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前 言

“你好不厉害!”——大凡以汉语为母语的中国人都能准确理解为“你太厉害了!”

然而外国人却未必,他们通常会根据词面的含义岐解为“你很不厉害!”这是可以理解的。因为任何一种语言,你都不能仅仅从孤立的单词层面上去领略句子的意思。

例如,在 TOEFL 全真试题中曾出现过这样的考题:

play by ear: 指随时应变;视情形而定

ring a bell: 听起来耳熟

如果从单词本义上去理解,意思便大相径庭,让人忍禁不俊。

TOEFL 考试分三个部分,其中听力部分占总分的三分之一。由于现在的 TOEFL 听力考试,取消了原来脱离语境的单句理解,增加了简短对话;结构和表达部分题型与题量没有变化,但句子长度增加,用词更加艰深,词义难度增大,题目更加隐晦。可见对考生而言,精确地理解句子中的疑难词组便更加重要。

本书分四个部分。第一部分收录了 1989 年 1 月~2000 年全真试题中听力部分的疑难词组解释。所选词组按字为顺序进行了排列,并在收入的每道试题后注明了

考试的年月。第二部分精选了 1989 年以前考题的词组。亦按字为顺序进行了排列,并省去了与第一部分重复的词组。第三部分收集了前两部分以外的常用词组,其难易程度与 TOEFL 听力词组相当,因此考生应该掌握。第四部分为索引,将前三部分汇集词组起来,进行总的排序,以方便考生查找。

如上所述,本书成书目的就是解你的 TOEFL 听力疑难之惑,让“很不厉害”的你成为“太厉害的你”!

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第一部分

1989 年 1 月—2000 年 1 月

全真试题听力疑难词组

A

a while back 不久以前, 刚才 (a short time ago)

(例) ——Sam won't be able to play in the basketball game this week.

——Yah, he hurt his knee pretty badly a while back, I don't know why he didn't quit right away. [91.1 (23)]

——山姆这周不能参加篮球赛了。

——是的, 他的膝盖不久前受了重伤, 我不明白他为什么不立刻退出。

according to 按照; 根据 (as stated or shown by; in a way that agrees with)

(例) There are big sales going on in the department stores downtown this week, according to Charlie. [90.8(8)]
听查理说这周城里的百货商店大减价。

account for 说明; 解释 (to be or give a reason for something; explain)

(例) How do you account for it? [89.5(20)]
你怎么解释这事?

and how (用于强调同意)太对了 (very much so)

(例) ——The concert pianist is fantastic.

——And how! [97.1(30)]

——音乐会的钢琴家太棒了。

——是呀!

as a rule 通常 (usually, generally)

(例) ——I'm not surprised you didn't like that movie. I found it really frightening myself.

——I did too. I don't care much for horror movies as a rule. [90.5(32)]

——你不喜欢那部电影一点也不奇怪。我自己也觉得它太恐怖了。

——我也是。通常我不喜欢恐怖片。

at one's service 乐意效劳 (be ready to help sb.)

(例) ——Phil, could you give me a hand with this file cabinet?
It belongs against the wall, next to the bulletin board.

——At your service. [92.8(34)]

——菲尔,能帮我搬一下这个文件柜吗? 把它靠墙放,在招帖栏旁边。

——随时效劳。

at the most 至多,最多 (no more than)

(例) ——Has Sandy ever missed coming to one of our parties?

——Only once or twice at the most. [91.10(26)]

——山迪每次都参加我们的晚会吗？

——至多有一两次没参加过。

B

back and forth 来回,往返 (backwards and forwards)

(例) 1) Most fish can do this by wiggling back and forth in snake-like motion. [95.8(47-50)]

大多数鱼能象蛇一样扭来扭去。

2) I don't want a racer or a touring bike or anything. Mostly I'll just be using it, a bike to get me back and forth from work. [97.10(31-34)]

我不要赛车或山地车。我只要一辆能骑着上下班的车。

back up 挡住,堵住 (to check, stop)

(例) 1) Well, I was going to come down Elm Street but the traffic was really backed up. [94.5(36-38)]

我要穿过榆树街,可车堵得厉害。

2) —The subway is running behind schedule, and traffic is backed up for blocks. I don't know if we'll make the 7:15 show.

—It's a beautiful night. Let's try to get there on foot. And if we don't make it, let's just have dinner near the theater. [96.5(20)]

——地铁晚点了。车也堵了几个街区。我不知道能不能赶上 7:15 的表演。

——夜色多美,我们步行去吧。如果赶不上,就干脆在剧院旁边的餐馆吃晚饭吧。

be about to 正要;正准备 (be ready to)

(例) I'm about to go swimming. [93.8(1)]

我正要去游泳。

be anything but 绝不 (not at all; far from)

(例) Susan is anything but poor. [95.1(17)]

苏珊很有钱(绝不穷)。

be beyond 太难以致不能做到或理解 (be too difficult to do or understand)

(例) ——I think Tom left his umbrella on the bus.

——Why he's so irresponsible is beyond me. [92.8 (23)]

——我想汤姆把伞丢在公共汽车上了。

——我不懂他为什么这样不负责任。

be broke 破了产的;身无分文 (to be bankrupt; use up all one's money)

(例) Carl was broke after his vacation. [93.8(19)]

卡尔度假后身无分文。

be critical of 不满,对……持批评态度 (find fault; judge severely)

(例) You know, every time I talk to Mary I get the feeling she's been critical of me. [96.8(14)]

每次和玛丽说话的时候,我都觉得她在批评我。

be done (with) 完成,做完 (be finished with, be through with, wrap up)

(例)——I just have to type this last page and then I'm through.

——By then I'll be done too. [96.10(8)]

——只要把这最后一页打完,我就全做完了。

——那时我也全做完了。

be hard on sb. 对……要求严厉 (to be strict with sb.)

(例)——Larry certainly made a mess of that plain job.

——Don't be too hard on him, he was only trying to help. [94.1(33)]

——拉里显然把简单的事搞砸了。

——别对他太严厉,他只不过想帮忙而已。

be off to 到……去 (be leaving for)

(例) 1) Where are you off to now? [96.10(24)]

你到哪里去?

2) Fred is off to the golf course again. [96.5(30)]

弗雷德又去高尔夫球场了。

be onto something 发现; 理解, 懂得 (to have found, understand something)

(例)——How's your work going?

——I think this time I am really onto something.

[92.10(35)]

——你的工作进展如何？

——我想这次我真的理解了一些东西。

be overwhelmed with 忙着做,忙不过来

(例) ——I haven't seen you at the students center all week.

Have you been sick?

——I've been overwhelmed with my history paper.

[96.12(6)]

——这一周我都没在学生中心见到你。你生病了吗？

——我正忙着做历史论文呢。

be through (with) 做完 (be done with, wrap up)

(例) I just have to type this last page and then I'm through.

[96.10(8)]

只要把这最后一页打完,我就做完了。

be tied 平局

(例) The game was tied until John scored the winning point.

[92.8(6)]

约翰赢得至胜一分前,比赛一直是平局。

be under the impression that 有……的印象;以为 (to have an impression of)

(例) ——I heard there are a few seats left for tonight show.

——Really? I was under the impression that they were

sold out a long time ago. [93.8(32)]

——我听说今晚的演出还有空位。

——真的？我还以为票早卖光了呢。

be up 熬夜 (not to go to sleep)

(例) ——I'm going to be up all night studying for my exam.

——Do you really think that's wise? [91.1(29)]

——我要整夜准备考试。

——你真的认为这样做明智吗？

behind the time(s) 过时的,落后于时代 (old-fashioned)

(例) ——Boy, how quickly technology changes. So many people have a computer in their homes nowadays.

——I know. I feel so behind the time. [98.5(16)]

——天哪,技术变化可真快,现在很多人家里都有电脑了。

——我明白你的意思。我觉得自己落伍了。

believe it or not 信不信由你

(例) ——Is that math course really as hard as everybody says?

——Worse, believe it or not. [91.8(27)]

——数学课真像大家说得那么难吗？

——比那还难,信不信由你。

beyond the reach of 超出……的能力之外 (too difficult for sb. to do)

(例) ——They just built some new apartments near campus, but a one-bed-room rents for five hundred dollars a month.