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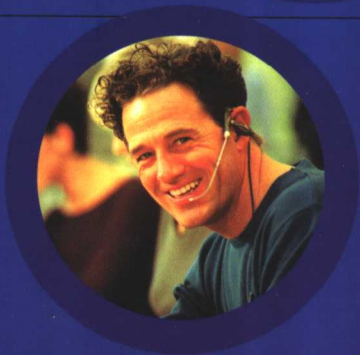
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前言

“君欲善其事，必先利其器”，要想在日常的工作、生活中讲一口流利、地道的英语，就需要积累一定数量的常用词汇与表达法。很多中国的英语学习者在用英语交谈时，经常因为找不到合适的词汇与表达法而“卡壳”，或者总觉得有些用语或表达法很别扭、不地道。这种情况的形成，往往并不是因为词汇量太小，而是因为对词汇（特别是一些惯用语表达法）的含义和用法不甚了解或者不太熟悉，例如，在打电话时要说“请找一下张先生？（May I speak to Mr. Zhang？）”，对方回答说，“我就是”，这个“我就是”，我们有可能说成是“This is me”或者甚至是“I am Mr. Zhang”，但地道的说法是“Speaking”，是“This is Zhang speaking”的简短明了的回答。

除了了解词汇与表达法的含义之外，还有一个语体的问题，说得通俗一点，就是“在什么场合下讲什么话”的问题。口语中使用的语言，在风格上讲一般是比较随意的、不十分正式的，在句型特点上，一般是以简短的句子为主，较少使用复杂的从句，这就是口语语体的特点。如果把书本上学来的语言搬到口语交流中来，结果往往是生硬、不得体。这不仅仅说是把书面表达法用在口语中会有这种结果，即便是从一些口语书籍上学来的现成的表达法，如果不了解其适用场合，同样会造成语体上的“失态”，例如，某人说“这个星期天要去约会一位女孩子”，“I have an appointment this Sunday.” 这种说法就不太合适，从语体上讲，appointment 这个词经常出现在正式些的场合，而 date 这个词，才最适合于担当男女之间的“约会”。

惯用语（包括日常生活工作中经常用到的随意用语、惯用短语搭配、出现频率高的习语、俚语等）构成了英语口语交流中的主要部分，而恰恰是这部分内容，在我们传统的课堂英语学习中容易被忽视。在观看英文电影电视节目或者与英语母语人士交流时，总感觉我们学习的英语与真正用到的英语有些“不一样”，往往就是因为我们对英语母语人士经常用到的这些惯用语。

本书对精选的 823 个常用美语惯用语，除了给出英语和汉语两种解释外，还进行了较多的例句解释，借助这些例句，读者

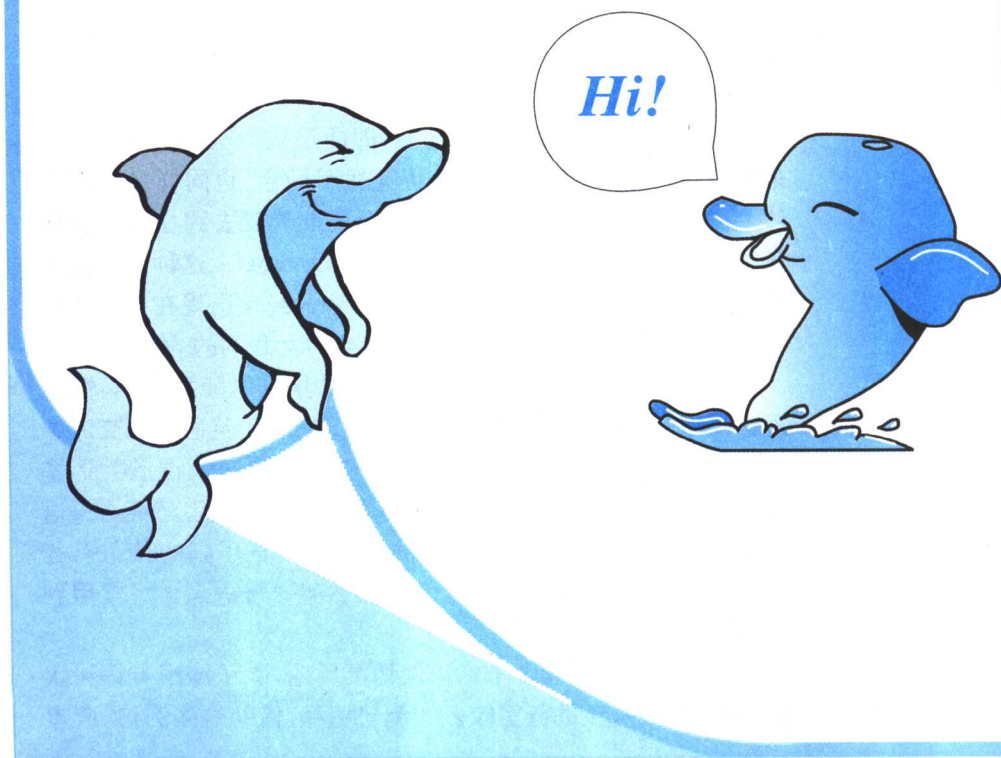
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可以更深入地理解词条的含义,以及帮助读者领会该词条适用的场景。另外,本书还将这些词汇与表达法粗略地划分为五级,这五级基本上按照其出现频率的高低划分。

本书适用于有一定英语口语基础的英语爱好者,本书内容对帮助读者掌握含义准确、地道得体的英语口语定会有所裨益。

本书作者谨启

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在不同的场合,讲不同风格的话语,才能使语言得体。比如,在日常会话中使用书面语言,会使人觉得有“书卷气”,在正式场合使用太随意的话语,会使人觉得不够严肃、认真,而在随意的场合使用过于正式的语言,则会显得僵硬、呆板,等等。

本部分所收录词汇与表达法,均为在日常随意的场景下使用的语言,属于“非正式”语一类。

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第二级 高频常用习语

习语可以简单地理解为语言中相对固定的习惯表达法，它们的语法结构或词语间搭配经常有其特殊

性,其含义无法靠简单地拆开组成成份来进行解释,例如 couch potato 当然不是“放在沙发上的土豆”,而是指“电视迷”。本部分收录的习语,均为偏重于口语化、使用频率较高的一些表达法。

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第三级 通用场景下的高频用语

有些表达法在语体风格上比较“中性”，对适用场景没有太多要求，即在不同的语体场合下使用，都不会造成语体风格上的“冲突”。本部分选录的，就是一些常用的‘通用’文体特点的词汇与表达法。

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第四级 特定场景下的高频用语

有些词汇或表达法本身带有特定的语体特点,所以它们仅仅出现在这种特点所要求的特定语境中,例如 Duck X-ing(有鸭子通过,注意慢行)这个词组中,Crossing 省略为 X-ing 这种语体特点,主要就用在道路标识牌这种语境中,用在其他场景下,就可能会令人莫名其妙。本部分词汇与表达法因其语体上的特点,所以其对适用语境也有一些限定。

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