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内 容 简 介

这本小册子是供学习英语的同志自学的。它的对象是大学英语专业一、二年级学生及广大英语爱好者。本书的内容是各种形式的有关英语词汇的练习，有些是从各种出版物上搜集整理的，有的是编者自己设计的。有些练习曾在课堂上给学生做过，颇受欢迎。这本书里的练习不同于一般教科书或语法书中的练习，也不见于一般考试的试题，内容和形式都比较新颖有趣。通过各种练习，旨在不仅使读者学到一些关于英语词汇的知识，而且引起学习英语者的更大兴趣。

考虑到读者对象有一定英语基础，所以练习要求本身的说明用了英语。有一部分练习比较难，并不要求读者能全部答出来。每一部分练习后都附有答案。有些练习，看了题目，再看看答案，也可从中得到启发。

本书的第七部分是关于英语词汇本身的一些谜语（双关语）和游戏，亦可作为英语课外活动的参考材料。

编这样一本书是一种尝试。编者水平有限，问题和错误都在所难免，希望读者批评指正。

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Part One

Your Memory and Word Power

I. Which is the correct spelling?

(A)

a

1. inevitable
2. irritable
3. holiday
4. pursuit
5. apartment
6. recurring
7. seperate
8. ceiling
9. seize
10. embarrassment
11. development
12. supercede
13. insistance
14. ecstasy
15. independent

b

- inevitable
- irritable
- holliday
- persuit
- apartment
- recurring
- separate
- cieling
- sieze
- embarrassment
- developement
- supersede
- insistence
- ecstasy
- independant

(B)

a

1. occurrence

b

- occurence

2. truly
3. argument
4. assistant
5. comparative
6. analyze
7. emerge
8. immerge
9. grammer
10. pronunciation
11. desircable
12. noticeable
13. panicy
14. leisure
15. receive

truly
argument
asistant
comparative
analize
emerge
imerge
grammar
pronounciation
desirable
noticable
panicky
liesure
recieve

(C)

- | a | b |
|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. excede | exceed |
| 2. recede | receed |
| 3. formally | formaly |
| 4. forfeit | forfeit |
| 5. attendant | atendant |
| 6. existant | existent |
| 7. ill-tempered | ill tempered |
| 8. blue-print | blue print |
| 9. football | foot ball |
| 10. volleyball | volley ball |
| 11. achieve | acheive |
| 12. absence | abscence |

13. superintendent	superintendant
14. except	except
15. vicious	viscious

II. Of the three choices offered for each word, only one is correct. Can you find it?

a	b	c
1. alright	all right	allright
2. proceed	procede	proseded
3. preceed	precede	presede
4. bacheler	batchelor	bachelor
5. tarrif	tariff	tarriff
6. battalion	batallion	battalion
7. privilige	privelige	privilege
8. anonymous	anonamous	anonomous
9. drunkenness	drunkness	drunkenness
10. interchangeable	interchangable	interchangible
11. embarassing	einbarrasing	embarrassing
12. managable	manageable	managible
13. counterfeit	counterfiet	counterfit
14. accomodate	acommodate	accomodate
15. innoculate	inocculate	inoculate

III. Check your memory:

(A) "de" or "di"?

- | | | |
|---------------|------------------|-------------|
| 1. d__spair | 2. d__sappointed | 3. d__sease |
| 4. d__pressed | 5. d__stroyed | 6. d__vide |
| 7. d__sposal | 8. d__sappear | 9. d__cide |
| 10. d__velop | | |

(B) "ance" or "ence"?

- | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. refer__nce | 2. perform__nce | 3. guid__nce |
| 4. resist__nce | 5. depend__nce | 6. exist__nce |
| 7. allow__nce | 8. experi__nce | 9. coincid__nce |
| 10. appear__nce | | |

(C) "able" or "ible"?

- | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. resist__ble | 2. think__ble | 3. eat__ble |
| 4. respons__ble | 5. suit__ble | 6. intellig__ble |
| 7. imagin__ble | 8. convert__ble | 9. believ__ble |
| 10. flex__ble | | |

IV. Do you know the groups of words which have similar spelling?

1. deep, __eep, __eep, __eep;
2. bold, __old, __old, __old, __old, __old;
3. cave, __ave, __ave, __ave;
4. fight, __ight, __ight, __ight, __ight, __ight;
5. bind, __ind, __ind, __ind;
6. cock, __ock, __ock, __ock.

V. Can you fill in these words according to the definitions given?

- | | | | |
|------------|-------------|------------|----------------|
| 1. __ha__ | (furniture) | 2. __ha__ | (contour) |
| 3. __ha__ | (rock) | 4. __ha__ | (conversation) |
| 5. __ha__ | (vegetable) | 6. __ha__ | (abyss) |
| 7. __ha__ | (trinket) | 8. __ha__ | (pure) |
| 9. __ha__ | (pursuit) | 10. __ha__ | (carriage) |
| 11. __ha__ | (fellow) | 12. __ha__ | (indictment) |
| 13. __ha__ | (shelter) | 14. __ha__ | (spear) |
| 15. __ha__ | (disgrace) | 16. __ha__ | (portion) |

17. __ha__ (trim) 18. __ha__ (leg)
 19. __ha__ (goblet) 20. __ha__ (restraint)

VI. Give two words of the same pronunciation according to each of the following phonetic transcriptions:

- | | | |
|---------------|-------------|------------|
| 1. [bʰə] | 2. [ˈberi] | 3. [bəːθ] |
| 4. [bau] | 5. [kəːs] | 6. [kəːd] |
| 7. [djuː] | 8. [dai] | 9. [fə] |
| 10. [fiː] | 11. [hə] | 12. [meɪl] |
| 13. [ˈmɑːfəl] | 14. [peɪl] | 15. [peɪn] |
| 16. [piːs] | 17. [pleɪn] | 18. [sel] |
| 19. [stiːl] | 20. [weist] | |

VII. To convert (a hope, plan, etc.) into a fact is to *realize*. Do you know the verbs ending with "ize"?

- | | |
|--|---------|
| 1. to make neutral | n...ize |
| 2. to make popular | p...ize |
| 3. to make of one size, shape, quality, etc., according to fixed standards | s...ize |
| 4. to arrange according to a system | s...ize |
| 5. to show regret, or make excuses for | a...ize |
| 6. to agree in tone or colour | h...ize |
| 7. to call troops to service | m...ize |
| 8. to bring up to date | m...ize |
| 9. to cheat, swindle, or injure in some way | v...ize |
| 10. to be an expert in a particular subject or field | s...ize |

VIII. One who does is a *doer*; one who teaches is a *teacher*; and one who works in a mine is a *miner*; so

1. one who carries a message is a _____;
2. one who is skilled in climbing mountains is a _____;
3. one who has studied law and works on law is a _____;
4. one who designs or makes machines or engines is an _____;
5. one who plays a piano is a _____, and one who plays a violin is a _____;
6. one who delivers letters and other posted matters is a _____, and one who sells or delivers milk is a _____;
7. one who is engaged in business is a _____;
8. one who catches fish is a _____ or a _____;
9. both the person who looks after the fire in a furnace and the person who fights a fire is called a _____;
10. one who is skilled in aiming at a mark in shooting is a _____;
11. the machine for typewriting is called a _____, but the person who typewrites is called a _____;
12. one who keeps close watch on the development of certain events is a _____, but one who is employed to watch and protect a house or properties is a _____;
13. one who plays a game is a _____, but one who takes part in a play on the stage is an _____ or an _____;
14. one who employs others is an _____ while one who is employed by others is an _____;

15. one who trains others is a _____, one who undergoes some training is a _____;
16. a woman whose husband has died is a _____ while a man whose wife has died is a _____;
17. one who guides others by showing the way is a _____, and one who nurses patients in a hospital or nurses children in a nursery is a _____;
18. one who guards the goal in a football match is a _____;
19. one who is hired for a short time to look after a baby is a _____.

IX. Titles of rulers or executive officials, past and present, are listed in column one. Column two lists the country where each governed. Can you match them?

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. Sultan | a. Egypt |
| 2. Chancellor | b. Great Britain |
| 3. Czar | c. Saudi Arabia |
| 4. Emperor | d. Japan |
| 5. Pharaoh | e. Turkey |
| 6. Prime Minister | f. India |
| 7. Rajah | g. Germany |
| 8. Sheikh | h. France |
| 9. Dauphin | i. Russia |
| 10. Mikado | j. Austria |

X. Five instruments, each named by a word ending in *-scope*, will fit the five definitions below. Can you make them out?

1. an instrument used by doctors to listen to the sounds within the body _____scope

2. an optical instrument which magnifies small objects
_____scope
3. an optical instrument used in submarines to enable the observer to obtain a field of vision normally difficult or impossible to get
_____scope
4. an optical instrument used in viewing distant objects
_____scope
5. an optical instrument for producing and examining the band of colours formed by a ray of light
_____scope

XI. Match the descriptions listed in the first column with the corresponding career or hobby listed in the second (for example, an "artifact finder" would study "archaeology".):

- | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. weather watcher | a. cosmetology |
| 2. stargazer | b. horticulture |
| 3. stamp collector | c. astronomy |
| 4. bird watcher | d. numismatics |
| 5. hatmaker | e. meteorology |
| 6. snapshot shooter | f. photography |
| 7. sea scholar | g. genealogy |
| 8. coin collector | h. millinery |
| 9. cave comber | i. linguistics |
| 10. mapmaker | j. oceanography |
| 11. plant expert | k. ornithology |
| 12. makeup artist | l. cartography |
| 13. family tree researcher | m. spelunking |
| 14. language specialist | n. philately |

XII. In the first column below are 15 cooking terms often

used. In the second column are the definitions. Try your best to match them.

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|--------------|---|
| 1. saute | a. to cook slowly, just below boiling point |
| 2. mince | b. to brown quickly over high heat |
| 3. knead | c. to brown, then cook covered with small amount of liquid |
| 4. simmer | d. to boil until only partially done |
| 5. sear | e. to cut, grind or blend into very fine pieces |
| 6. dredge | f. to dip into boiling water for a few seconds before proceeding with recipe |
| 7. blanch | g. to season, or tenderize, by soaking in spicy liquid, vinegar, or lemon juice |
| 8. braise | h. any liquid in which meats or vegetables have been cooked |
| 9. baste | i. pan-fry lightly in a little shortening |
| 10. marinate | j. to spoon drippings from pan or other liquids over roasting meat or poultry |
| 11. parboil | k. to work dough with the hands, punching, squeezing, and turning |
| 12. stock | l. to coat with flour before frying or cooking |

Answers

- I. (A) 1. a 2. b 3. a 4. a 5. b 6. b 7. b 8. a 9. a
 10. b 11. a 12. b 13. b 14. b 15. a
 (B) 1. a 2. b 3. b 4. a 5. b 6. a 7. b 8. a 9. b
 10. a 11. b 12. a 13. b 14. a 15. a
 (C) 1. b 2. a 3. a 4. b 5. a 6. b 7. a 8. b 9. a
 10. b 11. a 12. a 13. a 14. b 15. a
- II. 1. b 2. a 3. b 4. c 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. c
 10. a 11. c 12. b 13. a 14. a 15. c
- III. (A) 1. e 2. i 3. i 4. e 5. e 6. i 7. i 8. i 9. e
 10. e
 (B) 1. e 2. a 3. a 4. a 5. e 6. e 7. a 8. e 9. e
 10. a
 (C) 1. i 2. a 3. a 4. i 5. a 6. i 7. a 8. i 9. a
 10. i
- IV. 1. keep, peep, weep 2. cold, fold, gold, hold, told
 3. gave, save wave 4. light, might, night, right, sight
 5. find, hind, kind 6. lock, mock, rock
- V. 1. chair 2. shape 3. shale 4. chat 5. chard 6. chasm
 7. charm 8. chaste 9. chase 10. chaise 11. chap
 12. charge 13. shade 14. shaft 15. shame 16. share
 17. shave 18. shank 19. chalice 20. chain
- VI. 1. bare *a.* 光的 bear *n.* 熊
 2. berry *n.* 浆果 bury *v.* 埋
 3. berth *n.* 床位 birth *n.* 生产
 4. bough *n.* 树枝 bow *v.* 鞠躬
 5. coarse *a.* 粗糙 course *n.* 路径
 6. cord *n.* 绳索 chord *n.* 弦

7. dew *n.* 露水 due *a.* 负欠
8. die *v.* 死 dye *v.* 染
9. fair *a.* 美好的 fare *n.* 旅费
10. flee *v.* 逃跑 flea *n.* 蚤虱
11. hare *n.* 野兔 hair *n.* 毛发
12. male *a.* 雄的 mail *n.* 邮件
13. marshal *n.* 元帅 martial *n.* 勇武
14. pale *a.* 灰白 pail *n.* 桶
15. pane *n.* 玻璃片 pain *n.* 痛苦
16. peace *n.* 和平 piece *n.* 片, 块
17. plane *n.* 平面 plain *n.* 平原
18. sell *v.* 卖 cell *n.* 细胞
19. steel *n.* 钢 steal *v.* 偷
20. waste *v. n.* 浪费 waist *n.* 腰部

- VII. 1. neutralize 2. popularize 3. standardize 4. systematize
 5. apologize 6. harmonize 7. mobilize 8. modernize
 9. victimize 10. specialize

- VIII. 1. messenger 2. mountaineer 3. lawyer 4. engineer
 5. pianist, violinist 6. postman, milkman 7. businessman
 8. fisher, fisherman 9. fireman 10. marksman 11. type-
 writer, typist 12. watcher, watchman 13. player, actor,
 actress 14. employer, employee 15. trainer, trainee 16.
 widow, widower 17. guide, nurse 18. goal-keeper
 19. baby-sitter

- IX. 1.e, 2.g, 3.i, 4.j, 5.a, 6.b, 7.f, 8.c, 9.h 10.d.

- X. 1. stethoscope 2. microscope 3. periscope 4. telescope
 5. spectroscope

- XI. 1.e, 2.c, 3.n, 4.k, 5.h, 6.f, 7.j, 8.d, 9.m, 10.l,
 11.b, 12.a, 13.g, 14.i.

- XII. 1.i, 2.e, 3.k, 4.a, 5.b, 6.l, 7.f, 8.c, 9.j, 10.g,
 11.d, 12.h.

Part Two

Word Choice

I. Choose the right word:

(A)

1. He is too (forgetful, forgetable), you can't trust him with such an important matter.
2. Comrade Li is a (respectful, respectable) teacher in our department.
3. They hit him (hard, hardly).
4. We have (revenged, avenged) the martyrs.
5. I (hope, wish) I knew how to do it.
6. We must (persist in, insist on) the system of cadre participation in collective labour.
7. We must do our best to carry (on, out) the work left unfinished by the revolutionary martyrs.
8. Marxism is our guide in carrying (on, out) socialist revolution and socialist construction.
9. He has (permitted, promised) me that he would come and help me with my work.
10. I saw some other people (besides, except) them.
11. "According to" is a (preposition, prepositional) phrase, while "in the morning" is a (preposition, prepositional) phrase.
12. They took an active part in the (peace, peaceful) move-