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引言 Introduction

Cobuild 对语法的处理简单明了。我们研究了一大批英语语篇，了解人们实际是如何使用语言的。我们选择了最为重要的要点，引用我们语篇中的实例说明人们如何使用词和短语。作为一名英语学习者您尽可放心，您在本书*中得到的是地道的英语，是人们实际使用的英语。

在本书里我们对最为重要、最为经常使用的和最为典型的英语语法点提供解释，并辅以大量的练习以便您能立即将所学到的知识加以应用。这就使得本书既可作为课堂教学用书，也可作为自学教材。本书兼顾结构和意义。习题不仅操练结构，更有助于将意义和结构联系起来。

本书有两种版本：一种附有习题解答，另一种未附解答。

本书和《Cobuild 英语语法大全》一样，取材于同一个语料库。我们的第一本语法书深受欢迎，而我们正在对英语语法作全面的研究，目的是为了能够更加准确、更加切合实际地满足教师与学生的需要。

我们非常高兴了解您对本书的评论，特别是本书如何有助于您。本书是为英语水平足以读懂本书解释的读者编写的，当是具有中等以上水平的读者**。

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第一至第六页上有完整的目录，向读者提供单元的序数和题目。若干单元结合成一组，每组都冠有标题，如“名词”、“介词”和“情态动词”。

索引

书后从第 236 页到 246 页印有索引。索引按字母顺序排列，包罗了本书所有的语法点。索引为每个语法点提供讲解该语法点的单元和段落。语法术语如 *adjectives*、*nouns* 和 *verbs* 皆为粗体。读者想表达的意思，如 *ability* 和 *certainty* 也为粗体。本书解释的具体词如 *able* 和 *this* 印为斜体。读者查阅索引即可找到需查的语言点。

英汉语法术语对照表

英汉语法术语对照表在第 x 至 xiv 页。此表解释本书所用的语法术语，并附有实例。术语按字母顺序排列。如对某个术语的意义不清，可查阅此表。

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【左页】

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有些英语语法点常常会使读者犯错误。有时是因为这些语言点是某一规则的例外情况，有时是因为有些规则在英语以外的其他语言中完全不同。我们在这些语言点之前使用了 **注意** 这个标志。

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习题解答

本书后附有所有习题的答案。

英汉语法术语对照表

Glossary of grammar terms

abstract noun 抽象名词：

用于指性质、思想和经历的名词，而不是指具体物体的名词；如 *size*、*reason*、*joy*。

active voice 主动语态：

指 give、took、has made 等动词词组，它们的主语是做这一动作的人或物，或对这一动作负责的人或物，比较 **passive voice**。

adjective 形容词：

用于描述事物的词，比如事物的外貌、颜色、大小或其他属性；如 *a pretty blue dress*。

adjunct 状语：

同 **adverbial**。

adverb 副词：

描述某事何时、何地、如何或在什么情况下发生的词；如 *quickly*、*now*。

adverbial 状语：

副词或起副词作用的副词短语、介词短语或名词词组，说明何时、如何、何地或在什么情况下某事发生；如 *then*、*very quickly*、*in the street*、*the next day*。

adverbial of degree 程度状语：

表示感觉或属性的程度或范围的状态语；如 *She felt extremely tired*。

adverbial of duration 持续状语：

表示某事持续或保持多久副词；如 *He lived in London for six years*。

adverbial of frequency 频度状语：

表示某事发生或完成的经常程度的状态语；如 *She sometimes goes to the cinema*。

adverbial of manner 方式状语：

表示某事发生或完成的方式的状态语；如 *She watched carefully*。

adverbial of place 地点状语：

描述位置或方向的状态语；如 *They are upstairs... Move closer*。

adverbial of probability 较大可能性状语：

说明对某事把握大小的状态语；如 *I've probably lost it*。

adverbial of time 时间状语：

说明某事何时发生的状态语；如 *I saw her yesterday*。

adverb phrase 副词短语：

两个副词紧接在一起使用；如 *She spoke very quietly... He did not play well enough to win*。

affirmative 肯定句：

动词在主语之后的小句或句子为肯定句。

apostrophe s 撇号 s：

名词加 's 表示领属；如 *...Harriet's daughter... the professor's husband... the Managing Director's secretary*。

article 冠词：

见 **definite article**、**indefinite article**。

auxiliary 助动词：

又称 **auxiliary verb**。

auxiliary verb 助动词：

指动词 be、have 和 do，它们与主要动词连用，构成时态、否定句和疑问句。有的语法书将情态动词也归入助动词。

base form 原形：

不附任何词尾的动词，用于 to- 不定式和祈使句；如 *walk*、*go*、*have*、*be*。原形是词典中词的形式。

cardinal number 基数词：

用以计数的数词；如 *one*、*seven*、*nineteen*。

clause 分句：

含动词的一组词。又见 **main clause** 与 **subordinate clause**。

collective noun 集体名词：

指人或物的集合体的名词，可与单数或复数名词连用；如 *committee*、*team*、*family*。

comparative 比较级：

词的末尾加 -er 或前面加 more 的形容词或副词；如 *slower*、*more important*、*more carefully*。

complement 补足语：

指置于 be 等系动词之后的名词词组或形容词，用以说明小句的主语；如 *She is a teacher... She is tired*。

complex sentence 复合句：

包含主句和从句的句子；如 *She wasn't thinking quickly because she was tired*。

compound sentence 并列句：

由 and、or 或 but 连接的两个或多个分句的句子；如 *They picked her up and took her into the house*。

contrast clause 对比从句：

通常由 although 或 in spite of the fact that 引出，与主句进行对比的从句；如 *Although I like her, I find her hard to talk to*。

conditional clause 条件从句：

通常由 if 或 unless 引出的从句，用以说明可能出现的情况及其后果；如 *They would be rich if they had taken my advice... We'll go to the park, unless it rains*。

conjunction 连词：

连接两个小句、词组或单词的词；如 and、because 或 nor。

continuous tense 进行时：

指 be 的某一形式加现在分词构成的时态；如 *She was laughing... They had been playing badminton*。

coordinating conjunction 并列连词：

指连接两个分句的连接词；如 *and*、*but* 或 *or*。

count noun 可数名词：

指可有单复数形式的名词；如 *dog / dogs*、*lemon / lemons*、*foot / feet*。

countable noun 可数名词：

又称 **count noun**。

declarative 陈述句：

又称 **affirmative**。

defining relative clause 限定性关系从句：

指明所谈及的人或物的关系从句；如 *the lady who lives next door... I wrote down everything that she said*。

definite article 定冠词：

指限定词 *the*。

delexical verb 乏词义动词：

指本身词义空乏的动词；如 *give*、*have*、*make* 或 *take*。但与作为宾语表示动作的名词连用，如 *She gave a small cry... I've just had a bath*。

demonstrative 指示词：

指 *this*、*that*、*these* 和 *those* 这几个词；如 *this woman... that tree... That looks interesting... This is fun*。

descriptive adjective 描述形容词：

指描述人或物的形容词，例如说明其大小、年龄、形状或颜色而不表示对人或物的看法。比较 **opinion adjective**。

determiner 限定词：

指包括 *the*、*a*、*some* 和 *my* 的一组词，用于名词词组的开头。

direct object 直接宾语：

在主动句中表示受动词的动作影响的人或物的名词词组为直接宾语；如 *She wrote her name... I shut the windows*。

direct speech 直接引语：

指某人所说的原话。

ditransitive verb 双及物动词：

指可以跟两个宾语的动词；如 *give*、*take* 或 *sell*；如 *She gave me a kiss*。

double-transitive verb 双及物动词：

同 **ditransitive verb**。

-ed adjective -ed 形容词：

与规则动词 *-ed* 形式相同，或与不规则动词的过去分词相同的形容词。如 *...boiled potatoes... a broken wing*。

-ed form -ed 形式：

规则动词用于简单过去时和过去分词的形式。

ellipsis 省略：

在上下文意义清楚的情况下对某些词的省略。

emphasizing adverb 强调副词：

用于修饰表示极度品质的形容词；如 *astonishing* 和 *wonderful* 的副词；如 *absolutely* 或 *utterly*；如 *You were absolutely wonderful*。

ergative verb 双向动词：

既可作及物动词又可作不及物动词而且意义相同的动词。作为及物动词使用时的宾语就是用作不及物动词时的主语；如 *He boiled a kettle... The kettle boiled*。

first person 第一人称：

见 **person**。

gerund 动名词：

用作名词的 *-ing* 形式。

if-clause if 从句：

见 **conditional clause**。

imperative 祈使语气：

下达命令与要求时所使用的动词形式，即与动词原形相同的形式；如 *Come here... Take two tablets every four hours... Enjoy yourself*。

impersonal it 非人称 it：

it 用作非人称主语引出新信息；如 *It's raining... It's ten o'clock*。

indefinite article 不定冠词：

指限定词 *a* 和 *an*。

indefinite adverb 不定副词：

泛指地点的少数副词，其中包括 *anywhere* 和 *some-where*。

indefinite pronoun 不定代词：

泛指人或物而不具体说明何人何物的一组代词，其中包括 *someone* 和 *anything*。

indirect object 间接宾语：

双宾语动词的一个宾语。例如，在 *I gave him the pen* 和 *I gave the pen to him* 两句中，*him* 是间接宾语，*pen* 是直接宾语。比较 **direct object**。

indirect question 间接问句：

用以询问信息的问句；如 *Do you know where Jane is?... I wonder which hotel it was*。

indirect speech 间接引语：

用以转述别人讲话内容的词语，不是引用别人的原话。也叫被转述引语。

infinitive 不定式：

指动词原形；如 *I wanted to go... She helped me dig the garden*。

-ing adjective -ing 形容词

与现在分词同形的形容词；如 *... a smiling face... a winning streak*。

-ing form -ing 形式

以 *-ing* 结尾的动词形式，用以构成时态，或用作形容词或名词。也称作现在分词。

interrogative pronoun 疑问代词：

用于提问的代词 *who*、*whose*、*whom*、*what* 和 *which*。

interrogative sentence 疑问句：

以提问形式出现的句子。

intransitive verb 不及物动词：

不跟宾语的动词；如 *She arrived... I was yawning*。

irregular 不规则词：

不符合通行的规则的词或形式。

irregular verb 不规则动词：

有三种形式或五种形式的动词，这些动词形式不符合通行的规则。

link verb 系动词：

后跟补语而不跟宾语的动词；如 *be*、*become*、*seem*、*appear*。

main clause 主句：

不依附于另一分句，也不是另一分句的一部份。这种分句称为主句。

main verb 主要动词：

非助动词或情态动词的动词。

manner clause 方式从句：

表示某事如何做成的方式的从句，通常用 *as* 或 *like* 引导；如 *She talks like her mother used to*。

modal 情态动词：

诸如 *can*、*might* 或 *will* 一类的动词。这些动词总是动词词组的第一个词，后面跟动词的原形。情态动词用以表示请求、主动承诺、建议、愿望、意图、礼貌、可能性、必然性、肯定性、义务等等。

mood 语气：

小句的语气是指动词使用的方式，表明小句是陈述、命令或疑问。

negative 否定：

否定小句、问句、句子或陈述中包含 *not* 等否定词，表示某事物空缺或其反面，或说明某情况并不属实；如 *I don't know you... I'll never forget*。比较 **positive**。

negative word 否定词：

指 *never*、*no*、*not*、*nothing* 或 *nowhere* 等词。这些词可使小句、问句、句子或陈述成为否定。

non-defining relative clause 非限定性关系从句：

描述某人或某物但对所描述的人或物不起确指作用的从句，因为我们已经知道所描述的是何人或何物；如 *That's Mary, who was at university with me*。比较 **defining relative clause**。

non-finite clause 非限定式小句

指 *to-* 不定式小句，*-ed* 小句或 *-ing* 小句。

noun 名词：

指称人、物、思想、感情或品质的词；如 *woman*、*Harry*、*guilt*。

noun group 名词词组：

充当动词的主语、补足语、宾语或介词宾语的一组词。

object 宾语：

受动词动作影响的指称人或物的名词词组。比较 **subject**。介词也可以名词词组作宾语。

object pronoun 宾语代词：

包括 *me*、*him* 和 *them* 的一组代词，用作动词或介词的宾语。宾语代词也可在 *be* 之后用作补足语；如 *I hit him... It's me*。

opinion adjective 意见形容词：

用于表示对人或事物的意见而不是用于描述的形容词。比较 **descriptive adjective**。

ordinal number 序数词：

表示事物次序或序列的数词；如 *first*、*fifth*、*tenth*、*hundredth*。

participle 分词：

用于构成各种时态的动词形式。动词有两种分词：现在分词和过去分词。

particle 小品词：

与动词构成短语动词的副词或介词。

passive voice 被动语态：

指 *was given*、*were taken*、*had been made* 等动词词组。当主语是受动作影响的人或物时，使用这种动词词组。比较 **active voice**。

past form 过去式：

动词的一种形式，常以 *-ed* 结尾，用于简单过去时。

past participle 过去分词：

用以构成完成时和被动语态的一种动词形式。有的过去分词也可用作形容词；如 *watched*、*broken*、*swum*。

past tense 过去时：

见 **tense**。

perfect tense 完成时：

见 **tense**。

person 人称：

用于指称说话所涉及的三方的术语，说话者或作者是第一人称，听者或读者是第二人称。说话涉及的人或物为第三人称。

personal pronoun 人称代词：

包括 *I*、*you* 和 *me* 的一组词，用于指称说话者、说话对象和谈及的人或物。也是 **object pronoun** 和 **subject pronoun**。

phrasal verb 短语动词：

由动词和小品词构成，与单独的动词意义不同；如 *back down*、*hand over*、*look forward to*。

plural 复数：

可数名词或动词的一种形式，用于指称或叙述一个以上的人或物；如 *Dogs have ears... The women were outside*。

plural noun 复数名词：

通常只用于复数形式的名词；如 *trousers*、*scissors*。

positive 肯定：

不含 *not* 等否定词的小句、问句、句子或陈述。

possessive 物主词：

指 *my*、*your*、*his*、*her*、*its*、*our* 或 *their* 这类限定词。这些词用于表示某人或物属于另一个人或物；如 *your car*。

possessive adjective 物主形容词：

同 **possessive**。

possessive pronoun 物主代词：

指 *mine*、*yours*、*hers*、*his*、*ours* 或 *theirs* 这类代词。

preposition 介词：

指 *by*、*with* 或 *from* 等词。这些词后总是跟名词词组。

prepositional phrase 介词短语：

由介词和用作其宾语的名词词组构成的结构：如 *on the table*、*by the sea*。

present participle 现在分词：

见 **-ing form**。

present tense 现在时：

见 **tense**。

pronoun 代词：

用以代替名词词组的词，在不愿点明人或物时使用：如 *it*、*you*、*none*。

progressive tense 进行时：

又称 **continuous tense**。

proper noun 专有名词：

指某人、某地、某机构或某建筑物的名称。专有名词总是以大写字母开头：如 *Nigel*、*Edinburgh*、*the United Nations*、*Christmas*。

purpose clause 目的从句：

用以说明某人做事的意图：如 *I came here in order to ask you out to dinner*。

qualifier 后置修饰语：

用于名词之后对其进行修饰的词或词组：如形容词、介词短语、或关系从句：如 *... the person involved...*、*... a book with a blue cover...*、*... the shop that I went into*。

question 问句：

一般指将动词置于主语之前的句子，用以向某人询问某事：如 *Have you any money?*

question tag 疑问附加语：

由助动词或情态动词加代词构成，用以将陈述句改为疑问句：如 *He's very friendly, isn't he?* ... *I can come, can't I?*

reason clause 原因从句

通常由 *because*、*since* 或 *as* 引出的从句，用以说明某事为什么会发生或做成功：如 *Since you are here, we'll start*。

reciprocal verb 相互动词：

描述两个相互进行同一动作的动词：如 *I met you at the dance...* *We've met one another before...* *They met in the street*。

reflexive pronoun 反身代词：

反身代词，即以 *-self* 或 *selves* 结尾的代词：如 *myself* 或 *themselves*，用作动词的宾语，以说明这一宾语与分句中动词的主语系相同的人或物：如 *He hurt himself*。

reflexive verb 反身动词：

通常与反身代词连用的动词：如 *He contented himself with the thought that he had the only set of keys*。

regular verb 规则动词：

有四种形式，符合通行规则的动词。

relative clause 关系从句：

进一步说明主句所提及的人或物的从句。又见 **defining relative clause** 和 **non-defining relative clause**。

relative pronoun 关系代词：

用于引导关系从句的 *that* 或 *who* 或 *which* 等 *wh-* 词：

如 *...the girl who was carrying the bag*。

reported clause 被转述从句：

指间引结构中转述某人所述内容的从句：如 *She said that I couldn't see her*。

reported question 被转述问句：

用间引结构转述而不是用原话的问句。又见 **indirect question**。

reported speech 被转述引语：

用间引结构转述而不是引用原话的引语。又叫 **indirect speech**。

reporting clause 转述分句：

在转引结构中含转述动词的分句。

reporting verb 转述动词：

描述人们所说或所想的动词：如 *suggest*、*say*、*wonder*。

report structure 间引结构：

用被转述从句转述某人说话的内容，而非重复原话的结构：如 *She told me she'd be late*。

result clause 结果从句：

由 *so*、*so...that* 或 *such...(that)* 引出的表示动作和情况的结果的从句：如 *I don't think there's any more news, so I'll finish*。

second person 第二人称：

见 **person**。

semi-modal 半情态动词：

dare、*need* 和 *used to* 在一些结构中作用与情态动词很像，有的语法学家把它们叫作半情态动词。

sentence 句子：

表示陈述、疑问或命令的一组词。句子通常含动词和主语。它可以是简单句，由一个小句组成；也可以是复合句，由两个或多个小句组成。书写时，句子要以大写字母开头，句末要用句号、问号或感叹号。

short form 缩略形式：

一两个字母省略及两个词连写的形式，例如助动词或情态动词与 *not* 连结，或在主语代词与助动词或情态动词连结：如 *aren't*、*couldn't*、*he'd*、*I'm*、*it's*、*she's*。

simple tense 简单时态

指不用助动词构成的现在时或过去时：如 *I wait...* *she sang*。

singular 单数

可数名词或动词表示一个人或物的形式：如 *A dog was in the back of the car...* *That woman is my mother*。

singular noun 单数名词：

一般只用于单数形式的名词：如 *the sun*、*a bath*。

strong verb 强变化动词：

同 **irregular verb**。

subject 主语

在句子中说明进行动词所表示的动作的人或物的名词词组：如 *We were going shopping*。

subject pronoun 主语代词

包括 *I*、*she* 和 *they* 的一组代词，用作动词的主语。

subordinate clause 从句：

必须与主句连用，一般不能单独使用的小句，例如时间

从句、条件从句、关系从句或结果从句，这些从句由 *because* 或 *while* 等从属连词引导。

subordinating conjunction 从属连词：

指出从句的连词，如 *although*、*as if*、*because* 或 *while*。

superlative 最高级：

以 *-est* 结尾或前面加 *most* 的形容词或副词；如 *thinnest*、*quickest*、*most beautiful*。

tag question 附加疑问句：

陈述之后附加疑问附加语的问句；如 *She's quiet, isn't she?*

tense 时态：

表明所述的是过去、现在还是将来的动词形式。

future 将来时：

will 或 *shall* 加动词原形，用以表示将来的事件；如 *She will come tomorrow*。

future continuous 将来进行时：

will 或 *shall* 加 *be* 加现在分词，用以表示将来事件；如 *She will be going soon*。

future perfect 将来完成时：

will 或 *shall* 加 *have* 加过去分词，用以表示将来事件；如 *I shall have finished by tomorrow*。

future perfect continuous 将来完成进行时：

will 或 *shall* 加 *have been* 加现在分词，用以表示将来事件；如 *I will have been walking for three hours by then*。

past simple 简单过去时：

动词的过去式，用以表示过去的事件；如 *They waited*。

past continuous 过去进行时：

was 或 *were* 加现在分词，用以表示过去的事件；如 *They were worrying about it yesterday*。

past perfect 过去完成时：

had 加过去分词，用以表示过去的事件；如 *She had finished*。

past perfect continuous 过去完成进行时：

had been 加现在分词，用以说明过去的事件；如 *He had been waiting for hours*。

present simple 简单现在时：

动词原形或动词第三人称单数形式，通常用以说明现在的事件；如 *I like bananas... My sister hates them*。

present continuous 现在进行时：

be 的简单现在式加现在分词，用以说明现在的事件；如 *Things are improving*。

present perfect 现在完成时：

have 或 *has* 加过去分词，用以说明过去发生在仍然存在的事件；如 *She has loved him for ten years*。

present perfect continuous 现在完成进行时：

have been 或 *has been* 加现在分词，用以说明过去发生在现在仍在继续的事件；如 *We have been sitting here for hours*。

that- clause that- 从句

由 *that* 引导主要用于转述某人说话内容的从句；如 *She said that she'd wash up for me*。

third person 第三人称：

见 *person*。

time clause 时间从句：

表示事件发生时间的从句；如 *I'll phone you when I get back*。

time expression 时间表达式：

用作时间状语的名词词组；如 *last night*、*the day after tomorrow*、*the next time*。

to- infinitive 带 to 的不定式：

动词原形之前加 *to*；如 *to go*、*to have*、*to jump*。

transitive verb 及物动词：

后接宾语的动词；如 *She's wasting her money*。

uncount noun 不可数名词：

只有一种形式，与单数动词连用，但不与 *a* 或数词连用的名词。不可数名词通常指实质、品质、情感、活动和抽象概念；如 *coal*、*courage*、*anger*、*help*、*fun*。

verb 动词：

与主语连用说明某人或某物做什么或他们发生了什么事；如 *sing*、*spill*、*die*。

verb group 动词词组：

指主要动词或主要动词加一个或一个以上助动词，或主要动词加情态动词和助动词。动词词组与主语连用说明某人做什么或他们发生了什么事；如 *I'll show them... She's been sick*。

wh- question wh- 问句：

用以询问信息而不指望得到 *yes* 或 *no* 回答的问句；如 *What happened?... Where did he go?* 比较 **yes / no - question**。

wh- word wh- 词：

以 *wh-* 开头的一组词，如 *what*、*when* 或 *who*。这些词用于疑问句。*How* 也视为 *wh-* 词，因为它的作用与其他 *wh-* 词相同。

yes / no - question yes/no 疑问句：

只可用 *yes* 或 *no* 回答，不提供更多信息的疑问句；如 *Would you like some more tea?* 比较 **wh- question**。

译者的话 Translators' notes

一本好的语法书，不仅令读者从中学到语法知识，更能引导读者学以致用，从而提高英语水平。这样的语法书应该既具备系统性又突出重点，能解决读者的实际问题而且便于查阅。《学生英语语法》便是这样一本具有实用价值的语法书。

本书的第一单元交代小句与句子结构，说明含一个小句的句子为简单句，而小句通常由名词词组加动词词组构成。其实这就是本书的编写体系。第2至第30单元讨论名词词组中的各种成分：名词、代词、限定词、形容词及其比较以及名词词组的附加成分。第40至第87单元讨论动词词组，介绍了时态、语气、情态、及物性和被动语态。在这两大部分中，编者介绍了状语和介词用法，因为介词和状语与名词词组和动词词组皆有关系。在动词词组之后，编者用13个单元进一步综合阐述句子结构，包括转述和小句的各种功能。由此可见这是一本系统完整的语法著作。

翻开这本语法书人们便会发现本书不是按章节编排而是由100个单元组成的。每个单元讨论一个问题，而且每个单元所交代的要点一般只有五、六个，少则三个，如第39单元；四个如第95单元；最多也不超过九个，如第57单元，而且为数甚少。所有信息都在一页篇幅内讲解，可见重点十分突出。本书配有大量练习，通过这些练习，英语学习者可以掌握这些要点。

本书每个单元都有标题，便于查阅。为了方便读者，编者对每个单元列出了要点，印在每个单元的左上方。不仅如此，编者唯恐单元标题尚不足以让读者了解本单元讨论的问题，还特别在若干单元的标题下面举例说明。如在第75单元相互动词的标题下面，举了We met, I met you及We met each other三个例句；在第76单元双向动词的标题下面，举了I opened the door及The door opened的例子，读者一看便知该单元要讲解什么样的动词。

虽然这本语法书篇幅不大，但确可解决英语学习者的实际问题。就拿can/could和be able to的区别来说吧，我们可以说She was able to tie her own shoelaces，但这儿不宜用could，为什么？第63单元有明确的说明：could不可表示特定情况下的能力，当用was able或were able。又比如通常不说How often have you to buy petrol for the car?而说How often do you have to buy petrol for the car?，这又是为什么？读一读第69单元第4点便可找到答案。像这种用法上的差别，一般语法书都不提，而本书随时提请读者注意，并特别标以**注意**。这是读者应细加研读的要点。

可见《学生英语语法》不仅可用以系统地学习英语语法，也可以根据实际需要查阅。

正因为这是一本有实际价值的好书，确能帮助读者掌握英语，所以我们把它译出来，以适应更广泛的读者的需要。

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