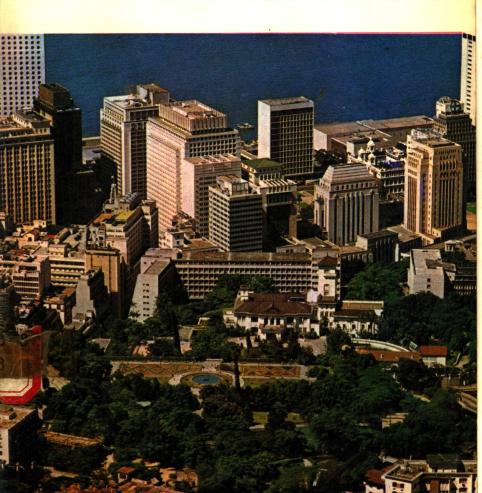
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內容簡介

諺語是在人民口頭廣泛流傳的一些現成而固定的句子,用 簡單通俗的話反映出深刻的道理。大多數諺語是人民把自己在 生活中所得到的經驗概括而成的生動的總結,所以諺語是人民 集體智慧的結晶。本書介紹的是常用的英文諺語,書末並附有 關的常用外來語(包括詞組、成語和語句),供讀者學習時參 考。

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Absence

Absence make heart fonder.

久别引起了相思。

absence

久别

fond

多情的

Absent

Long absent, soon forgotten.

久别情疏。

家規再嚴,醜事難免。

Accident

Accidents will happen in the best regulated families.

accidents 事故

happen

發生

regulated

管制

the best regulated family

管教甚嚴的家庭

Accounting

There is no accounting for

tastes.

Action

Actions speak louder than

words.

百人吃百味;

人各有所好。

行動比語言更響亮;

百說不如一幹;事

實勝於雄辯。

All

All covet, all lose.

垂涎 covet

covet after fame 追求名譽

Grasp all, lose all.

All is not gold that glitters.

glitter

一閃一閃地發光

貪多必失。

含多必失。

發光的未必都是金子;

中看的未必中用。

Amendment

Amendment is not sin.

amendment 改善

sin

罪溫

過而能改則無罪。

Angel

Fools rush in where angels

fear to tread.

Speak of Angels, and you will hear their wings.

speak of 說起,說及

angel

天使

wing

棚觪

Anger

Anger is a short madness.

Answer

A soft answer turneth away

wrath. wrath

傻瓜總是大膽妄爲。

說到曹操,曹操就到。

忿怒是短時間的瘋狂。

婉言可以釋怒; 好言

好語消怒氣。

Anvil

A good anvil does not fear the hammer.

好砧不怕錘打。

Appearance

Appearances are deceitful deceitful 欺詐的;欺騙的 外表是靠不住的。

Never judge from appearances.

勿根據外表來判斷。

Appetite

Appetite comes with eating.

appetite 食慾;胃口
lose one's appetite 食慾不振
have a good appetite 胃口好
have a poor appetite 胃口不好

胃口越吃越開。

Apple

An apple a day keeps the doctor away.

a 〔相當於per,計算價錢、速度、 時間等用〕每;a day 每天 keep away 使…遠離;不讓接近 一天吃一顆蘋果可以使 身體健康。

The rotten apple injures its neighbour.

一隻爛,一筐爛。

Arm

Justice has long arms.

justice

公道;正義

arm

臂,胳臂

Arrive

天網恢恢,疏而不漏。

Too swift arrives as tardy too slow.

swift

快;迅速

tardy (行動)緩慢;遲延

Art

Art is long, life is short.

Ass

Jest with an *ass* and he will flap you in the face with his tail.

jest 戲謔

say in jest 說着玩兒 jest at a person 取笑某人 make a jest of a person.

愚弄某人

flap 拍打
flap flies away
flap flies off

} 拍走蒼蠅

Never bray at an ass.

bray 驢叫聲;發嘟嘟聲

All asses wag their ears.

wag 搖擺(尾巴等)

欲速則不達。

藝術是永恒的,生命是 短暫的。

跟愚人開玩笑,只有 自討沒趣。

别跟傻瓜打交道。

驢子都愛好擺耳朵; 傻瓜都愛裝作聰明 的樣子;一瓶不響, 半瓶視蕩。

Author

Choose an author as you choose a friend.

Like author, like book.

擇書如擇友。

有這樣的作家就有這 樣的作品;書如其 人。

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Bad

Bad workmen often blame

their tools.

blame 責備;怪;埋怨

blame a person for his

negligence 責備某人的疏忽大意

tool

工具

He that spares the bad injures the good.

spare 饒恕

(例)Do not spare yourself

你該嚴格要求自己。

injure

損害

Bargain

A bargain is a bargain.

買賣一言為定;契約 總是契約;成議不

縱容壞人就是傷害好

人;對敵人仁慈就 是對自己殘忍。

拙匠常怪工具差。

可妄毁。

Barker

Great barkers are no biters.

善吠的狗很少咬人。

Bean

Every bean has its black.

每一粒豆都有黑嘴; 每人都有自己的弱 點。

Bear

Catch the *bear* before you sell his skin.

沒有捉到熊不要先賣皮。

Beauty

Beauty is but skin-deep.

skin

皮,皮膚

skin-deep 膚淺

美麗只是外表罷了; 不能以貌取人。

Bed

As you make your bed, so you must lie on it.

自作自受;自食其過。

Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.

睡得早,起得早,富 裕、聰明身體好。

Bedfellow

Adversity makes strange bedfellows.

Misery makes strange bedfellows. Poverty makes strange bedfellows. 難中不擇友;同病相 憐。 adversity

逆境;苦難

miserv

窮材

poverty

窮村

bedfellow

同床人;同伴

Misery acquaints men with strange bedfellows.

Poverty acquaints men with strange bedfellows.

Beggar

Set a *beggar* on horseback and he'll ride to the devil.

beggar 叫化子,要飯的

horseback

馬背

a rider on horseback

騎着馬的人

ride

駱

devil

魔鬼

ride a horse 騎馬

Beggar can't be choosers.

Beggars mustn't be choosers. chooser

挑肥揀瘦的人

The beggar may sing before the thief.

A beggar may sing before a footpad.

footpad

强盗,一般指公路上

徒步的强盗。騎馬的

脚化子發財宗平所以。

要飯的哪能挑肥揀

想; 饑不擇食。

光棍不怕偷。

欄路强盗爲 highwayman.

A bad beginning makes a bad and ending.

惠始必有惠終; 不善始則不善終。

Begin

Everything must have a beginning.

In everything beginning think of the end.

凡事都有個開頭。 未作一事先思其結果。 良好的開端是成功的 一半;能善其始, 事一半成。

Well begun is half done.

Believe

We soon believe that we desire.

對於自己所希望的事 情,我們最容易相 信。

Best

The best is the enemy of the good.

The best is oftentimes the enemy of the good.

oftentimes (古)常常

好高驚遠成績有限; 凡是過於求全,有 時反無成就。

Better

Better late than never

better

比…更好

never

從不(這裏指什麼

也不做)

不怕遲,只怕不做; 不怕慢,就怕站。

Better poor with honour than rich with shame.

心懷羞愧的富裕不如 享有盛譽的貧窮。

Bind

Fast bind, fast find. Safe bind, safe find.

藏得好,丢不了。

fast

牢固;快捷

bind

捆,縛,綁

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

雙鳥在林不如一鳥在手;十賒不如一場。

worth 值得

(例)It is worth reading.

這值得一讀。

bush

矮灌木

Bird

The early bird catches the worm. It's the early bird that catches the worm.

The early bird gets the worm.

It's an ill bird that fouls its own nest.

foul

弄髒,使汚穢

nest

(鳥等的) 巢

Every birds likes its own nest.

捷足先登;行動做 捷先達到目的。

早出的鳥吃到蟲子;

家醜不可外揚。

鳥均愛其巢,人特愛 甘家。

Old birds are not to be caught

壯糠捉不到 老鳥; 有

with chaff.

chaff

穀穀

You cannot catch old birds with chaff.

Birds of a feather flock together.

feather

羽毛

flock

羣集

a flock of birds 一羣良

(也可以指老奸巨 猾的人是不容易上 别人的當的) 一色之鳥聚在一起;

經驗的人不上圈套,

物以類聚,人以羣 分。

Birth

Birth is much, but breeding is more.

birth

出身

breeding

教養

A woman of no birth may marry 女子出身微得因結婚 into the purple.

of no birth 出身微

marry

結婚

marry into the purple

嫁到顯貴人家

Rit

Once bit twice shy.

Once bitten twice shy.

Bitter

Bitter pills may have Wholesome 良藥苦口利於病。 effects.

bitter

苦口的

門第是重要的,但是 教養比門第更重要。

而富貴。

pill

藥丸

wholesome

有益健康的

effects

效果

Black

Two blacks do not make a white.

兩黑不等於一白;兩 個錯誤不等於一個 正確(不能用別人 的錯誤掩飾自己的 錯誤)。

Blind

A blind man will not thank you for a looking glass.

blind

盲

looking glass 鏡子

None so *blind* as those will not see.

none = not any, not one

沒有一個

If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch. 鏡子對於盲人是沒有 作用的。

沒有人比拒而不視者 更盲的了。

盲人領瞎子,兩個人 都要掉在溝裏,一 盲引衆盲,將相入 火坑。

Blood

Blood is thicker than water.

血濃於水,自己人總 是自己人,疏不間 親,近客不如遠親。 You cannot get blood out of a stone.

你不能從石頭裏抽出 血液來; 你不能從 袋無分文的人得到 金錢。

Blow

A threatened blow is seldom given.

恫嚇性的拳頭很少打 到人。

Blue

True blue will never stain.

直金不怕火。

Boast

Great boast, small roast.

誇誇其談,說成無多; 好發大言者實行少。

爱自誇的人往往就是

愛說謊的人。

Boaster

A boaster and a liar are cousins - german.

boaster

爱自誇的人

liar

說謊的人

cousins-german 堂兄弟;堂姐妹;

表兄弟; 表姐妹

Body

A little body often harbours a great soul.

Little bodies may have great souls.

偉大的靈魂藏於短小

Book

A good book is a good friend.

讀一本有益的書獨加

Bone

What is bred in the bone will not go out of the flesh.

生來的習慣不易改 掉; 少成若天性, 習慣成自然。

Borrowing

Borrowing dulls the edge of husbandry.

借來的錢不心痛。

· dull

鈍;弄鈍

edge

刀口;鋒以;邊緣

husbandry

節儉;家政

He who likes borrowing dislikes paying.

爱借的人往往不爱 環ο

箭没搭好别先拉弓;

三思而後行。

Bow

Draw not your bow till your arrow is fixed.

draw 柆

draw a bow 張弓

arrow 籥

shoot an arrow 射箭

fixed 固定

Bread

All bread is not baked in one oven.

bake

烤;烘;焙

oven

烤爐

人的性格各不相同, 不能强求一致;人 心不同,各如其面。 Half a loaf is better than no bread.

半個麵包 勝於 沒 有麵包; 聊勝於無; 有比沒有好。

Break

Who breaks, pays.

3.5 Burney (2.5)

誰打破,誰就賠。

言語以簡潔爲貴。

Brevity

Brevity is the soul of wit.

brevity

簡潔

soul

精髓;靈魂

wit

才智;智力

Bred

What's bred in the bone will come out in the flesh.

bred breed 的過去分詞;

生產,繁殖

come out

出現

flesh

肉

Bridge

Don't cross the bridge until you come to it.

Don't cross the bridges before you come to them.

Don't cross the bridge till you get to it.

Let every man praise the bridge he goes over. 本性總要表現出來。

在困難出現之前不要 爲困難發愁。莫自 尋煩惱;不要杞人 憂天。