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# 内 容 简 介

本书选入《大学英语课程教学要求(试行)》中推荐的重点和常考词组,按照字母顺序排列,分别进行了解释,并辅以丰富的例句。解释简明准确,便于记忆;例句可以帮助读者加深记忆,提高英语水平,扩大语言知识面。

本书适合在校大学生使用,也适合大学英语教师参考使用。

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## 前 言

为了帮助广大大学生更好地掌握《大学英语课程教学要求(试行)》中推荐的词组,我们编写了此书。

参加本书编写的人员具有多年的大学英语教学经验,力求使本书适应广大在校大学生的实际需要。本书的特色体现在以下几个方面。

1. 选词。选入《大学英语课程教学要求(试行)》中推荐的重点和常考词组,并按照字母顺序排列。

2. 解释。均限定在常见、常用的范围,简明准确,容易理解。

3. 例句。所选用例句既可以加深读者对词组的理解和记忆,又可以帮助读者提高英语水平,扩大语言知识面。

本书由熊小明、潘玲主编。参加编写的人员还有伍向东、袁亦欢、许兴菊、张爱华、谢祁祁、熊许涤等,钟玲、李玉洁等为本书的编写提供了大量的参考资料,朱砾、李晓梅、胡秀兰等为本书的计算机录入付出了辛苦的努力,在此一并表示感谢。

由于时间紧张,也限于水平,书中出现疏忽和错误难免,恳切希望读者批评指正。

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## A a

### a bit 有点;相当地

The boy was a bit tired and he struck out for the shore. 那个男孩有点累了,开始奋力游向岸边。

The maid took the cushions and plumped them up a bit. 女仆把垫子拍得松软了一些。

Miss Myrtle doesn't think it a bit thick to do it that way. 默特尔小姐不认为那样做太过分。

### a case in point 佐证,恰当的例子

A case in point of this is the steady increase in crime in that city. 这方面的很好例子就是那个城市的犯罪率在不断上升。

He is selfish. His unwillingness to help his friends is a case in point. 他很自私,不肯帮助朋友就是一个恰当的例子。

John is a nice and helpful boy. A case in point is that he always offers a hand when his friends are in difficulties. 约翰是个乐于助人的好孩子,一个恰当的例子就是当朋友有困难时,他总是给予帮助。

### a far cry from 离…差得老远,有很大的差别

The tall, well-dressed gentleman standing before me was certainly a far cry from the old sea wolf of my imagination. 站在我面前的是一位身材高大、穿着讲究的先生,与我先前想象的老海怪完全不同。

At present, the output of the products of the same kind in the world is only around 140 tons, which is a far cry from meeting demands. 目前,国际上同类产品的产量只有 140 吨左右,远远不能满足需求。

It's a far cry from what she expected. 这比她想要的差远了。

### a few 有些,几个

He was much criticized for the divorce, but it all blew over after a few years. 他因为离婚而备受指责,但几年之后一切都过去了。

Normally, a woman will lie in a few hours before the birth of her

child. 一般情况下, 孕妇在分娩前几个小时卧床待产。

She kept talking, so I had to take occasion to say a few words. 她不停地说, 所以我不得不抢机会讲几句。

**a good / great deal 许多, 大量, …得多**

Keller took the time to research her subject's background, and to learn a good deal of general information about the persons or things she was describing. 凯勒下苦功钻研她的课题的背景, 并掌握她所描述的有关人物或事情的大量综合信息。

You had felt a good deal more comfortable if you did. 你这样做了的话, 会感到舒服得多的。

Mary and her boyfriend see each other a great deal. 玛丽和她的男朋友经常见面。

**a good / great many 相当多, 很多**

There are a good many people in the market on Saturday and Sunday. 每逢星期六和星期天, 市场上都会有很多人。

Miss Betty knows a good many young people in that town. 贝蒂小姐在那个镇上认识的年轻人很多。

Tom has a great many friends at school. 汤姆在学校里有许多朋友。

**a little 一些, 一点点**

I don't understand what you're talking about. Would you explain yourself a little? 我听不懂你在说什么, 你能不能再解释清楚一些?

They walked a little along the river. 他们沿河走了不远。

Let's rest a little while. 我们稍微休息一会儿吧。

**a lot 很, 非常, 大量**

Since liberation our power industry has developed a lot. 解放以来, 我们国家的电力工业有了很大的发展。

That the couple argue a lot is common knowledge. 人们都知道那夫妻俩经常吵架。

I feel a lot better now. 我现在感觉好多了。

**a lot / lots of 大量的, 许多的**

There are a lot of people in the new railroad station. 新火车站里有很多人。

After a lot of argument I brought her round to my point of view. 辩论了很长时间后,我终于使她同意了我的观点。

In our college, lots of students are studying English and Japanese. 在我们学院,许多学生正在学习英语和日语。

**a number of 若干,许多,大量**

A number of criminals have been caught by the brave policewoman. 这位勇敢的女警察已经抓获了许多罪犯。

A number of will-be graduates are voluntarily going to work in the West of China. 许多即将毕业的学生打算自愿去中国西部工作。

There are a large number of new books in our school library this term. 这学期我们学校图书馆有许多新书。

**a piece of cake 轻松的事,愉快的事**

"Honey, I finally asked Old Man Jones for my raise. And it was a piece of cake!" "亲爱的,我终于对老琼斯提出了增加工资的要求。我没有费吹灰之力他就一口答应了。"

Winning the game is a piece of cake. 赢得比赛很容易。

Never say die. It's a piece of cake. 别泄气,那只是小菜一碟。

**a sea of 许多的**

Standing at his podium, the president saw a sea of faces waving at him. 总统站在讲台上,看到潮水般的人群挥手向他致意。

She stood in a sea of corn. 她站在茫茫一片的庄稼之中。

The square was a sea of people and a hubbub of voices bubbled up. 广场上人山人海,人声鼎沸。

**a variety of 种种的,各种的,各异的**

This new supermarket has a variety of toys for children. 这家新的超市有各种各样的儿童玩具。

Every spring, a variety of birds come. 每年春天,各种各样的鸟都飞来此地。

We can do it in a great variety of ways. 我们可以用许多不同的方法去做这件事。



**abandon oneself to** 沉溺于,沉迷于;听任…支配

You don't abandon yourself to despair. 你不要悲观失望。

Don't abandon yourself to pleasures. 不可一味地享受。

Those young men who abandon themselves to the net games are likely to do some silly things. 那些沉迷于网络游戏的年轻人很可能做出一些傻事。

**abide by** 遵守,坚持;忍受,承担后果

You must abide by the results of your mistakes. 你们必须为你们的错误承担后果。

If you do not abide by the regulations, you will get in trouble. 如果不遵守规则,你将会遇到麻烦。

We shall continue to abide by what has been agreed upon. 我们将继续遵守已经商定的协议。

**above all** 首先,尤其是,最重要的是

Never waste anything, but above all never waste time. 任何东西都不可以浪费,尤其是时间。

Children need many things, but above all they need love. 儿童需要很多东西,但最重要的是爱。

Mary enjoyed all the other school subjects, but biology above all! 玛丽喜欢学校所有的课程,尤其是生物学。

**above board** 诚实地,公开的,光明正大地

His business dealings were above board. 他的生意往来是光明正大的。

Our company imports drugs from America. The procedure is all perfectly above board. 我们公司从美国进口药物。所有程序都是合法的。

We might as well have it open and above board. 我们还是把这件事情公开为好。

**above / over one's head** 不可理解;越级报告或请求

The lesson today was too hard; it went over my head. 今天的课太难,我不懂。

His writings go over my head. 他写的东西太深奥,我理解不了。

The thing was settled above his head. 这事没与他商量就处理了。  
**according to 根据,按照**

From each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs. 各尽所能,按需分配。

Many words are pronounced according to the spelling, but some are not. 很多单词按照拼写来发音,有些却不是这样。

According to herself, she is perfectly right. 据她自己说,她是完全正确的。

**account for 说明,解释;总计有;击落**

He has behaved in the most extraordinary way; I can't account for his action at all. 他的行为极其反常,我根本无法解释他为什么会是这个样子。

Peter must be ill; it is the only thing that will account for his absence. 彼特肯定是生病了,这是唯一能说明他为什么缺席的原因。

Can you account for all the money you spent on your trip? 你能说明你旅行时所花费的钱的去向吗?

**accuse sb of sth 谴责,控告**

We accused him of having broken his promise. 我们指责他没有遵守诺言。

She accused her brother of stealing the jewels. 她指控弟弟偷了珠宝。

I've been accused of many things in my life, but never of cowardice. 我一生中受到过种种指责,但从来没有人说我怯懦。

**across the board 包括一切的,全面的**

The boss gave a wage increase across the board. 老板给所有员工都增加了工资。

We're aiming to increase productivity across the board. 我们旨在全面提高产量。

Due to the rise in the world price of paper, from 1 January of next year, prices for our products are due to increase by 10% across the board. 鉴于全球的纸张价格上涨,自明年1月1日起,本公司的

产品价格将全面提升 10%。

**act on** 奉行,按照…行动;对…有效,对…起作用

Friction acts on moving bodies and brings them to stop. 摩擦力作用于运动着的物体上,并使其停止运动。

There are four forces which act on an aircraft as it flies through the air. 飞机在空中飞行时,有 4 种力对它起作用。

We shall act on the new rules from today on. 从今天开始,我们将按新的规则办事。

**act out** 表演出来;将…付诸于行动

The children were told to act out their favorite story. 孩子们被要求表演他们最喜爱的故事。

He prefers to act out his merits before his friends. 他喜欢在朋友面前表现出自己的优点。

“Digital video is very new to us. I believe Mike was just acting out of curiosity. He did not create trouble on purpose,” said a boy who did not want to be named. “数码录像对我们来说很新鲜。我觉得迈克这样做只是出于好奇,他并不是有意找麻烦。”一个不愿透露姓名的男孩说。

**act up** 调皮,胡闹,气得不得了(指行为上的失态);动作不正常

“Man, it was only a joke. You didn't have to act up like this.”

“老兄,那只是开玩笑的,你用不着气成这样。”

The children started to act up as soon as the teacher left the classroom. 老师一离开教室,孩子们就闹起来了。

My bicycle is too old and is always acting up. 我的自行车太旧,老是出毛病。

**add in** 算入,包括;添加

Before you finish the totals, please add in these new figures. 在你完成总数之前,请加入这些新数据。

Of this, the value added in primary industry was RMB 475.4 billion, a rise of 2.7%. 其中,第一产业增加值为 4754 亿元,增长 2.7%。

Tomato seed oil, pressed through advanced process with no chemi-

cal assistants added in the processing, is a natural green food. 番茄籽油采用先进工艺压榨而成,加工过程中不添加化学辅料,是天然的绿色食品。

**add on** 附加,包括;追加

Would you please add these names on to your list? 请把这几个名字补加到你的名单里好吗?

Add the other items on at the bottom of the page. 把别的项目加在这项下端。

The price does not include tax added on. 这个价格没有包括附加税。

**add up** 加起来;估计,权衡;有意义,合情合理

Add these figures up and see what the total is. 把这些数字加起来,看看总数是多少。

The numbers wouldn't add up. 这些数字加起来与总数不符。

His story didn't add up. 他的故事不合情理。

**add up to** 合计达;意味着,意思是

The rain, the mosquitoes and the crowded cabin, all add up to a spoiled vacation. 下雨、蚊子和拥挤,意味着度假的失败。

He wouldn't admit that the facts didn't add up to anything. 他不承认这些事实说明不了任何问题。

She gave many excuses, but what they added up to was that she didn't wish to be troubled. 她找了不少借口,总而言之,她是不想别人打扰她。

**after all** 毕竟,终究

Mr. Mitchell was competent to do the job after all. 毕竟,米切尔先生的能力足以担当此项任务。

Of course she behaved awfully, but after all, she is your sister. 她的行为当然很糟糕,但毕竟她是你的姐姐。

Bob thought he couldn't go to the party because he had too much homework, but he went after all. 鲍伯认为他作业太多,无法去参加晚会,但他到底还是去了。

**again and again** 再三地,一再地

Sally insisted again and again on her right to the new work. 莎莉再三地坚持她有权利干这项新工作。

I've told you again and again not to do that. 我一再地告诉你不要那样做。

No one can avoid mistakes, but it is inexcusable to make the same mistake again and again. 没有人能不犯错误,但是同样的错误一犯再犯就不能原谅了。

### **ahead of 在…之前**

Two people were ahead of us, and traveling fast. 有两个人在我们前面,走得很快。

Ahead of us the road was narrow and muddy. 我们前面的道路既狭窄又泥泞。

Mitchell was walking ahead of her mother. 米切尔正走在她妈妈的前面。

### **ahead of schedule 提前**

The task will be finished ahead of schedule if nothing prevents. 如果没有什么阻碍的话,这项任务将提前完成。

The water level of the Three Gorges Reservoir reached the predetermined 135 meters Tuesday, five days ahead of schedule. 本周二,三峡水库蓄水水位到达 135 米高程,提前 5 天到达计划蓄水目标。

We finished the task ahead of schedule. 我们提前完成了任务。

### **ahead of time 提前**

Whenever I have an appointment I always like to arrive a little ahead of time. 只要有约会,我总是略微提前一点到达。

We fulfilled the plan ahead of time. 我们提前完成了计划。

We needn't hurry because we are an hour ahead of time. 我们不必匆忙,因为我们已经提前一个小时了。

### **all along 自始至终**

We have all along urged them to write against the enemy. 我们一直在督促他们写文章鞭挞敌人。

I knew all along that we would win. 我一开始就知道我们会赢。

You have been nice to me all along, and I appreciate it. 你一贯对我好,我心中十分感激。

**all at once** 突然,忽然;同时,一起

Robert and his little sister showed up all at once. 罗伯特和他的妹妹突然出现了。

You won't do this all at once; do it little by little. 你一下子干不完的,还是一点一点干吧。

The sun was shining just a few minutes ago, but all at once a bad storm came into the area. 这个地区几分钟前还是阳光照耀,但是突然就下起了很大的暴风雨。

**all but** 几乎,差不多;除了…都

There are about seventy metallic elements, and all but mercury are solids under ordinary conditions. 有 70 余种金属元素,在通常条件下,除了水银之外都是固体。

The boy was all but run over by the car. 这个男孩差一点被汽车撞倒。

The hikers were exhausted and all but frozen when they were found. 徒步旅行的人被发现时,已筋疲力尽,几乎冻倒在地。

**all in all** 从各方面说来,总的说来;完全地,整个地;最重要的东西,决定因素

She has her faults, but all in all she is a conscientious woman. 她有她的缺点,然而总的说来她是一个认真负责的女人。

Trust me not at all or all in all. 要么一点也不相信我,要么完全相信我。

Grammar is not all in all in learning a foreign language. 在外语学习中,语法并不是头等重要的。

**all manner of** 各式各样的

We saw all manner of birds in the forest. 我们在森林里看见了各种各样的鸟。

This is a very good book. There are all manner of things described in it, you can learn a lot from it. 这本书很好,里面所描写的事物包罗万象,你可以从中学到很多东西。

I would like to have all manner of stamps. 我希望能够有各式各样的邮票。

**all of a sudden 突然地,突如其来地**

The ceiling looked solid, but all of a sudden it fell on Tracy's head. 天花板看上去很牢固,但是突然掉落在特雷西的头上了。

Then the crowd disperses all of a sudden, and I don't know what's up. 然后人群突然散开,我也不知道到底发生了什么事情。

We were sitting peacefully at dinner when all of a sudden the light went out. 我们安安静静地吃饭时,灯突然熄灭了。

**all over 到处,遍及;完结,终止;已成定局,完蛋**

When the visiting football team scored another goal less than three minutes before the end of the match, we knew it was all over with our school team. 当客队在最后三分钟又攻入一球时,我们就断定校队输定了。

The meeting was all over. 会议结束了。

I have traveled all over Europe many, many times in my life. 我一生中在欧洲旅行了很多很多次。

**all over again 再一次,重新**

You will have to count the balls all over again. 你得把这些球再数一次。

I will do the job all over again. 我要把这件事全部重新做一遍。

The audience liked the song so much that she sang it all over again. 听众非常喜欢这首歌,于是她又唱了一遍。

**all right 令人满意的,不错的;(健康)良好的,安然无恙的;好,行,可以**

Americans think it is all right, even sporting, to admit a defect in themselves, but they feel that it is almost an insult to have someone else agree. 美国人认为承认自己的错误没有关系,甚至是宽宏大度的,但是如果别人表示同意,他们会觉得几乎是一种侮辱。  
All right, I think you may come at any time you like. 好吧,我想你可以随时到这里来。

You have read the book all right, but the point is that you have not

studied it critically. 不错,这本书你是读过了,但问题是你没有用批评的眼光去分析。

**all the same 仍然,照样地;完全一样**

Those shirts are all the same size. 那几件衬衫都一样大小。

It was raining hard, but we got there in time all the same. 尽管下着大雨,但我们还是准时到达了那里。

It is all the same to me whether we meet on Saturday or on Sunday.

我们是星期六还是星期天会面,对我来说完全一样。

**all the time 一直,始终**

It's a great pity that she puts on such airs all the time. 她总是摆架子,真令人遗憾。

Ruth talks about her trip to Europe all the time, and her friends are tired of it. 露丝三番两次地谈论她的欧洲之行,她的朋友们都听腻味了。

Cathy went to college in her hometown and lived at home all the time. 彻丽在家乡上的大学,上学期间一直住在家里。

**all the way 一路上;从远道上;自始至终**

A merry heart goes all the way. 心旷神怡,事事顺利。

I drove all the way up to Boston. 我一路开车到波士顿。

After quitting school, he soon realized that life was not roses all the way. 他辍学之后,很快就发觉人生道路不是处处都顺利的。

**all the while 一直,始终**

I believed her but all the while she was lying. 我相信她,然而她始终在撒谎。

The weather was fine all the while. 天气一直都很好。

All the while we're drinking pints of the stuff! That'd be grand! 我们可以一直开怀畅饮! 那太棒了!

**all things considered 全面考虑,考虑到所有情况**

All things considered, I think I ought to forward the job to Smith.

如果把所有事件考虑进去,我想我应把这件事委托给史密斯。

All things considered, the price would be reasonable. 如果全面考虑起来,价格可能是合理的。



All things considered, I think it is most advisable for you to see him. 通盘考虑起来,我认为你最好去找他。

**all thumbs 笨拙,笨手笨脚**

I can't thread this needle. I am all thumbs today. 这根针我穿不过去。我今天手指不听使唤。

Speaking of mathematics, I am all thumbs. 讲到数学,我可是笨透了。

He was so excited that his fingers were all thumbs and he dropped the teacup. 他激动得手都不好使,竟把茶杯摔了。

**allow for 考虑到,体谅**

In working with this cloth, be sure to allow for shrinking. 用这种布做衣服,务必考虑到洗涤后会缩水。

Has everything been allowed for in your new plan? 你的新计划是否把一切问题都考虑进去了?

You had better start earlier. You should allow for traffic delays. 你们还是早些出发更好,应该考虑路上交通会有耽搁。

**allow of 承认,容许**

The problem allows of only one solution. 这个问题只容许有一个答案。

The overhauling of the lathe allows of no delay. 这台机床非马上修理不可。

The internal affairs of any state, whether it's big or small, do not allow of external interference. 国虽然有大有小,但它的内政都是不容许外国干涉的。

**along with 跟...一起**

Supermarkets along with consumers have been hard hit by inflation. 超级市场同消费者一样都受到通货膨胀的严重打击。

Put it over there, along with the others. 把它放在那边,跟其余的放一起。

She came along with some good friends. 她带了几位好朋友一起来。

**amount to 总计,等于**