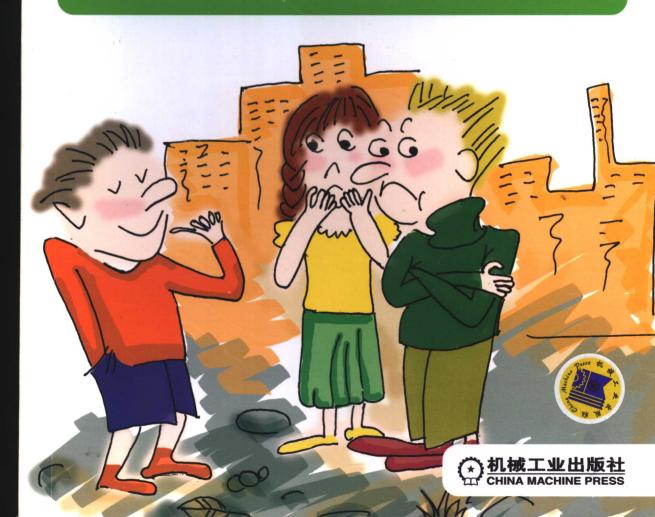


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- 2. He has certainly been down on his luck lately. 他近来真是倒霉透了。
- 3. You'd better make it snappy mister. 你最好快点儿。
- This cloudy, drizzly weather day after day really gets me down.
   连日阴雨绵绵,真使我沮丧极了。
- 5. Okay, now stay put, I'll be right back. 好吧! 不要走开,我马上回来。
- 6. Let's shine on our plan for a company picnic till the weather gets better! 让我们把团体野餐的计划延期到天气好一点时再说!
- 7. I should have my head examined for trusting

我竟然相信她,真该好好检查脑子有没有 问题。

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本书编写简明,风格独特,将美国俚语很巧妙地结合起来,不但 可以增进学生的理解力,同时也可以增加学生的表达能力。

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## 前 言

美国人在一般日常生活中喜欢说一些幽默、生动或是一语双关的俏皮话,因为美国是一个生性活泼的民族。然而产生俚语的原因却很多,如社会阶层、文化背景、地域间隔、人种差异,均可产生属于某一圈内人士所讲的"行话"——也就是所谓的俚语。这些俚语通常是被排斥在正统英语教学之外的,因此许多人学了多年的"正统"英语,却仍无法听懂一般简易的口语。本书正是针对此种需要而编写的。

#### 本书的三大特点:

- 一、正规课堂上学不到的俚语,本教材解说详尽,定义确切。
- 二、最新现代流行美语,非一般市面上陈腐生硬教材可比。
- 三、避免字典索引式的编排,以单元式穿插俚语于会话中,易于吸收。

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#### Dialogue 会 话

- A: Hey, *slowpoke*, you're finally back. What took you? 喂,你这个磨磨蹭蹭的家伙总算回来了。什么事缠住你啦?
- B: I was getting *mugged*, that's what. 我差点被抢啦!
- A: Mugged! Oh, Rich, are you all right? Tell me about it! 被抢! 哦, 理奇, 你还好吧? 告诉我怎么回事!
- B. Well, I was *hoofing* it back from the bank when all of a sudden this *punk* with a knife stops me and demands my wallet.
  我从银行走回来时,突然一个家伙拿着一把刀拦住了我,叫我把钱包拿出来。
- A: And then? 然后呢?
- B: I was handing my wallet over when this other cat wit with a gun appears out of nowhere and shouts, "Police! Drop everything and rise your hands!"



当我把钱包拿给他时,不知从哪个地方冒出来另一个家伙,大声喊道,"警察!把东西都扔到地上,举起手来!"

- A: You mean the guy with the gun was a *cop*? 你是说,那个拿枪的家伙是个警察?
- B: Looking at him you'd never guess long hair and beard. 看到他的样子你绝对猜不到——长头发和长胡须。
- A: He's probably one of those undercover cops. Anyway, what happened then?

或许他是个便衣警察吧!不管啦,然后呢?

B: Well, then as the guy with the gun was reaching down to pick up my wallet, the other guy turns and runs for his escape, and this other guy runs after him. And then, I ran the rest of the way home. That's the story.

正当那拿枪的弯下腰捡我的钱包时,另一个家伙转身逃跑,他也就跟在后面追,我就一路跑回来了。这就是整个故事。

A: You were lucky. How much were you carrying in your wallet, anyway?

你还算走运。你钱包里有多少钱?

- A: What? 什么事?

是被抢了两次。

B: That was no cop! He pocketed my wallet. I wasn't almost mugged, I was mugged twice!
那家伙根本不是警察,他把我的钱包拿走了,我不是差点被抢,而



### Definition 定 义

1. *Mug* 抢劫 %

to assault or to rob and assault someone, (an urban crime phenomenon, a weapon is almost always used)

攻击或抢劫某人(都市的犯罪现象,通常都使 用武器)

My grandmother, who lives in New York city, has been *mugged* several times.

我祖母住在纽约,她被抢了好几次。

2. Hoof it

to travel on foot; to walk

走路

徒步旅游; 走路

Let's hoof it downtown. It's not very far.

我们走到闹市去吧,并不远。

3. Punk

a young hoodlum, an inexperienced youth

匪徒; 无赖

年轻的匪徒; 没经验的年轻人

Smith's store was vandalized by a local gang of *punks*. 史密斯的店被一群地方无赖给捣毁了。

4. Slowpoke

a person who moves or acts slowly

慢吞吞的人

动作迟缓的人

Hurry up, slowpoke and get dressed or you're going to be late. 快点儿,你这个磨磨蹭蹭的家伙。快穿好衣服,不然你会迟到。

5. *Cat* 

a man, a fellow, a guy

家伙

一个人、汉子、家伙

Hey, that cat can really play the guitar.

嘿! 那家伙还真的会弹吉它。



6. *Cop* 

a policeman

条子

警察

Ben's party quieted down after the neighbor had threatened to call the *cops*.

班的聚会安静了下来,因为邻居威胁要叫警察。

#### Sentence Patterns 句 型

1.

Hey, slowpoke you're finally Back!

What took you so long?
What took you?
Where did you go?
Why did it take so long?
How could it have taken you so long?
Why are you always so slow?

喂,慢家伙,你终于回来了!

什么事把你给耽搁了这么久? 什么缠住你了? 你到哪去了? 为什么花那么久的时间? 那怎么可能花你那么多时间? 你为什么总是那么慢?



2.

In a big city, In New York city, In cities throughout the world, muggings are as com-In a big city like Bangkok, In this area of the city, Especially in the ghetto,

mon as traffic jams.

在大城市里, 在纽约市里, 在世界各都市里, 像曼谷这样的大都市, 在都市的这一地区, 特别是在少数民族居住区,

抢劫就像交通阻塞一样是很 常见的事。

3.

downtown.

back home.

to the football game.

Let's hoof it

to the party.

to school.

over to the park.

It's not far.

到闹市去

回家

去看足球赛

到宴会

我们走着

吧!并不远。

到学校

到公园



4.

Smith's store
The mission
The church

Archie's new car

The school

Mrs. Tuttle's flower garden

had been vandalized by a gang of local punks.

史密斯的店

使馆

教堂

被一群当地的匪徒给捣毁了。

亚奇的新车

学校

杜德太太的花园

5.

play guitar.

play the piano.

That cat standing over

there can really

run rast.

speak English well.

be obnoxious sometimes.

drink a lot of beer.

还真会弹吉他。

还真会弹钢琴。

跑得真快。

站在那边的那个家伙

英语说得真好。

有时真令人讨厌。

真能喝啤酒。



6.

would take offense at would definitely take offense

at

being

Some policemen

don't like

called a

always lose their temper after

might laugh at

"cop".

would not react at all after

感到愤怒。

会非常生气。

些警察对被称作"条子" 感到不喜欢。

会生气。

或许会置之一笑。

根本就不计较。

## Vocabulary 词 汇

bank 银行 knife 刀子 demand 要求 wallet 钱包 raise 举 beard 胡须 undercover 秘密的 reach 伸手去取 pocket 私吞 twice 两次



#### Dialogue 会 话

- A: Hi, Carol! How's my favorite lady friend today? 喂,卡罗尔! 我可爱的女朋友今天如何?
- B: Oh. It's you. Hi, Eddie. How are you? 哦, 是你呀! 喂, 埃迪! 你好吗?
- A: Well, frankly speaking. I've been down on my luck recently. I was hoping you could help me out. I mean, since we're such good pals. You can loan me a few bucks can't you. Carol? 老实说,最近我非常倒霉,希望你能帮我的忙。我是说,既然我们是好朋友,你能借我一点钱吗?
- B: I wasn't aware that we were so *palsy-walsy*, pal. Besides I'm short on cash right now myself. Sorry, pal.我不觉得我们有这么好,朋友。另外,现在我自己也缺少现金,抱歉,朋友。
- A: Yeah, but I'm *flat broke*, destitute! I mean, *not a penny to my* name!



但是我彻底破产了,穷困潦倒!我是说,我身无分文了。

B: All right, I hate to see a grown man cry. How much do you need? 好吧! 我最讨厌看大男人哭了,要多少?

#### Definition 定 义

1. Down on one's luck

unlucky; a period of misfortune, bad

倒霉

luck

不幸的;不幸的,倒霉的时候

First he had that accident and then he went bankrupt. He has certainly been *down on his luck* lately.

他先是发生那不幸的事情;然后又破产了;他近来真是倒霉透了。

2. Pal

Pal a friend or close companion

伙伴

朋友或亲密的同伴

Sally, I want you to meet my old *pal*, Rich Stevens. Rich, this is Sally Best.

莎莉, 见见我的老伙伴, 里奇・史蒂芬, 里奇, 这是莎莉・贝斯特。

Buck

a dollar, \$ 1.00

美元

一美元、\$ 1.00

Cheryl here's the *buck* I borrowed from you yesterday. 谢里尔,这是我昨天向你借的一块钱。

4. Palsy-walsy

acting as a pal or pals; friendly

亲密的

intimate

要好的

行为象是朋友或伙伴; 友善, 亲密的

Verna, have you noticed how *palsy-walsy* the boss and that new secretary are with each other? It's really disgusting!

维纳, 你注意到老板和新秘书之间亲密的行为了吗? 真令人恶心!



Flat broke

entirely without any money

完全破产

完全没有钱

Samuel Rubinstein was *flat broke* when he immigrated to this country. Today, ten years later, he is a wealthy merchant in New York city.

山缪尔・鲁宾斯坦刚移民到这国家时身无分文,可十年后的今天, 他成了纽约市的富商。

6. Not a penny to one's name

penniless; without even a

一文不名 penny

贫穷的;一毛钱也没有

With not a penny to his name, the old man still refused to accept charity.

虽然一文不名,这位老人仍拒绝接受施舍。

# Sentence Patterns 句 型

1.

I've heard
Tom told me
Someone said
The word is
Your sister said
In your letter you said

that you've been down on your luck recently.