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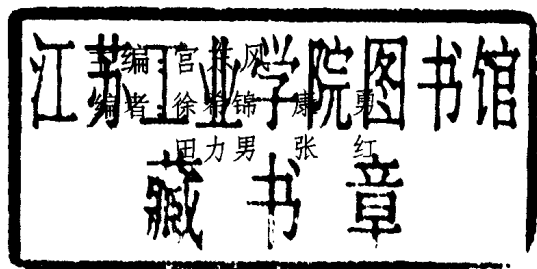
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耐心些! 行百里路半九十。坚持学完这里的成语, 你的英语表达就经历了一次质变。当你说英语时, 老外心里会想: “我没搞错吧, 他的英语真牛!”

**under one's nose** 显著而易被发现的 / **take a chance** 冒险; 碰运气 / **behind the scenes** 私下; 在幕后 / **let the cat out of the bag** 泄露秘密 / **up to one's neck** 深陷于…中(此处指工作太忙) / **be in hot water** 遇到麻烦; 遇到困难 / **live wire** 精力充沛的; 活跃人物 / **stuffed shirt** 爱摆架子、令人讨厌的人 / **wet blanket** 使人扫兴的人 / **social climber** 竭力想跻身于上流社会的人 / **ring a bell** 提醒某人一件事 / **search**

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好累呀! 坚持! 本篇的成语是魔咒,大声朗读每个成语,这是成语的最高水平,芝麻开门啦,芝麻开门啦!

**on the nose** 恰好地;准确无误地;正好  
**meet(someone) halfway** 折衷;妥协 / **tell on** 告发;告发某人不轨行为 / **keep one's own hours** 安排自己的时间 / **play it by ear** 看情况而定;没有固定计划 / **bull session** 不着边际的瞎聊 / **have the floor** 轮到某人讲话 / **handle someone with kid gloves** 温和妥善地对待 / **uncalled for** 没必要;不恰当的 / **goof up** 犯错误 / **big shot** 要人 / **windbag** 唠叨没完使人讨厌的人 / **on the go** 活泼好动 / **on the ball** 机灵;警觉;干练 / **dream up** 编造;想出 / **know the first thing about** 真正理解;知其要害……

## 第一部分

### Hot Section

#### (热辣篇)

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◆ **brush up on something**  
(*something to make it fresh again in one's mind*)

温习，温故

I'm going to give a speech tomorrow, so I have to brush up on my notes.

我打算明天做一次演讲，因此我要熟悉一下我的稿子。

◆ **all of a sudden**  
(*something happening*)

突然，忽然



quickly, without advance  
warning)

It started out to be a  
beautiful day. Then, all of a  
sudden, it became cloudy  
and began to rain.

一开始是个好天气。  
接着,突然间阴云密  
布并开始下起了雨。

◆ **Had better (rather)**  
(*should do something; ought  
to do something*)

最好…

I'd better go now or I'll be  
late for class.

我最好现在就走,不  
然上课就迟到了。

◆ **About to** (*on the point of  
doing something*)

就要,正要

Tom was about to leave  
when the telephone rang.

汤姆正要离开时,电  
话铃响了。

◆ **what's the matter** (*what  
is wrong*)

什么事,怎么了

What's the matter with  
Alice? She looks angry.

艾丽斯怎么了? 她看  
上去很生气。

◆ **every now and then** 有时

(*occasionally*)

Every now and then, I like  
to take a walk in the  
country.

有时,我想在乡村走  
一走。

◆ **in advance** (*before, ahead of time*)

预先,提前

If you want to see that play,  
you should buy your tickets  
in advance.

如果你想看那场戏,  
你应该预先买票。

◆ **be broke** (*be without money*)

没钱,身无分文

I'd like to go to the concert  
with you, but I'm broke.

我想和你一块去听音  
乐会,可是我没钱了。

◆ **do without** (*live without something*)

无须

If there's no butter for our  
bread, we'll do without.

如果我们的面包没有  
黄油的话,我们就不要  
黄油了。

◆ **feel up to** (*feel able (health or ability) to do*)

能够

something)

I ought to go to Jane's party, but I just don't feel up to it now.

我应该去参加简的聚会,但是现在我不能去了。

◆ **every other** (*alternate*)

每隔一天

This class meets every other day, not every day.

这个班的碰头会是隔天一次,不是每天一次。

◆ **see about** (*take the responsibility to do something; make arrangements for*)

负责;安排

Let's have a picnic on Sunday. I'll see about the food.

星期六我们去郊游,我负责准备食物。

◆ **all along** (*all the time*)

始终,一直

I knew all along that Jack wasn't telling us the whole story.

我一直都知道杰克并没有告诉我们事实的全部。

◆ **be to blame** (*be responsible for something bad*)

有责任的,应负责的

or unfortunate)

Don't punish Billy for breaking the window. He's not to blame.

不要因打破窗户的事情处罚比利,他是无辜的。

◆ **to say the least** ( *to make the minimum comment about something or someone* )

至少这样说

It's a boring novel, to say the least.

至少可以这样说,这是一本无聊的小说。

◆ **do someone good** ( *be beneficial for someone* )

对(某人)有益

Go to the seashore for a few days. The fresh air will do you good.

到海滨呆几天吧。那儿的新鲜空气会对你有益处的。

◆ **be up to one's ears** ( *have too much to do* )

深深陷入

Helen would like to go with us but she can't. She's up to her ears in work.

海伦很想和我一块出去,但是她不能,她工作太忙了。

◆ **keep an eye on**

当心,照看

something (someone)  
(*watch in the sense of; take care of*)

Will you keep an eye on my baby while I go to the store?

当我去商店的时候,你能照看我的宝宝吗?

◆ **be up to something**  
(*doing something that one shouldn't do*)

不正常

Henry's been smiling to himself all morning. I think he's up to something, but I don't know what it is.

亨利整个上午都对着自己笑,我觉得他有点不正常,但我说不出什么原因。

◆ **just as soon** (*prefer one thing rather than another*)

更喜欢...

My wife wants to attend that lecture, but I'd just as soon stay home.

我老婆想去参加讲座,但我更喜欢呆在家里。

◆ **have one's heart set on something** (*want something very much*)

一心想要...

I don't know what to do.  
My wife has her heart set on  
a new coat for her birthday,  
but I don't have enough  
money to buy it.

我不知道该怎么办，  
我老婆一心想为她的  
生日买一件新外衣，  
但是我没有足够的  
钱。

◆ **for the time being** (*for  
the present time*)

现在，目前

I need a new car, but for  
the time being, this one will  
have to do.

我需要一辆新车，但  
是现在还要开这一  
辆。

◆ **a close call** (*a situation  
in which something bad  
almost happened*)

差点出事

I had a close call. A big  
truck almost hit me!

我差点出事，一辆大  
卡车差点撞到我。

◆ **make oneself at home**  
(*be comfortable, as if in  
one's own home*)

随便，不客气

When people come to our  
house, we like them to  
make themselves at home.

当有人来我家时，我  
希望他们随便一些。

◆ **get rid of something**  
(*destroy; throw away; sell*)

When Ella told Frank she didn't like his hat, he got rid of it.

扔掉, 除去

当艾拉告诉弗兰克她不喜欢他的帽子时, 他把它扔掉了。

◆ **not to mention** (*omitting to say anything about something*)

I can't go to Steve's party. I've got to do my homework, prepare a speech for tomorrow, and study for an exam, not to mention take my little brother to the dentist.

更不用说了

我不能去参加史蒂夫的聚会, 我要做家庭作业, 准备明天的演讲, 准备考试, 更不用说带我的弟弟去看牙医了。

◆ **make something do** (*use what one has, instead of getting something else that would be better*)

If there isn't cream for our coffee, we'll have to make milk do.

凑合

如果我们的咖啡里没有奶油的话, 就拿牛奶凑合一下吧。

◆ **be hard on something**  
(*treat roughly*)

很快消耗

My son is hard on shoes.  
Look at this pair, these were  
new a month ago.

我儿子穿鞋很废,看  
这一双,上个月还是  
新的。

◆ **as long as** (*because  
something else is happening at  
the same time*)

只要

As long as you're going to  
the drugstore anyway, buy  
me some aspirins.

只要你去药店,就给  
我买些阿司匹林。

◆ **take advantage of  
something** (*to use something  
for one's own benefit*)

利用

Let's take advantage of this  
wonderful weather and go to  
the seashore.

让我们利用好的天气  
去海滨吧。

◆ **would rather** (*I'd rather*)  
(*prefer*)

宁愿,喜欢

Would you like pancakes for  
breakfast? No, thank you.

早点你愿意吃煎饼  
吗? 不,谢谢。我喜



I'd rather have bacon and eggs.

欢吃熏肉和鸡蛋。

◆ **take turns** ( *do something alternately with other persons* )

轮流

There was only one dictionary, so the students had to take turns using it.

只有一本词典,因此学生们只能轮流使用。

◆ **look forward to something** ( *anticipate with pleasure* )

期待

I've been working hard. I look forward to my vacation this year.

我努力工作,并期待着今年的假期。

◆ **make the most of something** ( *do the best one can in a situation; get as much as possible out of it* )

充分利用

You made the most of your three days on Paris. I think you saw everything there.

你充分利用在巴黎的三天,我想你在那儿会看到各种各样的东西。