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内容提要

本书编者根据多年大学英语教学实践和经验,参阅和分析了大学英语四、六级考试和 TOEFL 以及 GRE 考试中同义词的使用频率和范围,选编了 200 组同义词,含 860 个单词。本书具有自己的特色:每组词中词与词辨微至细处,不仅包含词义内涵的差异,也包括常用法、惯用法、固定搭配、英美不同用法的不同。有的还列举其反义词,从正反两个方面加以阐述。

本书适用于大学生、研究生、大、中学英语教师和广大英语学习者,是一本实用的工具书。

前言

英语词汇的大千世界里,同义词应用之广,用量之大占有举足轻重的位置。能否正确理解同义词、准确地使用同义词标志着一个人的英语水平和造诣。

所谓英语同义词就是一些表达同一概念,但彼此之间有细微语义差别或不同文体色彩的词。由于英语本身词汇量大、词义丰富,同义词也颇多。为了准确使用和正确地理解同义词,避免误用或误解,辨微同义词对于大学生来说就显得尤为重要和必不可少。因为知其细微差别,方能用词恰到好处。这样不仅可以准确表达思想内涵,增强语言的交际能力,而且还会提高你的阅读能力和写作技巧,为你的英语学习增辉添色。

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本书按每组词首字母顺序排列,书前有目录,书后

附有单词索引,查用非常简便。本书不仅是在校大学生、研究生和广大英语学习者的实用工具书,也可供大、中学英语教师教学中参考并为其提供了规范的例句。

本书不仅参考了国内外权威辞书,也吸收了近几年国内外英语期刊杂志中专家、学者所发表的最新研究成果。全书由王兴国主编。

赵器、蔡桂芳、张秋霞各承担五万余字的编写任务。本书在编写过程中,刘大军、刘喜文、于春华三同志提供了部分例句素材。黑龙江省大学外语教学指导委员会副主任刘兆元教授审校了本书初稿。在此向上述同志一并表示谢意。

鉴于编者水平有限,时间仓促,错误和不当之处在所难免,恳请各位读者指正。

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1 able capable competent *adj.*

这组词都有“能够”、“有能力”的含义。

able “能力”，意为“能干”、“能做事”，侧重能力的主动方面，用于强调通过能力而获得成就的场合。是这组词中语意较强的词。它用于人，不但强调精神，而且强调人有才干；它用于事，表示事做得好。如：

Bob is able to solve many difficult problems in studies.

鲍勃能够解决许多学习当中的困难。

I am able to handle this alone.

我一人就能干这事了。

able 修饰名词表示“有能力的”、“有才干、能干的”，如：

He is an able teacher.

他是位能干的教师。

capable “能力”，意为“能学”、“能接受”、“有此可能性”，侧重能力的被动方面。有时也指人的承受能力和适应能力，强调人应付事情的能力和做事的“可能性”，如：

He is capable of tackling the task.

他有能力可以着手进行这项任务。

He is capable of the office.

他有能力担任这个职位。

The boy is capable of learning at least twenty characters a day.

这孩子一天至少能够学20个字。

competent “能力”、“胜任”、“有能力的”，但它所指范围有一定局限，专指某一方面“能力”而言，着重于具有胜任某种工作的足够技能或所需的必要条件。如：

He is a competent but not a brilliant translator.

作为翻译家，他能胜任，但缺乏才华。

He is competent to do this work.

他有做此事的能力。

I am not competent for keeping accounts but I can learn.

我不会记帐，但可以学习。

在这组词中，able 多用于正面的意思。而 capable 可以表示做好事的“能力”，在一些场合也指做出坏事的能力和倾向。

如：

She is capable of misspelling longer words.

她容易拼错较长的单词。

able 指暂时现象,而 **capable** 可指经常或固有现象,如:

She is not able to sing tonight.

她今晚唱不了歌。

He is incapable of manual labour.

他不能从事体力劳动。

这三个词用法搭配如下:

able 后接不定式,意思是“能”、“有能力”。

capable 后接 of 加名词或动名词,表示“有干…的能力”“能够干…”

competent 后接不定式或接 for 加名词或动名词,表示“胜任”某具体工作、职务等。如:

He is able to finish the work in time.

他能及时完成工作。

The situation is capable of improvement.

情况可以好转。

He is competent for teaching English.

他能胜任教授英语。

He is competent to do the work.

他胜任此项工作。

2 about almost nearly approximately *adv.*

这组词都有“大约”、“几乎”、“差不多”的意思。

about 作“大约、大概”解时,其后一般跟有明确表示数或量的词,但又不能肯定其确切的数或量时,如:

It is about nine o'clock now.

现在大约是九点钟。

Give me about ten dollars.

请给我十元左右。

John is about as tall as I am.

约翰差不多和我一样高。

如果数或量是“多少不定”时,则其前不能用 about,如不能说 about more than ten,或 about some 等。

almost 强调“差一点”、“缺一点”、“少一点”之意。在单独表示时间、程度、进度时,比 nearly 语意强(=very nearly)。

They had almost finished when they were interrupted.

当有人来打扰他们时,他们差不多都完成了。

He is almost thirty. 他快30岁了。

The two proposals are almost the same.

两个建议几乎相同。

nearly 通常用来表示“接近”的意味,但并非“十足”,尤其在具体数字前常用 nearly

It is nearly one o'clock.

快一点钟了。

They are nearly at the end of their journey.

他们快到目的地了。

The mother is nearly twice as old as her son.

母亲的年岁差不多比她的儿子大一倍。

approximately “大约”、“大概”,表示对事物是“多还是少”不确切,是一个接近的“估计”,可能“多一点”也可能“少一点”,如:

That's approximately correct.

那大体上正确。

It will cost approximately ten dollars to fix my bike.

修理我的自行车大约要花十美元左右。(或不到十美元或十美元多一点)

My watch is approximately right.

我的表大致上准确。(或快一点儿或慢一点儿)

about 和 approximately 在表达含义上相同,虽然都表示不确切“多”还是“少”,但确是一个接近的“估计”。有 more or less than 之意。

almost 和 nearly 在表达的意思“不是十足”时同义,都是“接近,少一点,差一点”,但在表示接近程度上稍有不同,nearly 有 less than 之意,而 almost 则等于 very nearly,即所表示的意思比 nearly 更趋精确。

在 more than, too 之前应使用 almost 而不能使用 nearly,如:

That's almost too much. 那简直太过分了。

而在具体数字前常用 nearly,如:

The house is nearly twenty feet higher than that one.

这幢房子比那幢高二十英尺。

在 not, very, pretty 之前只能用 nearly 而不能用 almost.