

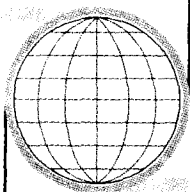
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## 前 言

TOEFL 考试于 1995 年 8 月改变了考试题型，现在的考试由四大部分组成，它们分别是：作文 (Test of Written English)、听力 (Listening Comprehension)、语法 (Structure and Written Expression) 和阅读 (Reading Comprehension)。在我看来，在这四部分中，如果不具备一定的词汇量，要在听力和语法部分中拿高分尚有可能，但是要想在阅读和作文部分中取得优异成绩，则必须要有丰富的词汇基础。

自任新东方 TOEFL 教师以来，我听到学员最多的抱怨就是 TOEFL 词汇不知道如何去准备，不知道准备哪些词汇最具有针对性，于是我有了一个想法，就是希望给广大学员在准备词汇方面力所能及地提供一些帮助，让他们在准备出国留学的过程中尽量少走一些弯路，这也是我编写此书的最终目的。

本书具有如下特点：

1. 书中所选词组是 1989 年以后 TOEFL 历年考试阅读理解文章中出现的核心词组，掌握了这些词组，也就基本上解决了 TOEFL 考试所需词组，对将要参加 TOEFL 考试的考生具有很强的应试指导作用。

2. 每个词组后面都附有例句，例句的难度和句子结构复杂程度上和真题考试阅读理解文章中的句子一致，并附有中文翻译。掌握这些例句，不仅有助于大家记忆、理解词组的精确含义，而且对理解 TOEFL 阅读文章大有裨益。这也是本书区别于其他 TOEFL 词组书的最大特点。

3. 其中带“\*”号的词组为 1989 年以后历年 TOEFL 考试阅读理解部分中单独考过的词组题。

4. 为帮助大家进一步扩大词汇量，使大家为以后的 GRE、GMAT、LSAT 等考试做准备，本书将所有重要词组都列出了同义词或参考词汇。



本书的完成，有赖于新东方广大学员的启发，也有赖于各位师长的指点：新东方副校长、图书事业部总裁包凡一先生为本书的出版提供了很多的帮助并提出了很多宝贵的意见；上海新东方学校校长周成刚先生一直关心本书的出版，并时常鞭策、鼓励作者，在这里向他们表示由衷的感谢。

时间仓促，草成此书，其中不免有失误和遗漏之处，希望广大学员和读者不吝指正。希望此书对准备 TOEFL 考试的读者有一些帮助，也希望准备或正在准备参加 TOEFL 考试的考生取得自己期望的好成绩！

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**be /become/get  
accustomed to**

习惯于

例: Gallup had to allow the chimpanzee to become accustomed to the mirror before he began the experiment.

在实验开始之前, 盖洛普不得不先让黑猩猩习惯镜子。

同义词: get/be used to, be adapted to

**a beam of light**

一束光

例: The effects produced when a beam of light falls on a crystal for varying angles of incidence can be readily visualized by a geometrical representation.

投射到晶体上的光束, 由于入射角的变化所产生的不同效应, 可以很方便地用一种几何图形直观地显示出来。

**a big deal**

重要的交易; 重要的事物或人

例: First, invariably, the Japanese firms made a big deal about "meaning".

首先, 日本的公司一贯地强调“信念”。

同义词: significance

**a blast of air**

一阵风

例: Then the inventor Henry Bessemer discovered that directing a blast of air at melted iron in a furnace would burn out the impurities that made the iron brittle.

接着, 发明家亨利·贝色麦发现, 对着熔炉中的熔铁吹入一阵风会烧掉一些导致钢铁易碎的杂



质。

同义词: a gust of wind

**\* a break with**

绝交; 结束

例: Even its irregular shape must have appealed to Laurent as a break with a long-standing tradition that required a sculptor to work within a perfect rectangle.

甚至它那种不规则的形状也要求劳伦与那个把雕刻家限制在标准矩形中的长期传统决裂。

同义词: a departure from

**a bunch of**

一束; 一串; 一批

例: Every woman carried in her right hand a peeled willow wand, and in her left a bunch of white flowers.

每个女人都右手拿着一根剥了皮的柳条儿, 左手拿着一束白花儿。

同义词: a group of, a cluster of

**a bundle of**

一包

例: He imagined himself a belated traveler, a poor boy, an outcast, quenching his thirst at the way-side brook, his little packet of cresses doing duty for a bundle of clothes.

他想像自己是一个日暮无归处的游人, 一个穷小子, 一个在路旁小溪喝水解渴的流浪汉, 那一小包水芹就权且充当衣服包。

同义词: a cluster of

**a burning desire**

强烈的愿望

例: He had a burning desire to win back his father's love and confidence.





他强烈地渴望能重新赢得他父亲对他的爱和信任。

同义词: longing, wish, lust

### a cloud of

一大群; 一组

例: He presently landed on top of the unexploded boilers, accompanied by his wheels and a rain of other stuff, and enveloped in a cloud of scalding steam.

他随即就降落在那些未爆炸的锅炉顶上, 被一团滚烫的蒸汽围住, 随着他一同落下的还有他的舱轮和一些别的东西。

同义词: a swarm

### a cluster of

一群; 一团; 一串; 一丛; 一束

例: Some ecologists pointed out that a cluster of tall buildings in a city often overburdens public transportation and parking lot capacities.

有些生态学家指出, 一个城市的高楼建筑群通常会加重公共交通运输和停车场容量的负担。

同义词: a group of

### a column of water

水柱

例: When water is confined in tubes of very small bore, the forces of cohesion are so great that the strength of a column of water compares with the strength of a steel wire of the same diameter.

当水被装在很小的钻孔试管中时, 内聚力会变得非常大, 以至于一个水柱的强度就如同一根具有相同直径的钢丝的强度。

### a crew of

一组 (工作人员)

例: The poultry man or farm manager frequently



has difficulty in assembling a crew of people who are available and knowledgeable about handling poultry.

养禽业业主或鸡场经理通常很难找到一组懂得管理家禽的人。

同义词: a group of people working together

**a crushing blow**

毁灭性的打击

例: The old-style classical education received its most crushing blow in the citadel of Harvard College, where Dr. Charles Eliot, a young man of thirty-five, son of a former treasurer of Harvard, led the progressive forces.

旧式的传统教育在哈佛学院大本营遭到了毁灭性的打击,在那里,改革的进步力量是由一位 35 岁的年轻人、哈佛大学前财务总管的儿子查尔斯·艾略特博士领导的。

同义词: a fatal blow

**a favorite topic**

爱谈论的话题

例: Such adventures were becoming an increasingly favorite topic of conversation.

这些冒险经历日益成为人们爱谈论的话题。

**a fit of**

突发一阵

例: The notion that an artist could or would dash off an idea in a fit of spontaneous inspiration was completely alien to these deliberately produced works.

认为艺术家能够或者会在突发灵感时匆忙创作的想法和这些精心创作而来的作品是完全背道而驰的。

同义词: a sudden outburst of emotion

**a grain of truth**

一丝真理

例: Her short story "Men and Women", privately printed in 1907, was the "first definite step," as she wrote later, "into the twentieth century"

There was at least a grain of truth in this.

她的短篇小说《男人和女人》在 1907 年秘密印刷, 后来她写道, “这是迈向 20 世纪的坚定的一步。”这句话至少还是有一丝真理的。

**a great many**

许多

例: Plants have always been enormously important to the welfare of peoples, not only for food, but also for clothing, weapons, tools, dyes, medicines, shelter, and a great many other purposes.

种植对各民族人民的福利来说至关重要, 不仅是为了获得食物, 还为了获得衣服、武器、工具、染料、药品、住所以及其他的很多用途。

同义词: a great deal of, a lot of, a large number of, a good many of, plenty of

**a great variety of**

各种各样的; 大量的

例: A great variety of crops are likewise grown successfully on these plots.

各种不同的作物也成功地在这些农区里生长起来。

同义词: various

**a gust of wind**

一阵狂风

例: There was a gust of wind over the hilltop, and the old gallows fell down right on the horse's neck.

山顶上刮起了一阵狂风, 那腐朽的绞架被风刮倒落下, 正好牢牢地套在马脖子上。



同义词: a strong, abrupt rush of wind

**a heap of**

一大堆

例: Then he crept beneath a heap of dead bodies, but left his eyes at liberty.

随后他爬到一堆死尸底下, 睁着双眼四下观望。

同义词: a great deal of; a lot of

**a host of**

许多; 一大群

例: I believe that this view is mistaken and that it leads to a host of entirely unnecessary difficulties.

我相信这种看法是错误的, 而且它导致一大堆完全不必要的困难。

同义词: a great number of; a multitude of

**a hot item**

流行的

例: The kind of car was a hot item at that time, and he earned a lot of money.

那时这种汽车很流行, 因此他赚了很多钱。

同义词: popular

**a household word**

家喻户晓的(名)字

例: Pearl S. Buck was almost a household word throughout much of her lifetime because of her prolific literary output.

波尔·斯·布克(赛珍珠)在她的一生中创作了大量的文学作品, 这使得她的名字在当时家喻户晓。

同义词: widely known

**a matter of**

(表示数量) …左右/上下

例: He knew it was only a matter of seconds before she hurtled over the cliff, into oblivion.



他知道，跳下悬崖销声匿迹只不过是瞬息间的事情。

同义词：an approximated quantity of

### a mess of

一大堆

例：When you ask them to work out a sum they take a piece of paper, cover it with rows of A's, B's, and X's, Y's, ... scatter a mess of flyspecks over them, and give you an answer that's all wrong.

当你叫他们算出总数时，他们就拿出一张纸，在上面画满了 A、B……X、Y 等线，并在上面布满了一大堆的斑斑点点，然后给你一个完全错误的答案。

### a multitude of

一大批；大量

例：A multitude of microorganisms (including viruses and bacteria) and an army of invertebrates—or creatures lacking a spinal column (including crustaceans, insects, and many different types of worms)—make their livings directly at the expense of other creatures.

大量的微生物（包括病毒和细菌）和无脊椎动物——或者没有脊柱的动物（包括甲壳类、昆虫以及多种不同类型的蠕虫）——都是以直接牺牲其他生物来生存的。

同义词：a very great number of, a host of

### a myriad of

许多；极大数量的

例：The cloudless sky was jeweled with myriads of glittering stars.

无云的晴空镶嵌着无数颗闪烁的星星。

同义词：a vast number of

**a pile of**

一堆；很多

例：The weight of a deltoid pile of sediment may be so great as to depress the earth's crust, thus forming a moat around the depocenter.

三角洲沉积物堆积的重量可以大到使地壳下沉的程度，因此在沉积中心周围形成一条深沟。

同义词：a large quantity of

**a pivotal figure**

关键人物

例：Iry Lejeune became a pivotal figure in the revitalization of Cajun music; his untimely death in 1955 only added to his legendary stature.

艾瑞·李朱恩成为凯俊音乐复兴的关键人物，他于1955年英年早逝，这反而更增加了其传奇色彩。

同义词：keyman

**a range of**

一系列的

例：If a range of specimen sizes is needed for a series of tests, the fixtures should be carefully scaled to the specimen.

如果材料试验需用一系列的试样尺寸，则夹具就应当仔细地按样品进行标度。

同义词：a series of

**a rule of thumb**

概测法

例：Injection density is often used as a rule of thumb to estimate the difficulty of curing resonant combustion.

时常把喷射密度作为一个概测法来估计解决共振燃烧问题时的困难。

**8 a speck of**

一点点



例: The pit was determined to have been caused by a collision with a speck of paint traveling at a speed of about two to four miles per second.

那个坑被确定是由一点点的颜料在以每秒二到四英里的运行速度撞击下产生的。

同义词: a tiny amount of

**a standing ovation**

起立欢迎

例: Mike found to his amazement he was receiving an enthusiastic standing ovation.

迈克惊喜地发现自己受到了一阵热烈的起立欢迎。

**a stretch of**

一大片, 一段

例: These hominids walked across a stretch of moist volcanic ash, which was subsequently turned to mud by rain, and which then set like concrete.

这些原始人步行通过一片潮湿的火山灰, 这些火山灰在雨后随即变成了泥土, 然后像混凝土一样凝结下来。

同义词: an area of

**a strip of**

一条

例: Geodetic levelling should be done with staves in which the divisions are marked on a strip of invar.

大地水准测量必须使用分划刻在因瓦合金带上的水准标尺。

同义词: a long narrow piece of

**a suite of**

一系列; 一套

例: Their fossilization required a suite of factors: a



**a swarm of**

slow rate of decay of soft tissues, little scavenging by other animals, a lack of swift currents and waves to jumble and carry away small bones, and fairly rapid burial.

然而，它们变成化石需要一系列因素：柔软组织腐烂的速度要缓慢，它们几乎没被其他动物吃过，不被快速的水流和波浪冲散并冲走一些小骨头，以及要快速被埋掉。

同义词：a series of, a set of

**a swarm of**

一群

例：These pellets could burst the decoy balloons that would accompany a swarm of warheads.

这些子弹能摧毁伴随许多枚弹头的假目标——气球。

同义词：a large number of, a group of

**a wealth of**

大量的

例：Modern dance gave up lightness, gave up a wealth of exotic color, and gave up a certain kind of theatrical wit and that age-old mobile exchange between a dancer and the dancer's rhythmical and musical material.

现代舞蹈放弃了轻快的节奏，放弃了大量的异国色彩，放弃了一种特定的戏剧俏皮话以及古老的跳舞者和节奏与音乐素材的动态交流。

同义词：an abundance of, a great amount of

**abandon oneself to**

沉溺于

例：He had never realized before how "smart" she was, and with an effort abandoned himself to a sort of gaiety that would have killed a Frenchman.

他过去自己从来不曾认识到她究竟“时髦”到什





么程度，因此他发了个狠，放任自己去纵情于一种能让一个法国人笑死的欢乐中。

同义词: indulged oneself in

### abhorrent to

厌恶

例: All emotions, and love particularly, were abhorrent to his cold, precise but admirably balanced mind.

对于他强调理性、严谨刻板、令人钦佩的冷静沉着的头脑来说，一切情感，特别是爱情，都是格格不入的。

同义词: be disgusted with, detest

### abound in

充满；富于

例: Meadowlarks abound in cultivated land, but they tend to eat harmful insects rather than grain. 耕地里有很多草地鹨，但它们更喜欢吃的是害虫而不是谷物。

同义词: be plentiful, thrive, flourish, teem with

### abstain from

避开；戒掉

例: He promised to abstain from smoking, chewing, and profanity as long as he remained a member.

他答应戒掉吸烟、嚼烟和说不敬神灵的话，只要一日当着会员就一日不破戒。

同义词: refrain from

### abuse of

滥用；虐待

例: People don't see the screaming directives we get, warning us against abuse of the passport.

人们看不到我们接到的一道道的紧急指示，要我们注意，不要滥发护照。