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引言

这本书为我做什么?

这本书有意让你改进书面语言结构和提高你的表达能力,以便在实际生活和工作的写作中能清楚地表达自己的意思,并给别人留下良好的印象。深知英语规则和惯用法的人也许会对不熟悉这方面的人吹毛求疵。如果你的表达不清楚,别人也许不会花大力气去理解它。常常有这样的情况,你的英语写作水平好就占有大的优势。这一部分取决于你所受过的教育或培训,而另一部分则取决于日常生活和工作中的不断积累。所以,本书的每一章中都会讲述一些写作技巧,有些还会反复出现。下面的表格列有各种需要写作的场合和工作,你的英语写作水平好与坏对完成这些工作会产生截然不同的效果。

教育 / 培训	日常生活	工作
考试中的写作	求职申请	写信给其他公司成员
写报告和论文	写信给某机构	做定货单或询价单

教育 / 培训	日常生活	工作
写报告和论文	提出请求、询问 或投诉	
做总结(摘要)	与银行、律师、 房东通信	做总结 (摘要)
记笔记		写便条
		拟定议事日程 或做会议记录
		写条忘录
		写传真

这本书如何帮助我?

这本书的第一部分集中介绍了英语写作的基本结构,并演示了如何运用这些结构使你的写作更加清楚和有效。此外,它还特别讲述了:

- 如何正确和恰当地造句。
- 如何运用句子的标点。

- 如何组织段落。
- 拼写的基本规则。

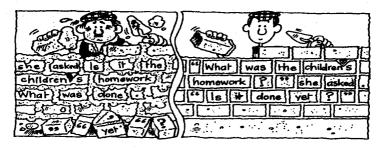
这本书的第二部分讲述了各种核心写作的技能,这些技能在 上表所列的实际运用中十分有用。

如果你不能确定自己在写作技能上的长处和不足,那么,你首先应该做第.5 页上的自测题以检查你的写作能力。然后,你就能有的放矢地集中精力学习你最需要加强的那部分技能。

实际应用

将获得的知识用于实际是对任何新技能的重大考验。除非运用,否则学习惯用法和规则就失去了意义。这本书里的复习题和练习让你有大量的机会运用已学过的结构和技能。你可以参照书后的答案检查你掌握和运用这些知识的程度。

通过本书的学习,你肯定会留意日常生活中的各种实际运用 的机会,并把你所学的内容付诸于实践。



标准英语和日常英语

标准英语是指合乎规范的英语,用于教育、公务、媒体和大部分书面通讯以及大部分面向"公众"而不对"个人"的语言。你需要了解标准英语的语法。因为,你会与使用不同日常英语的人接触而且进行交流。

标准英语一般比日常英语正式。日常英语是与朋友、家人和 当地人交流时所使用的英语。大多数人熟悉英语方言,它有 单独的词汇和语法规则。说标准英语华而不实和小题大做, 同样也是不对的。标准英语帮助我们准确明了地传递信息, 而决不会制造障碍。

看下列这些句子:

We was only playing a friendly.

I'm no going there tonight.

上面的句子出现在非正式场合中一些熟悉此方言特点的人之中,根据上下文这些句子可以认为是很恰当的。(但是记住方言是一部分而不是所有讲这种语言的人共享的语言方式。)然而,从标准英语的角度来看,这些句子是不正确的。

你想给人留下好印象,而且不让别人误解你的意思,就要运用标准英语规则,这比你在非正式场合如家人和朋友之间所用的语法,能赢得更多听众的理解。

自测题

为了测试你现在英语写作的水平,须做下列试题。然后,核对书后的答案,你的测试成绩会告诉你在写作技能方面的的长处和不足,同时告诉你本书哪些章节有助于你提高写作水平。每答对一题加一分,每答错一题减一分。

造句

1 看下面的短文,里面有几处句子的标点有误。挑出这些错误,重写这篇短文并给它加上正确的标点。(11分)

the level of pollution on British beaches is decreasing This is according to a report produced by an environmental group who investigated the state of beaches up and down the country what is a satisfactory level of pollution, however Stating that most British beaches have improved is not saying very much, the previous situation was downright

scandalous with horror stories of sewage and chemical pollution, the truth is there should be no pollution on any of our beaches. with more and more British people taking British summer holidays rather than European package tours, it is more than ever important that beaches are clean and healthy places for our kids

2 看下面这封信。写信人故意在信里用了完整句和不完整句。请你挑出其中的不完整句。(7分)

Dear Sir.

I regret to have to return to you the enclosed item. Not a good buy because it broke when it was first used. I am an old customer of your firm and am surprised that this has occurred. Always been satisfied in the past.

Asking for a refund rather than a replacement. Because I have no confidence in the product now. This does not mean I will not order from your catalogue in the future. As I do appreciate the convenience of ordering goods by post. Since I am old and cannot get to shops.

Looking forward to receiving the refund.

Yours faithfully,

E. Braithwaite

E. Braithwaite

3 挑出下列各句中的主句。(9分)

- a) Although I amby nature a happy person, lately I have been feeling very down, because several sad events have occurred in my life.
- b) The woman bought the most expensive handbag in the shop, which pleased the salesman immensely because he was working on commission.

- c) When I rang your number last night, I got the engaged signal, which continued for the next hour or so.
- d) As the government had such a small majority and was very unpopular in the country, the by-election was being dreaded because it would further increase its difficulties.
- e) Do not return until I say that you can.
- f) Forget that I said that.
- g) The man, who was a complete stranger to all of them, appeared very friendly.
- h) Because I was late, the teacher was angry with me, which did not improve my chances of getting a good report, although I felt that I deserved a second chance.
- The tournament had been a great success, because the crowds had been huge, which had pleased the sponsors, who had invested a large amount of money.

参照第 146 页上的答案检查你对造句知识的了解程度。 每答对一题加一分。然后,根据你的总分看下面的评语: 1 27 分的题得分在 23 分以上: 你的造句知识良好。 得分在 19-22 分之间: 你需要认真仔细学习第一章。 得分在 19 分以下: 你对造句知识的了解很有限,需要努力学习第一章。

标点

1 看下面这个备忘录,其中包括许多句子,但缺少大写字母和句号。请你决定一个句子在哪里开始又在哪里结束,并在适当的地方加上大写和句号。(22分)

it has been decided that an extra weekly practice night will take place during this month the committee believes that, with such important games coming up, this additional commitment will be very important fielding practice will take priority this has let the team down in recent matches every member of the first team squad is expected to turn up if there is any difficulty about this, the individual concerned must discuss the reasons with the team captain this decision was unanimous we want success in the league and the cup this season surely we all believe that such success is within our grasp the committee confidently expects the support of every player in this extra endeavour let's look forward to winning some trophies

2 看下面这个新闻报道,在句子的开始用了大写,但在其他句子中需要的地方又漏掉了。请你重写这个报道并在适当的地方加上大写。(19分)

The bank of england has announced an increase in the basic rate of interest from thursday, roger maynard, the chancellor of the exchequer, regretted the move, but said that it was inevitable given the strength of the american dollar and the german mark. mary clarke, the leader of the opposition, responded by saying that the hike in interest rates reflected britain's desperate

position in terms of the world economy. Only closer ties with the european union could help britain's position. The leader of the liberal-democrats, seamus young, echoed those sentiments. It may be that sweden, france and italy will follow britain's move.

Newspaper comment has been universally critical: 'the times' deplored its effect on the economy while 'the guardian' said it was a backward step.

3 看下面这个故事的节选,里面用了直接引语,但却没有标点。请你重写这个故事,并在适当的地方加上标点。 (76分)

Judy assumed her most sarcastic tone.

you're not trying to tell me most designer fashion is meant to be worn she said most of it is just ridiculous.

people wear it all the time Melanie responded they pay a lot of money for those clothes

more fool them said Judy

I wish I could afford one of those designer dresses insisted