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前 言

学习任何一种语言最重要的是熟悉它的词汇，而对其词义的理解及词组用法的掌握则是精通词汇的核心内容。如今，现代化的教学手段日新月异，但一本内容翔实、释义准确、简明实用的词典的作用依然是难以取代的。通过多年的大学英语教学及四级考试辅导，我们更能体会到大学生们对一本简明、实用词典的渴求，这类词典既要满足其日常学习及准备四级考试之需要，还应方便使用、容易携带、经济适用。基于这些考虑，我们以实施修订后的大学英语教学大纲、新的词汇表为基准，编撰出这部《大学英语四级词典》。本词典与其他同类的词汇手册、词典等相比，有以下几个特点：

1. 收录了新词汇表中四级以内所有的词目及词组，其中词目 4200 条（包括中学阶段应掌握的词 1800 个）。

2. 各词目及词组的每条义项均附至少一个例句，例句丰富是本书的一大特色。例句的选择注重准确性、知识性及趣味性且尽量体现词或词组的用法，力争收到事半功倍之效果。

3. 各词目义项的确定、排列及汉语释义均以修订后的词汇表为基准。

4. 名词均注明是可数名词还是不可数名词；动词都有及物动词或不及物动词的标志。同时给出可数名词复数不规则变化形式及动词不规则变化形式，并附有音标。

5. 根据阅读和四级考试的需要，一些词目设有“注释”和（或）“辨析”内容。“注释”一栏从语法、语义等方面对词目作进一步的解释、说明，力争基本满足大学阶段阅读的需求。“辨析”部分则对一些常见的同义词存同指异，侧重四级考试考点，通过例句叙述出词与词之间的细微差别，力求帮助学生更全面地掌握词汇和提高应试能力。

本书如有疏漏或不当之处，敬请读者批评指正。

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体例说明

1. 单词用黑正体按字母顺序排列。
2. 不同拼写形式的单词分列。
3. 同形异义词一般不分列词条，读音不同的同形异义词则分列，并在右上角标以 1, 2 等数码。如：

content¹ ['kɒntent] *n.* ① [pl.] 所容纳的东西，所含之物
② [pl.] (书等的)内容，目录 ③ [sing.] 含量，成分

content² [kən'tent] *a.* 满意的，满足的

▷ *n.* [U] 满意，满足

▷ *vt.* 使满意，使满足

4. 单词后注有国际音标，凡发音不同而涉及词义或词性不同的，则把发音分别标注在各词性缩写之前；否则并列在一起，用逗号分开。

5. 单词的词性用斜体英语缩写形式表示：

n. 名词 *a.* 形容词 *ad.* 副词 *prep.* 介词
art. 冠词 *pron.* 代词 *v.* 动词 *vi.* 不及物动词
vt. 及物动词 *aux. v.* 助动词 *conj.* 连词 *int.* 感叹词

注：*v.* 表示既可作及物动词也可作不及物动词。

单个单词可作不同词性使用时，其词性按常用程度排列。

6. 义项按常用程度排列，并用顺序号标明。

7. 名词的可数与不可数和单、复数的用法在方括号内标注。
如：

[C] 可数名词

[U] 不可数名词

[C, U] 既可作可数名词, 也可作不可数名词

[pl.] 用复数形式 [常 pl.] 常用复数形式

[sing.] 用单数形式 [常 sing.] 常用单数形式

[sing. 同 pl.] 单复数形式相同

8. 词组分别列在中心词的词条中, 同一词条下有多个词组时, 按第一个词的字母顺序排列。词组条目用黑体。

9. 符号用法说明。

(1) 圆括号“()”用于:

①对释义的补充说明。如:

bay *n.* [C] ① (海或湖泊的) 湾 ② (大厅等建筑物内的) 分隔间

②释义中可以替换的部分。如:

attraction *n.* [C] 具有吸引力的事物(或人)

③可以省略的部分。如:

battery *n.* [C] ① 电池(组), 蓄电池(组)

age *v.* ① (使)显老, (使)变陈旧 ② (使)变陈, (使)成熟

④动词、形容词等常用的搭配关系。如:

interfere *vi.* (with, in) ① 干涉, 介入

⑤可数名词复数的不规则变化形式。如:

child (children ['tʃɪldrən])

⑥动词不规则变化形式。如:

bend (bent [bent])

(2) 方括号 “[]” 用于音标前后。

(3) 例证的分隔用符号 “○” 表示。



a [强 ei, 弱 ə] *art.* (用于以辅音音素开始的词前), an [强 æn, 弱 ən] *art.* (用于以元音音素开始的词前) ① 一(个): a university 一所大学 ○ an old friend of my father's 我父亲的一个老朋友 ② (同类事物中的)任何一个: An owl can see in the dark. 猫头鹰在黑暗中能看见东西。③ 每一(个): 800 words an hour 每小时 800 字 ○ My dentist charges me \$ 50 a filling. 每补一颗牙, 我的牙医就要收我 50 美元。

abandon [ə'bændən] *vt.* ① 丢弃, 离弃: Give orders to abandon the burning ship. 下令离开正在着火的船。○ A baby was found abandoned near the village. 发现一个婴儿被遗弃在村子附近。② 放弃: abandon hope 放弃希望 ○ The project was abandoned a week ago. 一周前就放弃了那个方案。

【词组】abandon sth/sb to sb 舍弃某物(某人)而被(别人)取得: The army abandoned the city to the enemy. 这支军队丢下了城市, 它被敌军占领了。abandon oneself to sth 完全屈从于, 沉溺于(某种情感和冲动): He abandoned himself to despair. 他陷于绝望之中。with abandon 放任的, 放纵的: shout with abandon 尽情地大喊大叫 ○ dance with abandon 纵情地跳舞

ability [ə'biləti] *n.* ① [U] (后常接动词不定式)能力: He has the ability to cope with it well. 他有把这件事处理好的能力。② [C, U] 天分, 才能: a man of a great musical ability 一个很有音乐才华的人 ○ He has multiple abilities. 他有很多方面的才能。

【词组】to the best of one's ability 尽某人所能: We'll do the work to the best of our ability. 我们会尽我们所能把这项工作做好。

【辨析】ability, capability, capacity 和 competence. ability(常指做某种体力或脑力工作的)能力: These creatures have the ability to withstand very low temperature. 这些生物有抗低温的能力。capability(强调天生的)能力, 素质: a child's language capability 一个孩子(天生的)语言能力。capacity 能力(同 ability, 但是后面 + for): She has an enormous capacity for hard work. 她有苦干的巨大能力。competence(常指对某一工作的)胜任的能力: one's competence for /to do the task 对某一任务的胜任。

able ['eibl] *adj.* ① (后接不定式)有能力的: The child is not yet able to write. 这个孩子还不会写字。○ He is able to read music after just a few lessons. 他刚上几次课就能读乐谱了。② 出色的, 能力出众的: an able leader 一个能力出众的领导 ○ the most able student in the class 班上最有才能的学生

【辨析】be able to do sth, be capable of doing sth/n. 和 enable sth/sb to do sth. be able to do sth 能够做…。be capable of doing sth/n. 能够做…。He is capable of running a mile in four minutes. 他能用 4 分钟跑一英里。enable sth/sb to do sth 使某人(某物)能够做某事: A rabbit's large ears enable it to hear the slight sound. 兔子耳朵大使它能听到极其微小的声音。

aboard [ə'bo:d] *prep.* 在船(飞机, 车)上, 上船(飞机, 车): He was already aboard the ship. 他已经上船了。○ They went aboard the train. 他们上了火车。

▷ *ad.* 在船(飞机, 车)上, 上船(飞机, 车): The plane crashed killing all 200 people aboard. 飞机失事了, 飞机上的 200 人全部遇难。○ It's time to go aboard. 上船(上车, 登机)时间到了。

about [ə'baʊt] *prep.* ① 关于, 对于: a novel about the Civil War 关于美国南北战争的一本小说 ○ What is he so angry about? 他对什么事这么生气? ② 在...的周围(或附近): I dropped the key somewhere about here. 我把钥匙掉在这附近了。

▷ *ad.* ① 大约, 差不多: She is about my height. 她大约我这么高的个头。○ It cost me about \$ 50. 它花了我 50 美元左右。② 周围, 附近, 到处: He is somewhere about. 他就在附近。○ There was nobody about. 周围没有人。

【词组】be about to do sth 即将做..., 正要做...: We were about to eat dinner when he came in. 他进来的时候, 我们正要吃饭。how/what about... (用于询问消息, 征求意见, 或提出建议)... 怎么样: What about his qualification for the job? 他有资格做这件工作吗? ○ How about a cup of tea? 喝杯茶怎么样?

above [ə'baʊ] *prep.* 在...之上, 高于, 多于: fly above the clouds 在云层上面飞行 ○ The temperature has been above the average recently. 近来的气温一直高于平均温度。○ Applicants must be above the age of 35. 申请人的年龄必须在 35 岁以上。

▷ *ad.* ① 在较高处, 在上方: Seen from the above, the fields are like a geometrical pattern. 从高处往下看, 那些农田像是几何图案。○ citizens aged 18 and above 18 岁以上的公民 ② 前文, 上文: the remark quoted above 前文引用的话 ○ As was stated above... 如上所述...

▷ *a.* 上面的, 上述的: the above explanation 上面的解释 ○ All the above just proves what I've been saying. 上述内容正好证明了我一直说的事情。

abroad [ə'brɔ:d] *ad.* ① 到国外, 在国外: He is famous at home and abroad. 他在国内外都很出名。○ He lived abroad for many years. 他在国外住了许多年。② 在传播, 在流传: Rumors were abroad. 谣言传开了。○ The news soon spread abroad that the examination results were ready. 考试结果快要揭晓的消息很快就传开了。

absence ['æbsəns] *n.* ① [U] (常接 from) 缺席, 不在: absence from school 缺席 ○ It happened in the absence of the manager/in your absence. 那是经理(你)不在的时候发生的。② [U] 缺乏, 不存在: He was released because of the absence of definite proof. 由于缺乏确凿的证据, 他被释放了。③ [C] 不在某处的次数和时间: after an absence of three years 在离开 3 年之后 ○ numerous absence from meeting 开会无数次的缺席

【词组】absence of mind (absent-mindedness) 心不在焉, 神不守舍

absent ['æbsənt] *a.* ① (常接 from) 缺席, 不在: be absent from class/a meeting/work 不上课(不到会, 缺勤) ○ How many students are absent today? 今天有多少学生缺席? ② 不存在, 缺少的: Revenge was absent from his mind. 他再也没有复仇的念头了。○ Love was totally absent from his childhood. 他童年时代没有受到丝毫的疼爱。③ 心不在焉的: He had an absent look on his face. 他的脸上显出心不

在焉的表情。

absolute [ˈæbsəlu:t] *a.* ① 绝对的, 完全的: an absolute lie 一个完全的谎言 ○ have an absolute trust in a person 对一个人绝对的信任 ② 十足的, 地道的: You are an absolute fool. 你是一个十足的傻瓜。③ 不受任何限制或约束的, 无条件的: absolute power 绝对的权力 ○ an absolute ruler 专制统治者

absolutely [ˈæbsəlu:tli] *ad.* ① 绝对地, 完全地: It is absolutely necessary to finish it on time. 准时把它做完这是绝对必要的。② 肯定地, 确实地: Are you tired after studying all night? — Absolutely. 你学习了一整夜, 是不是累了? — 确实是。○ He did absolutely no work. 他确实是什么也没做。

absorb [əb'sɔ:b] *v.* ① 吸收: A sponge absorbs water. 海绵吸水。○ Aspirin is quickly absorbed by/into the body. 阿斯匹林很快被身体吸收了。○ (比喻用法) Clever children absorb knowledge easily. 聪明孩子容易接受知识。② 吸引…的注意力, 使全神贯注: His business absorbs him. 他专心致志地处理业务。③ 把…并入, 同化: Most little shops have been absorbed into big businesses. 大部分小商店已被并入大公司。

【词组】be absorbed in sth (某人)全神贯注于…: She was absorbed in reading her book. 她专心地看书。

【注释】absorb 的名词形式为 absorption。

abstract [ˈæbstrækt] *a.* ① 抽象的: an abstract word like “justice” 像“正义”这个抽象的词 ○ We may talk of beautiful things, but beauty itself is abstract. 我们尽可能谈论美的事物, 但是美本身就是抽象的。② (指艺术)抽象派的: an abstract painter 一个抽象派画家

▷ *n.* [U] ① 抽象, 抽象性 ② 抽象派艺术品: a painter of abstracts 抽象画的画家 ③ 摘要, 梗概: an abstract of a lecture 一个演讲的摘要 ○ Please include a 250-word abstract of the paper. 请包括一个 250 字的论文摘要。

【词组】in the abstract 抽象的, 在理论上: Consider a problem in the abstract. 就事论事地考虑一下这个问题。○ Talking about bringing up children in the abstract just isn't enough. 空谈抚养孩子是不够的。

abstract [ˈæb'strækt] *vt.* ① 做…的摘要: abstract a story for a book review 为一篇书评撰写故事梗概 ② (from sth)提取, 抽取: Abstract metal from ore. 从矿石中提取金属。

abundant [ə'bandənt] *a.* ① 大量的, 充足的, 丰富的: an abundant supply of water 充足的水供应 ○ We have abundant proof of his guilt. 我们有大量的证据证明他有罪。② (作表语)be abundant in sth 富有某物: The river is abundant in salmon. 这条河盛产鲑鱼。

abuse [ə'bjuz] *n.* ① [C] (of) 滥用, 妄用: government officials' abuse of power 政府官员滥用职权 ② [U]: drug abuse 滥用麻醉药品 ③ [U] 虐待, 伤害: child abuse 虐待儿童 ④ [U] 辱骂, 毁谤: I don't see why I should put up with this kind of abuse. 我不明白我为什么要忍受这种毁谤。○ He greeted me with a stream of abuse. 他一见我就不住地破口大骂。

▷ [ə'bjuz] *vt.* ① 滥用, 妄用: abuse one's authority 滥用某人的权威 ○ abuse

one's trust 辜负了某人的信任 ② 虐待, 伤害: People who were abused as children often turn into child-abusers themselves. 孩童时代受到虐待的人往往也会变成一个虐待孩子的人。③ 辱骂, 毁谤: They abused each other. 他们相互辱骂。

academic [ˌæk'demɪk] *a.* ① 学校的, 学院的: an academic degree 学位 ○ the academic year 学年 ② 学术的: an academic discussion 学术讨论 ○ academic exchanges 学术交流 ○ The question is purely academic. 这是一个纯学术性的问题。③ 纯理论的, 不切实际的: The question of where we go on holidays is purely academic, since we don't have any money. 我们去哪度假的问题只是口头说说而已, 因为我们根本没有钱。

▷ *n.* 大学教师, 专业学者: My uncle, who has been an academic all his life, teaches at a university. 我叔叔一生以教书为业, 现在一所大学任课。

academy [ˌækədəmi] *n.* [C] ① 研究院, 学会: the American Academy of Arts and Letters 美国文艺学院 ○ the Chinese Academy of Science 中国科学院 ② (中等以上) 专门学校: an academy of music 音乐学院 ○ a military academy 军事学院

accelerate [æk'seləreɪt] *v.* ① (使)加快, (使)增快: accelerate the rate of growth 提高增长率 ② 加速, 加快: The car accelerated as it overtook me. 那辆汽车一加速就超过了我。

accent¹ [ˈæksənt] *n.* ① [C, U] 口音, 腔调: Alex spoke Portuguese with a Brazilian accent. 亚历克斯说葡萄牙语带有巴西的口音 ② [C] 重音, 重音符号: In the word "corset" the accent is on the first syllable. "corset" 一词的重音在第一个音节上。③ [C, 常 sing.] 强调, 重点: In all our products the accent is on quality. 在我们的一切产品中, 最重要的就是质量。

accent² [æk'sent] *vt.* 重读: accent the second syllable 重读第二个音节

accept [ək'sept] *vt.* ① 接受, 领受, 收受: Please accept this small gift. 请收下这份薄礼。○ Are you going to accept their invitation? 你打算接受他们的邀请吗? ② 承认, 同意, 认可: accept the judge's decision 同意法官的裁决 ○ I'm willing to accept that some mistakes have been made. 我愿意承认出了一些差错。③ 相信: We do not accept your explanation. 我们不能相信你的解释。

acceptance [ək'septəns] *n.* ① [C, U] 接受, 接纳:

Russia's acceptance of economic aid from Western countries 俄罗斯接受西方国家的经济援助 ○ Since we sent out the invitations we've received five acceptances and one refusal. 我们发出请帖以后, 收到的回复是五位接受, 一位推辞。② [U] 赞同, 承认: The proposal met with general acceptance. 提案得到了普遍的认可。③ [U] 容忍: the acceptance of poor living conditions 忍受恶劣的居住条件

access [ˈækses] *n.* [U] ① 通道, 入口: The only access to the building is across this bridge. 只有过这座桥才能到达那幢大楼。○ The village is difficult/easy of access. 到那个村子的路很难(容易)走。② 接近, 进入: He is easy of access. 他是易于接近的。○ We gained access into the house through the window. 我们从窗户进入屋内。③ 接近(进入, 享用)的机会: Only high officials had access to the president. 只有高级官员才有机会接近总统 ○ Before liberation, the laboring people had no access to education. 解放前, 劳动人民没有受教育的机会。

▷ *vi.* 存取(计算机文件): She accessed three different files to find the correct information. 她存取了三个文件以找寻所要的信息。

accident [ˈæksɪdənt] *n.* [C] ① 意外遭遇, 事故: Ken had an accident at work and he had to go to hospital. 肯在工作中出了事故, 他得去医院。○ An accident occurred on the icy road. 冰雪路面上发生了车祸。② 意外, 意外因素: I'm sorry I broke your glass. It was an accident. 很抱歉我打破了你的玻璃杯, 这完全是无意的。○ A series of lucky accidents led to the discovery. 一系列幸运的意外导致了这一发现。

【词组】by accident 偶然: I met her quite by accident. 我是偶然遇见她的。

accidental [ˌæksɪdəntl] *a.* 意外的, 偶然发生的: an accidental death 意外的死亡 ○ an accidental discharge of toxic waste 有毒的废物的意外泄露

accommodation [əˌkɒməˈdeɪʃən] *n.* [常 pl.] 住处, 膳宿: find temporary accommodation 找到临时的住宿处 ○ The accommodations at that hotel were quite luxurious. 那个旅馆的住宿条件很豪华。

accompany [əˈkʌmpəni] *vi.* ① 陪伴, 陪同: Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. 14岁以下的儿童要由成人陪同。○ She accompanied me on that journey. 她陪着我做了那次旅行。② 伴随, 和...一起发生: Rain accompanied the thunder. 雷雨交加。○ accompany one's speech with gestures 以手势帮助说话 ③ 为...伴奏(或伴唱): I accompanied her on guitar. 我用吉他给她伴奏。

accomplish [əˈkɒmplɪʃ] *vi.* 达到(目的), 完成(任务), 实现(计划, 诺言等): accomplish one's aim/a task 达到目的(完成任务) ○ We have accomplished all we set out to do. 我们已经完成了我们着手做的事情。

accomplished [əˈkɒmplɪʃt] *a.* (in sth) 有技巧的, 熟练的: an accomplished poet 一位有才艺的诗人 ○ be accomplished in music 擅长音乐

accord [əˈkɔ:d] *n.* ① 一致, 符合: There is no accord on what we should do now. 我们现在应该做什么, 大家意见不一。② (国与国之间的) 谅解, 协议: an accord banning nuclear weapons in space 太空禁止核武器的协议

▷ *vi.* (with) 相符合, 相一致, 相和谐: What you say does not accord with the previous evidence. 你所说的与以前的证词不一致。

▷ *vi.* 授予, 赠予, 给予: They accorded the president great honor. 他们给予总统很高的敬意。

【词组】of one's own accord 出于自愿, 主动地: It's better that she comes of her own accord. 她自愿来那就更好了。in accord with 与...一致, 与...相符合: That promotion was in accord with the

manager's wishes. 那个提升符合经理的愿望。with one accord 一致地, 一致同意地: With one accord they all stood up and cheered. 他们全体一致起立欢呼。

accordance [əˈkɔ:dəns] *n.* 一致, 和谐, 符合

【词组】in accordance with 与...一致, 依照, 根据: He was buried in his hometown, in accordance with his wishes. 根据他的意愿, 他被埋葬在家乡。

according to [əˈkɔ:dɪŋ tə] *prep.* ① 据...所说, 按...所载: You've been in prison six months according to our records. 根据我们的记录, 你曾入狱六个月。② 根据, 按

照: They were rewarded according to how hard they worked. 根据他们努力的程度, 给予酬劳。

accordingly [ə'kɔ:diŋli] *ad.* ① 照着, 相应地: I've told you what the situation is, you must act accordingly. 我已经把情况告诉你了, 你得采取相应的行动。② 因此, 所以, 于是: The budget for health care has been cut by 10%. Accordingly, some hospitals may be forced to close. 医疗保健的预算被削减了 10%, 因此, 一些医院可能会被迫倒闭。

account [ə'kaunt] *n.* ① 记述, 描述, 报告: David gave us a vivid account of his trip to Joe. 大卫向乔生动地描述了他的这次旅行。② She gave the police a full account of the incident. 她把事件向警方作了详细叙述。③ 账, 账户: open/close an account 开(结)户头。④ My salary is paid directly into my bank account. 我的工资是直接存入到我的银行账户上。⑤ 解释, 说明: Chomsky's account of how children learn their first language 乔姆斯基关于孩子怎样学会第一语言的解释

▷ *vi.* (for) ① 说明...的原因, 是...的原因: Recent pressure at work may account for his behavior. 最近工作中的压力造成了他的这种行为。② Can you account for your fingerprints on the gun? 你能解释一下枪上为什么有你的指纹吗? ③ (在数量, 比例方面)占: Imports from Japan accounted for 40% of the total. 从日本的进口占进口总量的 40%。

【词组】of no account 不重要的: Don't worry about what he said, it's of no account. 不要担心他所说的话, 那不重要。on account of 为了...的缘故, 因为, 由于: We delayed our departure on account of the bad weather. 由于天气不好, 我们将启程的时间推迟了。on no account (放在句首, 主句要部分倒装) 绝不, 绝对不: On no account must you tell him about your plans. 你千万不要把你的计划告诉他。take account of 考虑到, 顾及, 体谅: These figures do not take account of changes in the rate of inflation. 这些数字没有把通货膨胀率的变化考虑进去。take... into account (= take account of) 把...考虑进去: We didn't take the cost of the project into account. 我们没有把这个项目的成本考虑进去。

accountant [ə'kauntənt] *n.* [C] 会计人员, 会计师: a chartered accountant (英) 会计师 ○ a certified public accountant (美) 会计师

accumulate [ə'kju:mjuleit] *vi.* 堆积, 积累, 积聚: accumulate funds for 为...积累资金 ○ accumulate enough evidence to ensure his conviction 搜集足够的证据以给他定罪

▷ *vi.* 累积, 聚积: Dust accumulated on the desktop. 桌面上的灰尘越来越多。

accuracy [ækjʊərəsi] *n.* [U] 准确(性), 精确(性): predict sth with great accuracy 极准确地预言某事物 ○ I wasn't convinced about the accuracy of the report. 我不相信这份报告的准确性。

accurate [ækjʊrɪt] *a.* ① 正确无误的: accurate calculations 正确无误的计算 ○ His description was accurate. 他的叙述很正确。② 准确的, 精确的: an accurate memory 准确的记忆 ○ Journalists are not always accurate in what they write. 新闻工作者的报道并非一贯准确。

accurately [ækjʊrɪtli] *ad.* 准确地, 精确地: It is impossible to predict the weather

accurately. 不可能精确地预测天气。

accuse [ə'kju:z] *vt.* 指控, 控告, 指责: They accused him of murdering. 他们控告他谋杀。○accuse sb of cheating 谴责某人欺诈

▷ the accused *n.* (复数不变) 刑事被告: The accused was/were acquitted for the charge. 被告被宣告无罪。

【辨析】accuse 和 charge。二者均意为“指控, 控告”。当表示指控某人犯有某罪行时, 应该是 accuse sb of (doing) sth: We accused him of theft. 我们指控他偷盗。如果用 charge 应该用 charge sb with sth: We charged him with theft. 我们指控他偷盗。

accustomed [ə'kʌstəmd] *a.* ① (作定语) 通常的, 惯常的: take her accustomed seat 坐在她常坐的位置上 ② (作表语时接 to sth, 相当于 used to sth) 习惯于某事物: He quickly became accustomed to the local food. 他很快就习惯了当地的食物。○ I'm not accustomed to getting up so early. 我不习惯起床这么早。

ache [eik] *vi.* ① 痛, 疼痛: My head is aching. 我头痛。○ I'm aching all over. 我浑身疼痛。② 渴望: I was aching to tell him the good news. 我渴望告诉他这个好消息。○ He was aching for a hot shower. 他渴望洗个热水澡。

▷ *n.* (常用以构成复合词) 疼痛: backache/a headache/toothache 背痛 (头痛, 牙痛) ○ He has an ache in the chest. 他胸部疼痛。

achieve [ə'tʃi:v] *vt.* 完成, 实现, 达到: achieve her goal 达到了她的目标 ○ Women have not yet achieved full equality in the work place. 在工作单位妇女们还没有实现完全平等。

▷ *vi.* 成功: We want all our students to achieve within their chosen profession. 希望我们所有的学生在他选择的行业中都能获得成功。

achievement [ə'tʃi:vment] *n.* ① [C] 成绩, 成就: Winning three gold medals is a remarkable achievement. 获得三枚金牌是一项非凡的成就。○ the greatest achievement of the decade 这十年最伟大的科学成就 ② [U] 完成, 达到: the achievement of one's object 达到某人的目的 ○ celebrate one's achievement of one's aims 庆祝愿望的实现

acid ['æsid] *n.* [C, U] 酸, 酸性物质: sulphuric acid 硫酸 ○ Strong acids can burn holes in material or damage your skin. 强酸能把其他物质烧成洞或者损伤你的皮肤。

▷ *a.* ① 酸的, 酸味的: A lemon is an acid fruit. 柠檬是一种酸味的水果。○ Vinegar has an acid taste. 醋有酸味。② 尖刻的, 刻薄的: acid remark/comment/ tone. 刻薄的话 (评论, 语调)

acknowledge [ək'nɒlɪdʒ] *vt.* ① 承认, 承认...的权威: He acknowledged the defeat. 他承认失败。○ They acknowledged it to be true/that it was true. 他们承认那是事实。② 告知收到, 确认: acknowledge a letter 告知已收到一封信 ③ 对...表示谢忱, 报偿: She acknowledged the applause. 她感谢大家的掌声。

【辨析】It is acknowledged that... 和 be acknowledged as. It is acknowledged that..., 被公认为, 人们公认: It is now generally acknowledged that he was innocent. 人们公认他是无罪的。be acknowledged as 被认为: He was acknowledged as

the finest poet in the land. 他被公认为全国最优秀的诗人。

acquaintance [ə'kweɪntəns] *n.* ① [C] 相识的人, 熟人: She's an old acquaintance. 她是个老相识。He has a wide circle of acquaintances. 他交游甚广。② [U] 认识, 相识, 了解: his acquaintance with African literature 他对非洲文学的了解。I have some acquaintance with the Swedish language. 我对瑞典语略知一二。

【词组】 make sb's acquaintance 认识某人, 与某人相识: I'm pleased to make your acquaintance. 我很高兴与你相识。make the acquaintance of sb 同 make sb's acquaintance. of sb's acquaintance 某人认识的: a certain lawyer of my acquaintance 我认识的某个律师。have a nodding/passing acquaintance with sb/sth 与某人有点头之交, 对某事略知一二: I must admit I have only a passing acquaintance with his books. 我得承认我对他的书只是略知一二。

acquire [ə'kwaɪə] *vt.* ① 取得, 获得: acquire a completely new outlook 获得全新的面貌。acquire two new paintings 得到两幅新画。② 学到: acquire a knowledge of English 学到英语知识

【辨析】 acquire, get, gain, obtain 和 procure. 这组词均有“取得, 获得”的意思。acquire 取得, 获得; 强调经过自己的努力而获得某物: We should try to acquire good study habits. 我们应该努力养成好的学习习惯。get 得到, 获得, 收到; 是常用词, 指以某种方法或手段得到某种东西, 这东西可能是需要的或企图获得的, 也许不是: He got first prize. 他获得一等奖。He got a bad reputation. 他得了个臭名声。gain 获得, 收获, 博得; 指付出很大的努力获取, 有强有力地夺取之意, 还表示增加已有的东西: The troop gained the victory after a bloody battle. 部队经过一场血战之后赢得胜利。He gained additional honors with each new book he published. 他每出版一本新书, 就又增加一些荣誉。obtain 得, 获得; 指努力工作或奋力而得到所需要的东西或达到某种目的: I obtained permission to go. 我获准离开。I haven't been able to obtain that record anywhere; can you obtain it for me? 我弄不到那张唱片, 你能为我搞到吗? procure 取得, 设法获得; 指用相当的手段而得到, 但也必须做点努力才能得到: He cannot procure employment. 他未能谋到职业。Please procure me some specimens. 请设法给我搞一些标本。

acquisition [ækwi'ziʃən] *n.* ① [U] 取得, 获得, 可得: second language acquisition 第二语言习得。the acquisition of new territory 获得新的领地。② [C] 获得物, 增添的人(或物): the library's most recent acquisitions 图书馆最近增添的书籍。He is a valuable acquisition to the team. 他是该球队一个不可多得的新队员。

acre ['eɪkə] *n.* [C] 英亩: a 200-acre wood 一片 200 英亩的树林。They own 200 acres of farmland. 他们拥有 200 英亩的农田。

across [ə'krɒs] *prep.* ① 穿过, 越过, 横过: They built a bridge across the river. 他们在河上建了一座桥。The path cut across the meadow. 这条小路穿过了牧场。

② 在...对面: The post office is just across the street. 邮局就在马路对过。From across the fields came cheers of the crowd. 从田野的那一边传来群众的欢呼声。

▷ *ad.* ① 从一边到另一边, ...宽: Can you swim across? 你能游过去吗? The river is half a mile across. 这条河有半英里宽。② 在对面, 向对面: We'll soon be across. 我们很快就要到对面了。Why don't you go across and say hello to Jim?

你为什么不过去和吉姆打招呼呢?

act [ækt] *vi.* ① 行动, 做事: Act quickly, but do not lose your head. 行动迅速, 但不要丧失理智。○ The UN Security Council must act to end the war in Bosnia. 联合国安理会必须行动起来以结束波斯尼亚的战争。② 举止, 表现: Don't act foolishly. 别表现得很傻气。○ He acted as if he had never seen me before. 他显得好像以前从未见过我似的。③ 起作用: The brakes wouldn't act, so there was an accident. 刹车不起作用, 结果出了事故。○ My brother speaks French — he will act as interpreter. 我哥哥讲法语, 因此由他来做翻译。④ 表演, 假装: He acted well. 他表演得很好。○ He was just acting and wasn't really sorry. 他只是装模作样, 并不真地很难过。

▷ *vi.* 扮演, 装做: He acted the part of a hunter. 他扮演了一个猎人的角色。○ He is always acting the experienced man who has seen everything. 他总是装做是个饱经世故的人。

▷ *n.* ① [C] 行为, 行动: an act of kindness/courage 善良的行为(有勇气的行为) ② [C] 法令, 条例: an act of Congress 国会的法案 ○ the social security act 社会保障条例 ③ (一)幕: a play in three acts 三幕剧 ○ Act I, Scene II 第一幕第二场

【词组】act on ① 遵照…行动, 奉行: act on the doctor's advice 遵照医嘱 ○ Acting on the information received, the police raided the club. 警方根据所获情报, 突然搜查了那个俱乐部。② 作用于, 影响: Alcohol acts on the brain. 酒精对大脑有影响。act up ① 出毛病, 运转不正常: The car's transmission is acting up. 汽车的变速器出了毛病。② 耍脾气, 捣蛋: Children, stop acting up. 孩子们别捣蛋了。in the act of 正做…的过程中: The thief was caught in the act of stealing. 小偷在偷盗的过程中被抓住了。

action ['ækjən] *n.* ① [U] 行动, 行动过程: We need more action, and less talk. 我们需要多做少说。○ The police took firm action to deal with the riots. 警方采取有力的行动来处理这些暴乱。② [C] 已做的事, 行为: We must judge a person by his actions, not by what he says. 判断一个人要看他的所做所为, 而不是他所说的。○ His prompt action probably saved my life. 很可能是他动作迅速, 因而救了我一命。③ [U] 作用: the action of an acid on metal 酸对金属所起的作用 ④ [U] 情节: The action took place in a mountain village. 故事发生在一个小山村里。

【词组】out of action 不(再)起作用, 不(再)运转: My car is out of action at the moment, so I have to go by bus. 我的车此时出了毛病, 因此我得乘公共汽车去。○ The enemy guns put many of our tanks out of action. 敌军炮火击毁我军很多坦克。

【辨析】act, action 和 deed. act 或 action 用于指好事或坏事均可, 这两个词词义相近, 有时完全相同: a generous act/action 慷慨之举。凡指一般的行动或行为, 持续时间长, 步骤多而复杂, 具体或抽象的行为过程, 可用 actions: He is impulsive in his actions. 他凭一时冲动行事。act 一词常伴有具体的说明(往往指已完成的动作, 指人, 小组或物的短暂, 简单而具体的行为): Helping the homeless is an act of mercy. 帮助无家可归者是慈善行为。deed 一词较文雅, 常指重大的举动,

指用巨大勇气、聪明才干、力量、技能所完成的艰难而高尚、引人注目的行为：
foul deeds 有多项恶行 ○ He spent his whole life doing good deeds. 他一生行善。○
The labors of Hercules were deeds of courage and ingenuity. 海格利斯的劳动是独创和英勇的行为。

active ['æktiv] *a.* ① 活跃的，积极的：Active efforts are being made to reach a settlement. 为了达成一项解决办法，正在做出积极的努力。○ lead an active life 过着活跃的生活 ② 主动的，起作用的：the active voice 主动语态 ○ Active ingredients in that toothpaste prevent cavities. 牙膏中的有效成分能够防止蛀牙。

activity ['æktiviti] *n.* ① [C] 活动，行动：extracurricular activities 课外活动 ○ social activities 社会活动 ○ Sailing is an activity I much enjoy. 帆船运动是我非常喜爱的活动。② [U] 活跃，活力：I missed the noise and activity of the city. 我怀念城市的喧闹和活跃。○ The house has been full of activity all day. 房子里整天都很热闹。

actor ['æktə] *n.* [C] 男演员：a screen actor 影视演员

actress ['æktris] *n.* [C] 女演员：She was a fine actress. 她曾经是一名出色的演员。

actual ['æktʃuəl, 'æktʃuəl] *a.* 实际的，事实上的，真实的：the actual conditions 实际情况 ○ in actual fact 事实上 ○ I'm not joking. Those were his actual words. 我没开玩笑，这是他说的原话。○ The actual cost was much higher than we had expected. 实际成本比我们预料的高得多。

acute [ə'kjut] *a.* ① 严重的，激烈的：an acute pain 剧痛 ○ an acute shortage of water 严重的缺水 ② 敏锐的：an acute observer 敏锐的观察家 ○ acute eyesight 敏锐的目光 ③ (疾病)急性的：acute tuberculosis 急性肺炎 ○ an acute patient 患急性病的病人 ④ 尖的，锐的：an acute angle 锐角

ad [æd] 见 advertisement

adapt [ə'dæpt] *vt.* ① 使适应，使适合：She adapted (herself) quickly to the new climate. 她很快地适应了这种新的气候。○ My children adapted (themselves) to life abroad quite smoothly. 我的孩子们很顺利地适应了国外的生活。② 修改，改编：books adapted for middle-school students 为中学生改写的书 ○ The play was adapted from a novel. 这部戏是由一部小说改编的。

▷ *vi.* (to) 适应：Our eyes slowly adapted to the dark. 我们的眼睛慢慢地适应了黑暗。○ The children are finding it hard to adapt to their new school. 孩子们发现很难适应他们的新学校。

add [æd] *vt.* ① 添加，增加：If the tea is too strong, add some hot water. 如果茶太浓，加一点开水。○ add fresh blood to the Party 增加党的新鲜血液。② 把…加起来，计算…的总和：Three added to four makes seven. 3 加 4 等于 7。③ 进一步说(或写)，附带说明：“And don't be late.” she added. 她又加上一句，“别迟到了”。○ That's all I have to say. Is there anything you'd like to add, David? 这就是我要说的，大卫，你还有什么要进一步说明的吗？

▷ *vi.* (to) 增添：Our explanation seemed only to add to his bewilderment. 我们的解释似乎使他更糊涂了。○ That adds heavily to the difficulty of my work. 这大大