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时间过得真快,转眼间《英语地雷扫!扫!扫!》的第一版已经跟 各位见面八年多了。回想当初,我只是把多年来英文教学及翻译的心得 记录下来,最初的十多章原本是我在澳洲悉尼一家私营中文电台做节 目时的讲稿,后来我增加大量内容完成此书。这本书称不上有学术价 值,但能够有上万读者,我实在感到非常高兴。

这八年来,有些读者告诉我,说很多拥有高学历或高职位的人,甚 至一些以英语为母语的人,都认为书中所指的一些错误不是错的。其 中有些人更认为语言是沟通的工具,只要大家明白对方所表达的意思, 一些小错误是无伤大雅的。

的确, 现在很多人都说 "Yes,I don't like it", "I am come from Hong Kong", "I suggest you to do it now", "I get up at 6 o'clock everyday", "The meeting started from 9 o'clock", "What did you do on that day? "及"I don't know where is he? "等等。有 一次,某学院主任诧异地问我: "'Can I borrow your telephone?'真 是错的吗?"

无可否认,中国人听这些英文一定会明白对方的意思。现在我们家 里的小孩和老人家能够跟外籍女佣沟通,就是因为用了这些"以英文为 外表,但骨子里却是中文"的句子。例如"buy chicken, cheap,you buy, not cheap,don't buy", "choi sum,five dolars,good,seven dollars,no good", "reply me", "everywhere is rubbish" 或 "wait me outside" 等等。这让我想起一个关于卖甘蔗小贩的笑话,大家也许听过:一个 小贩看见一个外国人经过,便拿着甘蔗指着他说 "one dollar one 碌 (注: '碌'粤语意思为一段甘蔗)",谁知对方马上用双手捂着眼睛 跑开,因为那个外国人以为他说 "one dollar one look". "一块钱看一 看",那外国人不捂着双眼走开才怪。

当然上述只是笑话,但正如我在第一版序言中说过,我们明白中

国人说的这些英文,完全是因为大家用"对号入座"的中文翻译方法与对方沟通。事实上,现在很多人写电子邮件、手机短信及网上ICQ的内容,大都用这类英文或甚至用英文字母和符号写成,但问题是:这些是英语吗?这些似是而非的英文恰似一枚枚地雷,隐藏在中英文交流的路途中,稍不小心,一脚踏上,不是引起误会就是让对方根本听不懂,更成了同学参加英语考试取得良好成绩的障碍!

因此,这次修订,我对一些雷区作出详细的说明,每一章还增加了实用的练习和互联网网址以供读者参考,希望本书能使大家的英语向前迈进一大步。

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扫雷演习

请找出正确的英文句子:

1. 彼德老是说谎。 □ A. Peter is always lying. □ B. Peter is often lying.
2. "你不愚蠢";"对,我不愚蠢。" □ A. Yes, I am not foolish. □ B. No, I am not foolish.
3. 下星期将有大雪。 □ A. Next week will have a big snow. □ B. There will be a big snow next week.
4. 我没有跟她跳舞。□ A. I had not a dance with her.□ B. I did not have a dance with her.
5. 你走时别忘记带手袋。 □ A. Don't forget to take your handbag when you go. □ B. Don't forget to bring your handbag when you go
6. 我觉得痛。 □ A. I am painful. □ B. I feel pain.
7. 我今天晚上会迟点睡。 □ A. I will go to bed late tonight. □ B. I will sleep late tonight

8. 她正在厨房扫地。
A. She is sweeping the kitchen floor.
□ B. She is sweeping the kitchen ground.
9. 我们下车。
☐ A. We got off the car.
☐ B. We got out of the car.
10. 他抢去她一千元。
☐ A. He robbed her \$1000.
☐ B. He robbed her of \$1000.
11. 请举高右手。
☐ A. Please raise up your right hand.
B. Please raise your right hand.
12. 我捉住她的手。
☐ A. I caught her hand.
☐ B. I caught her by the hand.
13. 那苍蝇没有翅膀。
☐ A. The fly has no wing.
☐ B. The fly has no wings.
14. 她是我的姨婆。
☐ A. She is my old aunt.
☐ B. She is my great/grand aunt.
15. 我连一个兄弟也没有。
A. I have no brothers.
☐ B. I have not a brother.
16. 宽敞的厅堂。
□ A. A large hall.
☐ B. A big hall.
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17. 苹果的价钱很贵。□ A. The price of apples is expensive.□ B. The price of apples is high.
18. 那辆汽车的速度很慢。□ A. The speed of the car is low.□ B. The speed of the car is slow.
19. 右上角。 □ A. Right top corner. □ B. Top right corner.
20. 十三亿。 □ A. 1.3 billion. □ B. 13 billion.
21. 两打蛋。 □ A. Two dozen of eggs. □ B. Two dozen eggs.
22. 三分之二。 □ A. Two thirds. □ B. Two third.
23. 一半橙子是烂的。 □ A. Half of the oranges is rotten. □ B. Half of the oranges are rotten.
24. 我想知道问题的答案。 □ A. I want to know the answer to the question. □ B. I want to know the answer of the question.
25. 她很害怕。 □ A. She is frightened. □ B. She is frightening.

26. 我不知道黄先生住在哪里。 ☐ A. I don't know where Mr. Huang lives. ☐ B. I don't know where does Mr. Huang live.
27. 她不去的话,我也不去。 □ A. If she doesn't go, I won't go too. □ B. If she doesn't go, I won't go either.
28. 我爸爸妈妈都不在家。 ☐ A. Both my father and my mother are not at home. ☐ B. Neither my father nor my mother is at home.
29. 他左眼瞎了。 □ A. He is blind in the left eye. □ B. His left eye is blind.
30. 他母亲有生命危险。 □ A. His mother's life is dangerous. □ B. His mother's life is in danger.
31. 婴儿容易着凉。 □ A. Babies catch cold easily. □ B. Babies are easy to catch cold.
32. 她可能早来。 □ A. She is possible to come early. □ B. It is possible for her to come early.
33. 如果你方便的话。 □ A. If it is convenient to you. □ B. If your are convenient.
34. 我们应该学日常英语。 □ A. We should learn every day English. □ B. We should learn everyday English.

35. 请准时吃药。
A. Please eat medicine punctually.
□ B. Please take medicine punctually.
36. 她母亲晕船。 ☐ A. Her mother has seasick. ☐ B. Her mother is seasick.
37. 他赠送一些书给图书馆。 □ A. He gave some books to the library. □ B. He sent some books to the library.
38. 她梦想去欧洲。 ☐ A. She dreams to go to Europe. ☐ B. She dreams of going to Europe.
39. 我常常做梦。 ☐ A. I often make a dream. ☐ B. I often dream.
40. 她提议去上海。 □ A. She suggested going to Shanghai. □ B. She suggested to go to Shanghai.
41. 别要他了。 □ A. Don't play with him. □ B. Don't play him.
42. 他们正在看漫画杂志。□ A. They are watching comic.□ B. They are reading comic.
43. 我要开支票。 □ A. I need to open a cheque. □ B. I need to write a cheque.

- 44. 你是否同意?
 - A. Are you agree?
 - B. Do you agree?
- 45. 昨天发生事故。
 - ☐ A. The accident was happened yesterday.
 - B. The accident happened yesterday.

答案

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2. B	25.A
3. B	26.A
4. B	27.B
5. A	28.B
6. B	29.A
7. A	30.B
8. A	31.A
9. B	32.B
10.B	33.A
11.B	34.B
12.B	35.B
13.B	36.B
14.B	37.A
15.B	38.B
16.A	39.B
17.B	40.A
18.A	41.A
19.B	42.B
20.A	43.B
21.B	44.B
22.A	45.B
23.B	



错误直译

1.1 You always eat dumplings

Always是"总是"的意思

今天是第一讲,我们将会 В٠ 讨论些甚么呢?

A: 我们在英语交流中,常常 用always和often这两个 单词,那你又知不知道 always和often有没有区别 呢?

我知道。always和often是 "经常"、"时常"、"常 常"的意思,两者都差不 多!

到底always和often有没有 A: 区别呢?

有,当然有。always表示的次数比often频密,也就 B: 是说, always的"常常"比often的"常常"还要常 常。比如说: You are always late这一句所指的迟到 次数比You are often late多,对不对?

A. 对,可是还不太清楚。让我来考考你,如果我要说



只有often是 many times much of the time的意

always 不是"常 的意思。