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前言

英语介词是一项重要且难以掌握和应用的 词类。短语介词和介词短语以及介词与形容词、介词与动词等的搭配在英语中相当普遍。因此,掌握介词的用法离不开记忆一些常用的短语介词、介词短语以及介词和形容词、动词等的固定搭配。如能熟悉和掌握介词的一些常用固定用法,定会在英语介词学习和应用中增强自信,收到良好的效果。

本词典针对广大学生学习英语介词这方面的需要而编写,内容共分三部分。第一部分为短语介词和介词短语的用法,第二部分为介词和形容词的搭配,第三部分为介词和动词的搭配。每一部分都有例句具体说明词条的用法,有的词条下例句不止一句,旨在说明其不同的句法结构。例句力求简明扼要,每句的词数严格限制在15个词内,且兼顾不同英语水准的学

生学习的需要。例句的语言规范地道,贴近日常生活,中英对照,可记性强。有些貌似介词和动词的搭配,如:bring about (引起,带来),fill in (填上,填好),hand in(上交),keep on(继续,不断),put on(穿上,戴上)等等,因是副词和动词搭配的短语动词,故不是本词典应涵盖的内容,并非疏漏所致。

本词典适用于大中学生以及程度相当的其他各类学生,也可供中学英语教师参考。本词典既可作查阅之用,也可作系统学习之用。愿本词典的使用者在学习英语介词中取得更大的进步,登上一个新台阶。词典中的不妥、不全之处,恳请使用者以及同行老师批评指正。

唐永华 1999 年 9 月 于华东师范大学

使用说明

- 一、短语介词和介词短语如"according to", "for fear of", "by mistake", "without delay"等,可在第一部分按字母顺序查阅。介词和形容词、介词和动词的搭配,如:"be aware of", "be superior to", "remind... of", "substitute for"等,可分别在第二、第三部分按所含介词字母顺序查阅。
- 二、词条和例句中的斜线号"/"表示替换词,如:above/beyond reproach (无可指责,完美),既可用 above reproach,也可用 beyond reproach。又如:in low/bad spirits (情绪低落,意气消沉),既可用 in low spirits,也可用 in bad spirits。再如:After the earthquake, most of the city lay/was in ruins. (地震后,儿乎整座城市成了废墟。)这句句于中既可用动词 lay,也可用动词 was。
 - 三、词条和例句中括号里的词:
 - 1. 表示该词条既可单独使用,也可和括号

里的词一起使用,后接其他成分,如: in love (with)。I know why Mary is so happy — she's in love. (我知道玛丽为何这么高兴,她在恋爱。) He is in love with his secretary. (他爱上他的秘书。)

- 2. 表示这个词可用可不用,不改变其意义,如:beyond (all) question(无可置疑,毫无疑问),既可用 beyond question,也可用 beyond all question。又如: How can we go about (solving) this problem? (我们怎样着手解决这一问题?) solving 在这句句子里可用可省,不影响句子的意义。另外,这句例句也说明了 go about 后接名词,或接动名词的不同句法结构。再如: The dark clouds warned (us) of the approaching storm. (乌云预告〈我们〉暴风雨即将来临。) us 在句中可用可省,不影响句法结构的正确性。
- 3. 表示这个词可替代前一个词,但改变其意义,如:in a good (bad) humour(情绪好〈不好〉,心情好〈不好〉),因此,如要表示"情绪好,心情好"就

用 in a good humour,反之,就用 in a bad humour。 总之,词条和例句中括号里的词表示以上 三种情况中的哪一种,只要细看例句便可得知。

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above all

首先,最重要的是.特别是:We must above all pay attention to the problem of unemployment.我们必须首先对失业问题加以注意。 • Above all, don't do anything that you yourself feel is wrong. 最重要的是别于连你自己都觉得是错误的事。

above/beyond/without price

极贵重的, 无价的, 千金难买的: We all agree that good health is above price. 我们都认为健康是无价之意。

above/beyond reproach

无可指责,完美: The job he has done is above reproach. 他做的工作无可指责。 His reputation and character are above reproach. 他的名望和品格完美无缺。

above/beyond suspicion

不容怀疑: His conduct has always been above suspicion. 他的行为 直是无可置疑的。

above (the) average

在平均水平以上: His work at school is above average. 他在校的学习成绩处在平均水平以上。 • The amount of rain this month was above average. 这个月的降雨量超过平均雨量。

according to

按照,根据,随……不同(而不同): According to the weather forecast, we shall get some rain tomorrow.据天气预报说,明天将要下雨。 • We must live according to our income. 我们必须量人而出。 • Long-distance telephone charges vary according to the time of day. 长途电话费按一天不同的时间收费不同。

after a fashion

勉强,不太好:He plays the violin after a fashion.他小提琴拉得不怎么样。

after all

到底,毕竟,不管怎样; It's your turn, after all. 毕竟还是轮到你了。 Joe shouldn't be punished for breaking that vase. After all, he's only five years old. 乔不应当因打碎花瓶而受惩罚,他毕竟只有5岁。

after dark

天黑之后: Her parents do not allow her to go out after dark. 她父母亲不准她天黑以后出去。

after hours

工作(或学习)完毕后,业余时间:I often play tenns after hours,我业余时间经常打网球。

after one's own heart

含乎自己心意的: This is a walkman after his own heart.这是合乎他心意的随身听。 They succeeded in purchasing a house after their own hearts. 他们终于买到了合乎自己心意的房子。

against a rainy day

以备不时之需: We must save some money against a rainy day. 我们必须积蓄点钱以备急需。

against one's will/wishes

违反自己的意愿,违背心愿: He said he signed the agreement against his will.他说他违背心愿在协议上签了字。

against the clock

抢时间,抢在某一时刻之前:I'll have to work against the clock to finish the report on time. 我得抢时间按时完成这

份报告。

along with

跟……一块,与……一起; Bob and John asked me to go along with them. 鲍勃和约翰叫我跟他们一块去。• I keep my insurance policy in the drawer, along with my other important documents.我把保单与其他重要文件…起放在抽屉里。

apart/aside from

除了……外(aside from 为美国英语用法): Apart from an occasional game of tennis, I don't take any exercise.除了偶尔打打网球外,我不做任何运动。 • Apart from the salary, it's not a bad job.除了薪水以外,这工作还是不错的。 • Aside from maths, I have finished my homework.除数学外,我已做完了家庭作业。

around/round the clock

通宵达旦,昼夜不停; This self-service store is open around the clock,这家自选商店日夜营业。

around/round the corner

即将来临,在附近: National Day is just around the corner. 国庆节即将来临。 • There is a bank around the corner. 附近有一家银行。

as a matter of fact

事实上,其实:"I hope you passed the exam." — "No, as a matter of fact, I didn't.""我希望你已通过了那次考试"。"事实上,我并没有通过"。 • As a matter of fact, I know nothing about it. 事实上,我对此一无所知。

as a result

结果: He cheated in the evamination. As a result, he was dropped from the school. 他考试作弊,结果被学校开除。

as a result of

由于……的结果: He arrived late as a result of the traffic jam. 由于交通堵塞他迟到了。

as a rule

通常,一般说来: I am very busy as a nule. 我通常很忙。
• As a nule he gets home about six o'clock. 他通常 6 点
左右到家。

as a whole

作为一个整体,整个来说:We should look at the problem as a whole. 我们应该把这个问题作为一个整体来看待。• The climate of this country is mild as a whole. 这个国家的气候总的说来是温和的。

as against

与……对比,与……对照: He earns \$60 000 a year as against my \$40 000. 与我年收入 4 万美元相比,他年收入 为 6 万美元。 The business done this year amounts to \$300 000 as against \$100 000 last year.今年 4 意的总额达 30 万美元,去年则只有 10 万美元。

as for

至于,关于: As for us, we have no objection. 至于我们,并不反对。 • Most people like green tea, but as for me, I like coffee much better. 多数人喜欢喝绿茶,至于我,更喜欢喝咖啡。

as regards

关于,有关: As regards that matter, I don't think he will say "No".关于那件事,我想他不会说"不"的。

as to

至于,关于(引出从句时,常可不译): As to the trip, we'll decide about that later. 至于旅行,我们以后再作决定。• She has no idea at all as to what she ought to do. 她全然不知该如何做。

as usual

照常,如往常:He arrived on time as usual. 他照常准时

到达。 • The elevator operates well as usual. 这电梯运行良好如常。

as well

也,还:She not only sings; she plays the piano as well.她不仅唱歌,还弹钢琴。

as yet

到目前,迄今(常用于否定句): I have received no answer from him as yet. 迄今我尚未得到他的答复。

at a disadvantage

处于不利的地位: Short basketball players are always at a disadvantage in a game. 矮个子篮球队员在比赛中总是吃亏。 This new law places low-income families at a disadvantage. 这一新法规对低收入家庭不利。

at a discount

- 1. 低于正常价格,打折扣: These shoes are at a discount. 这些鞋子跌价出售。
- 2. 不受重视,不受欢迎: Superstitions are at a discount today. 现在人们不太相信迷信了。

at a distance

在一定距离,隔开一段距离:This painting looks better at a distance. 这幅画远看更好一些。 • At a distance he

looks a bit like our teacher. 远看他有点像我们的老师。 at a glance

看一眼,一眼就……: He saw at a glance that she had been crying. 他一眼就看出她哭过了, • At a glance, the policeman understood what had happened. 警察…看就明白发生了什么事。

at a loss

- 1. 不知所措, 茫然: I was at a loss what to say. 我不知道该说什么好。 She was at a loss for words to thank them for this gift. 她不知说什么来感谢他们送的这件礼物。
- 2. 亏本地:He sold his furniture at a loss to pay his debts. 为了还债他蚀本出售家具。

at a moment's notice

一接到通知立即,一接通知马上就: A taxi will get here at a moment's notice. 出租车随叫随到。• He is prepared to leave at a moment's notice.他准备接到通知后立即出发。

at a profit

获利,赚钱:He bought his house a long time ago so he sold it at a profit.他的房子是好久以前买的,因此他售出