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北京外国语大学英语系教授,从事英语教学工作 50 余年,尤其专长英语语法的教学与研究,对英汉翻译亦有较深的造诣。现主持《英语世界》、《英语沙龙》和《大学英语》等刊物的咨询专栏,其主要论著如《英语语法手册》、《英语时态详解》、《高级英语语法》、《薄冰英语语法(袖珍本)》等,几十年来,一直是广大英语学习者首选的优质工具书。

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序 言

词汇是 GRE 考试中最重要,所花的时间也最多的部分。反义词与类比题考察的除了简单的逻辑关系以外,基本上归结于你对常用词汇的熟练程度。大部分考过 GRE 的人都有这种的共识,能否掌握这些词汇决定了你的 GRE 总分在 2100 以上还是以下。于是,许多考生不惜花费 4-5 个月,甚至更长的时间背诵记忆 GRE 词汇。我们不反对这么做,但是对大量的 GRE 判分数据的分析之后,我们却发现,总分在 2100 以上的考生在反义词和类比题中的表现并不像他们所说的那样。事实上,这些认为自己词汇掌握不错的考生却是因为阅读和句子填空答得很好才得了较高的分数。也就是说,如果你的词汇题确实答得不错,那么你的分数应该更高,达到 2200 以上。

那么是什么导致这种错觉呢?原因在于大家所使用的词汇书。目前流行的词汇书都是中文注解。它们确实符合中国人的习惯,因为背单词的意思其实就是用自己的语言记忆。但问题是, GRE 中的反义和类比测试的是词与词之间的严格对应,并不像托福中你光记住这些单词的大意就行。而且 GRE 的单词几乎都是一词多义,你掌握了其中的一个或许很常用的意思,但真正考试时它却是另外一个意思。这就是许多考生认为自己答对事实上却错了的原因所在。这时,你或许会说用辞典最权威。事实上,ETS 所测试的词汇都是从韦氏字典摘出来的,有时甚至就是抄出来的。

ETS 常用的辞典有《Random House Webster's Dictionary》,《Merriam Webster's Dictionary》,《Webster's New World Thesaurus》和其它的同义词辞典。本书的任务就是用这些辞典的注解结合考过的单词对 GRE 词汇做穷尽而又简洁的英文解析,让你省去繁琐的查阅过程,并在词汇题中获得真正的高分。

下面是一位不愿透露姓名的考生为我们提供的语文部分(680 分)判分数据表。

Question Number: 该题在机考中出现的次序(前 10 题最重要)

Difficulty Level: 该题的难度(5 最高,而 1 最低)

Time Spent: 做该题所花的时间(分钟),其中阅读题里的星号 0 表示它是这篇阅读的第一题。

表 1

Question Number	Question Type	Right/Wrong	Difficulty Level	Time Spent
5	Reading Comprehension	Right	5	* 03:27
6	Reading Comprehension	Right	4	01:06
11	Reading Comprehension	Right	5	* 05:37
12	Reading Comprehension	Wrong	4	00:22

Question Number	Question Type	Right/Wrong	Difficulty Level	Time Spent
13	Reading Comprehension	Wrong	3	01:03
14	Reading Comprehension	Wrong	3	00:29
20	Reading Comprehension	Right	4	* 02:41
21	Reading Comprehension	Right	3	01:07

表 2

Question Number	Question Type	Right/Wrong	Difficulty Level	Time Spent
1	Antonyms	Wrong	2	00:08
2	Analogies	Right	2	00:24
3	Antonyms	Right	4	00:21
4	Sentence Completion	Right	4	00:25
7	Antonyms	Wrong	5	00:40
8	Analogies	Right	4	00:22
9	Sentence Completion	Right	3	00:56
10	Antonyms	Wrong	2	00:26
15	Sentence Completion	Right	4	00:24
16	Antonyms	Right	4	00:10
17	Analogies	Wrong	4	00:13
18	Analogies	Right	4	00:16
19	Antonyms	Right	5	00:21
22	Sentence Completion	Right	3	01:38
23	Analogies	Wrong	5	00:33
24	Antonyms	Right	2	00:16
25	Antonyms	Right	4	00:16
26	Sentence Completion	Right	4	00:30
27	Analogies	Right	4	00:41
28	Analogies	Right	5	01:13
29	Antonyms	Wrong	5	00:11
30	Analogies	Wrong	4	03:02

从表 1 中,我们可以看到这位考生阅读错了 8 题中的 3 题。表 2 的词汇题却错了 17 题中 7 题。(另外 5 题是填空题)。

在分析这两张表时,我们发现,这位考生在第 1 题上所花的时间最少,只有 8 秒。其中还包括两次点击鼠标所用的时间。于是,我们猜测它肯定是平时常见的词汇,所以想都没想就选出了答案,结果却错了。在机考中,前 10 题最重要,而前 10 题中有一半以上的词汇题。所以,你的分数还是由词汇题做得好坏决定。倘若这位考生平时记住单词的精确意义的话,语文上 730 分肯定没问题。

如何使用本书

在第一部分,我们列出了 50 单元的 GRE 词汇,约 5500 个词汇。即使你背过这些单词的中文意思,我们也建议你至少再看一遍这里的韦氏字典解释。如果你没背过中文注解,本书后面带有中文注解的反义词和类比题大全正好可以让你用场景与实际用法并深刻真实地记住这些单词。当然,你也可以把后面的反义词和类比题当作练习题来做。但无论如何,你都应该经常对照前面的注解。这样反复记忆加上单词的实际用法可以让你的记忆更加深刻,甚至过目不忘。

辅助网站

为了让你获得更多的关于 GRE 和美国大学的信息,我们特别地开通了赴美考试及申请网站:www.AdmissionTest.org。浏览此网站,你可以获得如下信息:

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3. 美国大学招生办录取程序揭密
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《聚焦英语》简介

特大型教辅丛书——《聚焦英语》，旨在博采众家之长，全方位满足不同层次英语学习者的学习和应试需要，减少读者在购书过程中的盲目性和随机性，为其改进英语水平、提高考试成绩助一臂之力。

《聚焦英语》内容上就同一题材进行多角度聚焦，风格齐备。本套丛书的作者群是来自全国多所著名大、中院校的专家队伍，他们具有丰富的一手资料、丰硕的教学成果和著书经验。正是这样一批优秀的作者对《聚焦英语》中同一题材进行各具特色的表述，在同一时间提供各种主流学习方法，以增加读者的可选择面。形成了《聚焦英语》既丰富多彩又特色鲜明的整体风格。

加入到《聚焦英语》中来吧，因为，这里“总有一本适合您”。希望《聚焦英语》能成为您成功路上的忠实伴侣。

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Part One GRE 2400 常考词汇

Unit 1

abase	lower; degrade; humiliate; make humble; make (oneself) lose self-respect
abash	embarrass
abate	subside or moderate
abbreviate	shorten
abdicate	renounce; give up (position, right, or responsibility)
aberrant	abnormal or deviant
aberration	deviation from the normal; mental disorder
abet	assist usually in doing something wrong; encourage
abeyance	suspended action
abhor	detest; hate
abject	(of a condition) wretched; as low as possible; lacking pride; very humble; showing lack of self-respect; Ex. abject apology
abjure	renounce upon oath
ablution	washing
abnegation	renunciation; self-sacrifice; self-abnegation
abolish	cancel; put an end to
abominate	loathe; hate
abominable	detestable; extremely unpleasant
aboriginal	being the first of its kind in a region; primitive; native; indigenous; N. aborigine
abortive	unsuccessful; fruitless
abrasive	rubbing away; tending to grind down
abridge	condense or shorten
abrogate	abolish
abscission	cutting off; separation
abscond	depart secretly and hide
absolute	complete; totally unlimited; having complete power; certain; not relative; Ex. absolute honesty/ruler; CF. absolutism
absolve	pardon (an offense)
abstain	refrain; withhold from participation; intentionally not use one's vote;
abstemious	sparing in eating and drinking; temperate
abstinence	restraint from pleasant things, esp. eating or drinking; CF. abstention: act of abstaining from vote
abstract	theoretical; not concrete; nonrepresentational representational (of a style of art) showing

	things as they actually appear in real life
abstruse	obscure; profound; difficult to understand
abusive	coarsely insulting; physically harmful
abut	border upon; adjoin
abysmal	bottomless
abyss	enormous chasm; vast bottomless pit
academic	related to a school; not practical or directly useful
accede	agree
accelerate	move faster
accessible	easy to approach; obtainable
accessory	additional object; useful but not essential thing
acclaim	applaud; praise; greet with great approval; announce with great approval; Ex. The new drug has been acclaimed as the most important discoveries for years; N. strong expression of approval and praise
acclimate	adjust to climate or environment; adapt
acclivity	sharp upslope of a hill; OP. declivity
accolade	award of merit; strong praise and approvals merit good quality deserving praise; merits: aspect of character or behavior deserving approval or disapproval; Ex. judge each plan on its own merits; V. deserve; earns demerit fault; bad qualities earn gain for the performance of service or labor; gain (something that one deserves); deserve
accommodate	oblige or help someone; adjust or bring into harmony; adapt; make enough space for; ADJ. accommodative; CF. accomodating; helpful and obliging
accomplice	partner in crime
accord	agreement
accost	approach and speak first to a person
accoutre	equip; N. accoutrement
accretion	growth or increase in size by gradual addition; growth; increase; increase by natural growth; Ex. towers and other accretions of the castle; V. accrete
accrue	come to one as a gain; accumulate over time; come about by addition; Ex. benefits that accrue from scientific research; Ex. interest accruing in a bank account; N. acerbity bitterness of speech and temper; ADJ. acerbic; bitter; acrid (in taste, manner, or tone)s bitter having a sharp biting taste; causing sharp pain to the body or mind; filled with resentment, disappointment, or other unpleasant feelings; Ex. bitter wind/sorrow/tearss biting sharply painful to the body or mind; Ex. biting wind/remarks
acetic	vinegary
acidulous	slightly sour (in taste or manner); sharp; caustic
acknowledge	recognize; admit
acme	peak; pinnacle; highest point
acoustics	science of sound; quality that makes a room easy or hard to hear in
acquiesce	assent; agree passively; comply without protest
acquittal	deliverance from a charge; V. acquit: free from a charge or accusation; discharge from a duty; conduct (oneself) in a specified manner
acrid	bitter (to the taste or smell); sharp; bitterly pungent
acrimonious	stinging; caustic; bitter in words or manner; N. acrimony: bitter ill-natured animosity in

	speech or behavior
acrophobia	fear of heights
actuarial	calculating; pertaining to insurance statistics
actuary	someone who advises insurance companies
actuate	motivate; activate; cause to act
acuity	sharpness (of mind or senses of sight or hearing)
acumen	mental keenness; sharpness of judgment; ability to judge quickly and well; Ex. business acumen
acute	(of the senses) sharp; quickly perceptive; keen; penetrating; brief and severe; Ex. acute sense of smell/analysis/pain
adage	wise saying; proverb; someone or something well known for notoriety; ADJ. proverbial: of a proverb; widely known; ADV. proverbially
adamant	hard; inflexible
adapt	make or become suitable for a specific use; alter; modify; adjust; N. adaptation: act of adapting; composition recast into a new form; Ex. The play is an adaptation of a short novel.
addendum	addition; appendix to book; something that is added (as at the end of a speech or book)
addiction	compulsive habitual need
addle	make or become confused; muddle; drive crazy; become rotten (egg)
address	direct a speech to; speak to; deal with or discuss; direct one's efforts or attention to; make with a destination; N: formal speech
adept	expert at; very skilled
adhere	stick fast; be a devoted follower; N. adhesion: adhering; devotion; loyalty
adherent	supporter; follower
adjacent	adjoining; neighboring; close by
adjoin	be next to
adjourn	suspend until a later time; move from one place to another
adjunct	something attached to but holding an inferior position
adjuration	solemn urging; V. adjure: entreat earnestly; enjoin solemnly
adjutant	staff officer assisting the commander; assistant
admonish	warn or speak to with gentle disapproval; reprove
adore	love deeply and respect highly
adorn	decorate
adroit	skillful (in using mind or hand)

Unit 2

adulation	flattery; admiration that is more than is necessary or deserved
adulterate	make impure or of poorer quality by adding inferior or tainted(contaminated) substances
advent	arrival
adventitious	accidental; casual; happening by chance
adversary	opponent; enemy
adverse	going against; opposing; unfavorable; hostile

adversity	great hardship or affliction; misfortune; calamitous event
advert	refer
advocacy	support; active pleading on behalf of someone or something
advocate	speak in favor of; support (an idea or plan); urge; plead for
aegis	shield; protection; defense
aerie	(aery, eyrie, eury) nest of a large bird of prey
aesthetic	artistic; dealing with or capable of appreciating the beautiful (of a person or building); CF. aesthete; CF. aesthetics
affable	easily approachable; easy to talk to; warmly friendly
affected	artificial; pretended
affidavit	written statement made under oath (for use as proof in a court of law)
affiliation	joining; associating with
affinity	feeling of kinship; similarity; Ex. strong affinity for her; Ex. many affinities between two languages
affirmation	positive assertion; confirmation; solemn pledge by one who refuses to take an oath; V. affirm; ADJ. affirmative; CF. affirmative action; positive discrimination
affliction	state of distress; trial; cause of distress or suffering; V. afflict; inflict grievous suffering on
affluence	abundance; wealth
affront	insult; offense; intentional act of disrespect; V. insult or hurt the feelings of intentionally
agape	openmouthed
agenda	items of business at a meeting
agglomeration	collection; heap; V. agglomerate: gather into a rounded mass; N. agglomerate: jumbled mass; heap
aggrandize	make greater; increase in power, wealth, rank, or honor; N. aggrandizement
aggregate	sum; total; ADJ. V. gather into a mass or whole; accumulate; add up to; Ex. aggregate 100 dollars
aghast	filled with great surprise or fear; horrified
agility	nimbleness; ability to move quickly
agitate	stir up; disturb
agnostic	one who is skeptical of the existence or knowability of a god or any ultimate reality
agog	highly excited; intensely curious
agrarian	pertaining to land or its cultivation; Ex. agrarian reform
alacrity	cheerful promptness without reluctance
alchemy	medieval chemistry
alcove	nook; recess
alias	an assumed name esp. by a criminal (usually to mislead people); ADV. alias
alienate	make unfriendly or hostile; estrange; separate; change the ownership of
alimentary	supplying nourishment
alimony	payments made regularly to an ex-spouse after divorce
allay	calm; pacify
allege	state without proof
allegiance	loyalty
allegory	story, play, or picture in which characters are used as symbols; fable
alleviate	relieve (pain)

alliteration	repetition of beginning sound in poetry
allocate	assign; set apart for a particular purpose
 earmark	set aside (money or time) for a particular purpose
alloy	mixture as of metals; something added that lowers in value or purity; V: mix; make less pure; lower in value or quality; spoil; CF. unalloyed: not in mixture with other metals; pure; complete; unqualified; Ex. unalloyed happiness
allude	refer indirectly; N. allusion: indirect reference
allure	entice; attract; tempt
 siren	apparatus for making sounds; womanlike creature
alluvial	pertaining to soil deposits left by running water
aloof	apart; not open in one's relationship with other people; reserved; ADV.
aloft	upward; high up in the air
altercation	noisy quarrel
altruistic	unselfishly generous; concerned for others; N. altruism: unselfish concern for the welfare of others; unselfishness; OP. egoism
amalgamate	(of societies or groups) combine; unite in one body
amalgam	combination of different things; mixture of metals (containing mercury) used for filling holes in teeth
amass	collect (gradually, in a very large amount)
amazon	female warrior
ambidextrous	capable of using either hand with equal ease
ambience	environment; atmosphere; Ex. restaurant with a pleasant ambience; ADJ. ambient: completely surrounding; Ex. ambient temperature
ambiguous	unclear or doubtful in meaning; having more than one possible interpretation
ambivalence	the state of having contradictory or conflicting emotional attitudes or opinions
amble	walking at an easy unhurried pace; V: walk slowly and aimlessly
ambrosia	food of the gods
 nectar	drink of the gods; sweet liquid collected by bees
ambulatory	able to walk
ameliorate	improve
amenable	obedient; compliant; readily managed; responsive; willing to be led; answerable or accountable legally; responsible; able to be tested by; Ex. amenable to sensible suggestions; Ex. He is very amenable; Ex. amenable to the usual tests
amend	correct; change ; generally for the better

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amenities	convenient features that helps to make life pleasant; social courtesies
amiable	agreeable; lovable; warmly friendly
amicable	peaceful; politely friendly; not quarrelsome; Ex. amicable settlement
amiss	wrong; faulty; Ex. something amiss; ADV.
amity	friendship; peaceful relationship as between nations

amnesia	loss of memory
amnesty	pardon (allowed by government to political criminals)
amoral	nonmoral; having no understanding of right and wrong
amorous	moved by sexual love; loving; of sexual love; Ex. amorous advances
amorphous	formless; lacking shape or definition
amphibian	able to live both on land and in water; N.
amphitheater	oval building with tiers of seats; CF. arena
ample	enough; abundant; spacious; large in size; Ex. ample opportunity/garden; N. amplitude: quality of being ample; abundance; largeness of space
amplify	increase in size or effect; expand; broaden or clarify by expanding; intensify; make stronger; Ex. amplify one's remarks with a graph
amputate	cut off part of body; prune (a limb)
amok(amuck)	in a state of rage; Ex. run amok
amulet	charm; talisman; an object worn believed to protect against evil, bad luck
anachronism	an error involving time in a story; something or someone misplaced in time; ADJ. anachronistic
analgesic	causing insensitivity to pain; N.
analgesia	condition of being unable to feel pain
analogous	comparable; similar
analogy	similarity; parallelism; comparing two similar things
anarchist	person who seeks to overturn the established government; advocate of abolishing authority
anarchy	absence of governing body; state of disorder
anathema	solemn curse; someone or something regarded as a curse; V. anathematize
ancestry	family descent; ADJ. ancestral
anchor	secure or fasten firmly; be fixed in place; N. anchorage
ancillary	serving as an aid or accessory; auxiliary; N.
anecdote	short story of an amusing or interesting event
anemia	condition in which blood lacks red corpuscles; ADJ. anemic
anesthetic	substance that removes sensation with or without loss of consciousness; N. anesthesia
anguish	acute pain; extreme suffering
angular	sharp-cornered; having an angle; not rounded (body); bony; lean; gaunt; stiff in manner
animadversion	critical remark; V. animadvert: comment critically with disapproval
animated	lively; spirited
animosity	active enmity
animus	hostile feeling or intent; animosity; hostility; disposition
annals	records arranged in yearly parts; history
anneal	reduce brittleness and improve toughness by heating and cooling (metal or glass)
annex	attach; add to a large thing; take possession of; incorporate (territory) into a larger existing political unit (by force); N. building added to a large one
annihilate	destroy
annotate	comment; make explanatory notes
annuity	yearly allowance
annul	make void
elope	run away secretly with the intention of getting married