reason why he wants to go. 我不明白他要去的理由。

be clever about 在……上灵巧的

The room was decorated beautifully. Tom was clever about such things. 房间布置得很漂亮。汤姆干这种事很灵巧。

be close about 对……隐秘

She's always been very close about her past life. 她对自己过去的的生活一直保密。The old man is close about his past. 老人对他的过去保密。

be comfortable about 满足于

Some people are not comfortable about this new approach. 有些人不满足于这种新方法。

be concerned about 关心, 挂念

Please don't be concerned about me. 请勿挂念。I am concerned about my wife's health. 我担心我妻子的健康。

be curious about 对……好奇的

Children are naturally curious about almost everything. 孩子们几乎对一切都感到好奇, 这是很自然的。She did not wish to seem curious about her neighbour's affairs. 她不想显出对邻居的事好奇的样子。

be defensive about 爱为……辩护的

I wonder why he's so defensive about his wife. 我不明白他为什么那么爱为他妻子辩护。They were very defensive about their record on tax reform. 他们很爱为他们有关税务改革的记录辩护。

be disturbed about 为……不安

He is much disturbed in mind about his future career. 他心中对前途十分不安。She is much disturbed in her mind about her son's safety. 她为她儿子的安全心慌意乱。

be earnest about 热心于

He is earnest about his studies. 他热心于他的研究。

be easy about 安心于, 放心于

She is quite easy in mind about the whole affair. 她心中对整个事情相当放心。Make yourself be easy about the matter. 对于这件事你要安心。

be excited about 激动于

She was excited about going to the dinner party. 去参加宴会她很激动。

be generous about 在……上慷慨

He was very generous about helping students. 他不吝帮助学生。My

mother is always generous about helping our neighbours. 我母亲总是乐于帮助邻居。

be glad about 对……满意

My daughter was glad about this pen. 我女儿喜欢这支笔。I'm glad about his new job. 我对他的新工作很满意。

be happy about 喜于

Are you happy about your new daughter? 你喜欢你的小女儿吗? So on the whole you are happy about the Sawbridge business, are you? 所以总的来说你对索布里契的生意感到满意是吗?

be keen about 迷于

He is very keen about film. 他对电影着迷了。I put the suggestion to him, but he didn't seem very keen about it. 我给他提出建议,但他似乎不大感兴趣。Jack is very keen about the girl. 杰克十分热衷于那姑娘。

be mad about

1. 迷于

The students get mad about scientists. 学生们都极想当科学家。Some girls are mad about going to dances. 有些姑娘特别喜欢去跳舞。

2. 为……生气

John is mad about what has happened just now. 约翰对刚刚所发生的事很生气。She was mad about missing the train. 她没赶上火车很生气。

be modest about 对……谦逊

The hero was very modest about his great deeds. 那英雄对自己的丰功伟绩毫不夸耀。Considering how he won the awards, he should be modest about it. 考虑到他是怎样得到奖赏,他对此应该谦逊。

be nervous about 对……紧张不安

At first she was very nervous about making the crossing in such stormy weather. 一开始她对在这样的暴风雨天气横渡颇为紧张不安。I'm very nervous about taking the exam. 我对参加考试紧张不安。

be nice about 对……讲究

He's not too nice about his business methods. 他不太讲究经营方法。John is very nice about his eating. 约翰吃东西十分讲究。

be nothing to brag about ……不很好

His performance was nothing to brag about and he won't be coming back. 他的表演不怎么样,他不会再来了。His luck had been nothing to brag about. 他的运气不很好。

be nuts about 对……狂热

Our whole family is nuts about homemade ice cream. 我们全家都酷爱自制的冰淇淋。

be on about 唠叨

What is she on about? 她在唠叨什么? I don't like the people your mother is always on about. 我不喜欢你妈妈总是唠叨的那些人。

be open about 对于……坦率的

He was open about his plans. 他对于他的计划很坦率。He was very open

about his reasons for leaving. 他对于离开的原因毫不隐讳。

be optimistic about 对……乐观的

The stockholders are optimistic about the company's future. 股票持有人对公司的前途很乐观。She is not optimistic about the outcome. 她对结果并不乐观。

be particular about 对……特别讲究

She is particular about what she wears. 她对穿戴特别讲究。She is particular about her house keeping. 她十分注意理家。You should be particular about small things as well as in great. 你不仅应该注意大事, 也应该注意小事。

be pleased about 对……感到高兴

We are all very pleased about John's success in his scholarship examination. 我们大家都为约翰在学业考试中的成功感到高兴。Your father told me of your success, and I am very pleased about it. 你父亲把你成功的事告诉了我, 我为你感到十分高兴。

be proud about 因为……而自傲

They've nothing to be proud about. 他们没有什么可自傲的。

be quick about ……快的

Be quick about your work. 快点干活。Be quick about it. I'm in a hurry. 快点儿, 我得赶快。

be quiet about 对……缄默的

I've decided to resign but I'd prefer you to keep quiet about it. 我已决定辞职, 但我希望你对此事保密。

be sad about 对……难过的

We all felt very sad about his misfortune. 我们都为他的不幸感到难过。He's still very sad about his sister's death. 他对姐姐之死仍然感到十分难过。

be sensitive about 对……过分注意

He is very sensitive about being small, so don't mention it. 他对自己个子矮小很敏感, 因此不要提这一点。He is sensitive about his appearance. 他过分注意外表。

be serious about 认真对待

We must be serious about our work. 我们必须认真对待工作。

be sorry about 后悔于

You'll be sorry about this later. 对这件事你以后会后悔的。I was very sorry about what had happened. 我对所发生的一切深表遗憾。

be/feel uneasy about 对……担心

Mr. Lee is uneasy about his daughter's examination. 李先生担心他女儿的考试。I shall feel uneasy about those children until I know they have arrived safely at their destination. 在那些孩子安全到达目的地之前, 我会一直为他们担心。

be unhappy about 对……不高兴, 对……不满意

I'm unhappy about the new house, it isn't what I expected. 这所新房子我

不满意,它跟我预料的不一樣。She was unhappy about the news.她听到这消息不高兴。Investors were unhappy about the risk.投资者对这次冒险不满意。

be upset about 对……难过的

Your parents are very upset about the way you are carrying on.你的父母对你这样胡闹感到很难过。She's really upset about losing the money.她丢了钱确实很难过。

be wrong about 对……理解错误

You are wrong about the facts to begin with.首先,你对事实理解错了。

You are entirely wrong about the whole matter.整个事情你都理解错了。

beat about the bush 拐弯抹角

Now stop beating about the bush and tell me what happened! 好了,说话别绕弯了,直截了当告诉我出了什么事了! He would not answer yes or no, but beat about the bush.他不愿直接回答问题,而是兜圈子。That cautious client beats about the bush so much that no one knows exactly what he wants.那位细心的顾客绕来绕去的,以至没有人知道他究竟要什么。

beat one's brains about 为……绞尽脑汁

She beats her brains about the problem.她绞尽脑汁考虑这一问题。

beef about 抱怨

He is always beefing about the amount of work he has to do.他总是抱怨他的工作量太大。Stop beefing about pay and do some work! 别再抱怨报酬少了,干点活吧!

bellyache about 抱怨

Stop bellyaching about small matters.别再为小事发牢骚了。

bleat about 抱怨

You've got enough to eat! What are you bleating about? 你们吃饱了撑的! 你们在咕哝什么呢?

blow about 吹嘘

He kept us awake half the night blowing about his family.他半夜都不让我们睡,听他吹嘘他的家庭。

blow hot and cold about 对……摇摆不定

John blew hot and cold about going for holidays, every day he changed his mind.约翰对度假的事拿不定主意,他今天这样想,明天那样想。

blunt about 对……麻木不仁

His isolation has made him blunt about the feeling of others.他的孤立使他对别人的感情麻木不仁。

boast about 夸耀

He boasts about the big fish he had caught.他夸耀他所捕到的那条大鱼。He boasts about being the best tennis-player in the town.他自夸是全城最好的网球选手。He often boasts to his neighbours about the success of his children.他时常向邻居们夸耀自己孩子取得的成绩。

bother about 用……烦扰

I'm afraid I have bothered you about a great many questions. 恐怕我提的问题太多, 打扰你了。Don't bother me about that trifle. 别用那种琐事打扰我。Don't bother yourself about that just because of me. 不要只是为我而费心。It's not important, don't bother your head about it. 这无关紧要, 不必为之焦虑。

brag about 吹嘘

He never brags about what he has done. 他从不吹嘘他的所作所为。He bragged about having won first prize ten years ago. 他吹嘘十年前他得过头等奖。

bring a storm about sb.'s ears 引起对某人的强烈反感/愤怒

His foolish act has brought a storm about his ears. 他的愚蠢行动招致了人们的强烈不满。You'll be bringing a storm about your ears if you try to criticize their way of doing things. 你要是批评他们的做法, 那你就捅了马蜂窝了。

bring about 引起, 导致

The new manager has brought about a number of changes. 新经理已经实行了多项改革。Physical exercise has brought about great changes in her health. 做体操使她的健康状况发生很大变化。

brood about

1. 沉思

She brooded about the plan, trying to find some mistakes in it. 她沉思着那个计划, 尽力发现其中的错误。He brooded about his failure. 他沉思着他的失败。

2. 念念不忘

Don't just sit there brooding about your troubles, do something! 不要只是坐在那里念念不忘那次不幸的事, 做点什么事吧! It is no use brooding about your failure. 你对你的失败沮丧于事无补。

busy oneself about 忙于

He busied himself about all sorts of little tasks. 他忙于各种琐事。The bees are busying themselves about making honey. 蜜蜂正忙于采蜜。

buzz about 忙碌工作

She buzzed about the kitchen making preparations for the party. 为了这个晚会, 她在厨房里忙得团团转。

call about 找(某人)谈……

There's a man at the door who says he's calling about your insurance. 门口有个人说找你谈保险的事儿。I've been asked by my manager to call about your outstanding debt on the cooker. 我是奉经理之命为了你尚未付清的炊事用具款项来找你的。I tried to call about our meeting, but you weren't in. 我曾试图打电话给你谈谈我们开会的事, 但你不在家。

care about

1. 喜欢

I really care about the students in my class. 我确实喜欢这个班里的学生。I don't much care about television. 我并不太爱看电视。I don't care about

talking with her. 我不大想和她讲话。I don't care about your opinion. 我对你的看法不感兴趣。

2. 关心, 担心

He doesn't care about other people in the least, he thinks only of himself. 他一点也不关心别人, 只想到自己。I don't care about what you think. 我不在乎你是怎么想的。Don't you care about losing your job? 你难道就不担心失去你的工作?

carry on about 为……争吵

Old John was carrying on about his pen, he made such a fuss you'd think it was his head. 老约翰为他的钢笔争吵, 他吵闹的程度使你会以为那是他的脑袋。

chase about 在……跑来跑去

Stop chasing about the house and sit down! 不要在房子里跑来跑去, 坐下来!

chat (away) about 闲谈

They were chatting away about old times. 他们闲谈着过去的年代。In easy mirth we chatted about the trifles of the day before. 我们欢快地闲谈着前一天发生的琐事。

chatter about 喋喋不休地闲谈

She chattered on and on about her new wardrobe. 她喋喋不休地谈论她那个新柜子。I wish you'd stop chattering about things you don't understand. 我希望你别再喋喋不休地谈论你所不懂的东西。

close about 包围, 围住

He closed his arms about her. 他用手搂住她。I closed my fingers hard about his arm. 我用手指紧紧抓住他的胳膊。As darkness closed about them, they decided to return home. 当夜幕降临时, 他们决定回家。

complain about 告……的状

He complained to the teacher about John's dishonesty. 他向教师告状说约翰作弊。The next-door neighbour said that he'd complain about us to the police if we made any more noise. 隔壁的邻居说, 如果我们吵吵闹闹, 他就要到警察那儿告我们。

concern oneself about 关心

A good doctor should always concern himself about your health. 一个好的医生应该随时关心你的健康。There is no need for you to concern yourself about where I was last night. 你没有必要关心我昨晚在什么地方。

confer about 商谈

The ministers are still conferring about this matter. 部长们仍在商谈此事。The executives confer weekly about important business affairs. 经理主管级人员每周商谈一次重要业务事务。I'll confer with him about the subject. 我将和他商议这件事。The teacher conferred with the principal about Dick's promotion. 教师和校长商议迪克升级之事。

consult about