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前言

1620年11月,乘坐“五月花”号帆船远渡重洋的102个英国清教徒,历经66天的艰险漂泊,终于踏上了北美大陆。从此,来自欧洲的移民络绎不绝。他们在这块自由的土地上劳作生活,建立殖民地,后来又组成了独立的国家。星移斗转,沧海桑田,如今的美国已跃居世界列强之首。

作为一个移民国家,美国的语言就像它的人种一样,具有“大熔炉”的特点。美式英语兼收并蓄,除了继承原来英国英语的基本内容之外,又混杂了土著印第安人、非洲黑人和欧洲大陆国家的语言,且因地域辽阔而受到一些次文化社会阶层的影响。20世纪以来,随着现代美国的崛起,美式英语的应用已日益广泛。

美国之音(Voice of America, VOA)的英语教学节目,以其流行的美国语言、纯正的美式发音和丰富的教学内容,对中国广大的英语学习者、尤其是青年学生,产生着重要的影响,成为人们学习美式英语、练习听力和口语的有效途径。

奉献给读者的这套《VOA 英语教学节目丛书》,由AA Culture & Publication Inc(美亚文化出版有限公司)特别策划,经VOA授权上海世界图书出版公司出版。继《流行美语》和《美国习惯用语》之后,这次又推出VOA特别英语节目的学习用书和词汇手册共七种。

美国之音的特别英语节目(VOA Special English),以美国社会生活为题材,通过美国人的文化视野学习美式英语,不仅句子简练,而且播送的语速约一分钟 90 个单词,比正常语速慢三分之一,因此尤其适合中学生、大专院校低年级学生和广大英语初学者,既可用作英语泛读的课本,又可用作听力训练的教材。

与之配套的这本《VOA 特别英语词汇手册》,收录了特别英语节目中最常用的约 1500 个基本词汇,并配有简要的英文解释和部分例句。为了便于英语程度较低的读者掌握这些词汇,我们又在原书基础上加注了国际音标和中文解释。需要说明的是,原书的英文解释主要针对特别英语节目中常用的含义,而加注的中文解释则是根据该英语单词本身的基本义项,并非完全照译原书的英文解释,所以两者之间会有一些差异,相信读者自能领悟。

本丛书在出版过程中,承蒙 VOA 台长 David Jackson 来函致贺,并得到 VOA 中文部主任 William Baum (彭慕仁)、中文部节目推广及因特网主任陈光、上海世界图书出版公司总经理冯国雄、副总编辑陆琦及何耀萍、王丹等诸位鼎力相助,在此一并致谢!

愿《VOA 英语教学节目丛书》成为读者学习美式英语的良师益友!

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本书所标词性

n. (noun) a name word 名词

v. (verb) an action word 动词

ad. (adjective/adverb) a describing word 形容词,
副词

prep. (preposition) a word used to show a rela-
tion 介词

pro. (pronoun) a word used in place of a noun 代
名词

conj. (conjunction) a joining word 连接词



A

a(an) /eɪ; æn, ən/ *ad.* one; any; each 一, 一个

able /'eɪbl/ *v.* having the power to do something
能够

about /ə'baʊt/ *ad.* almost (“about half”); of or
having a relation to (“We talk about the weath-
er.”) 大约, 关于

above /ə'boʊv/ *ad.* at a higher place 上面的, 上述
的

accept /ək'sept/ *v.* to agree to receive 接受

accident /'æksɪdənt/ *n.* something that happens
by chance or mistake; an unplanned event 意外事
故

accuse /ə'kjuːz/ *v.* to say a person is responsible
for an act or crime; to make a statement against
someone 控告, 谴责

across /ə'krɒs/ *ad.* from side to side; to the oth-
er side 横越, 穿过

act /ækt/ *v.* to do something 行动

activist /'æktɪvɪst/ *n.* one who seeks change
through action 活动家

actor /'æktə(r)/ *n.* someone acting in a play or

show 男演员

add /æd/ *v.* to put (something) with another to make it larger: to say more 增加

administration /əd'mɪnɪ'streɪʃən/ *n.* the executive part of a government, usually headed by a president or prime minister 内阁, 行政部门

admit /əd'mɪt/ *v.* to accept ("admitted to the United Nations"): to express one's guilt or responsibility ("He admitted that what he did was wrong.") 容许, 接纳

adult /ə'dʌlt, 'ædʌlt/ *n.* a grown person 成人

advise /əd'vaɪz/ *v.* to help with information, knowledge or ideas in making a decision 建议, 劝告

affect /ə'fekt/ *v.* to produce an effect on; to influence ("A lack of sleep affected the singer's performance.") 影响

afraid /ə'freɪd/ *ad.* feeling fear 害怕, 担心

after /'ɑ:ftə(r)/ *ad.* later; behind 在……之后

again /'ægen, ə'geɪn/ *ad.* another time; as before 又, 再一次

against /ə'genst, ə'geɪnst/ *ad.* opposed to; not agreeing with something 相反, 反对

age /eɪdʒ/ *n.* how old a person or thing is 年龄

agency /'eɪdʒənsɪ/ *n.* an organization that is part of a larger group ("an agency of the United Na-

tions”) 代理部门

aggression /ə'ɡresʃən/ *n.* an attack against a person or country; the violation of a country's borders 侵略, 进攻

ago /ə'ɡəʊ/ *ad.* of time past; before now 在……之前

agree /ə'ɡri:/ *v.* to have the same belief as someone; to be willing to do something 同意

agriculture /'æɡrɪkʌltʃə(r)/ *n.* farming 农业

aid /eɪd/ *v. & n.* to help; to support; help, assistance 帮助, 资助

aim /eɪm/ *v. & n.* to point a gun at; a goal or purpose 瞄准; 目标

air /eə(r)/ *n.* the mixture of gases around the earth, mostly nitrogen and oxygen, that we breathe 空气

air force /eə fɔ: s/ *n.* a military organization using airplanes 空军

airplane /'eəpleɪn/ *n.* a vehicle with wings that flies 飞机

airport /'eəpɔ: t/ *n.* a place where airplanes take off and land 机场

album /'ælbəm/ *n.* a collection of recorded music 乐曲集, 照相簿

alcohol /'ælkəhɒl/ *n.* a strong, colorless liquid, usually made from grain, used as a drug or in in-

dustrial products 酒,酒精

alive /ə'laɪv/ *ad.* having life; not dead 活着的

all /ɔ:l/ *ad.* everything; everyone; the complete amount 所有,全部

ally /ə'laɪ/ *n.* a nation or person joined with another for a special purpose 同盟国,盟友

almost /'ɔ:lmoʊst/ *ad.* a little less than completely 几乎

alone /ə'ləʊn/ *ad.* separated from others 单独的

along /ə'lɒŋ/ *ad.* near or on ("along the road") 沿着,顺着

already /ɔ:l'redɪ/ *ad.* before now; even now 已经

also /'ɔ:lsəʊ/ *ad.* added to; too 也,同样

although /ɔ:l'dəʊ/ *conj.* even if it is true that 虽然,尽管

always /'ɔ:lweɪz,-wɪz/ *ad.* at all times; every time 总是

ambassador /æm'bæsədə(r)/ *n.* a nation's highest diplomatic representative (to another government) 大使

amend /ə'mend/ *v.* to add to or to change (a proposal or law) 修正,改进

ammunition /'æmjʊ'nɪʃən/ *n.* the bullets or shells fired from guns 弹药

among /ə'mʌŋ/ *prep.* in or part of (a group) 在……之中

amount /ə'maʊnt/ *n.* the number, size or weight of anything 总计

anarchy /'ænəkɪ/ *n.* a lack of order; lawlessness 无政府状态

ancestor /'ænsɛstə(r), -sɪs-/ *n.* a family member from the past 祖先

ancient /'eɪnfənt/ *ad.* very old; long ago 古代的, 古老的

and /ænd, ən, nd, n; m, ŋ;ænd/ *conj.* also; in addition to; with 和, 及

anger /'æŋɡə(r)/ *n.* a strong emotion against someone or something 愤怒, 恼火

animal /'æniml/ *n.* a living creature that moves, such as a dog or cat 动物

anniversary /,æni'vɜ:səri/ *n.* a yearly celebration or observance of an event that happened in the past 周年纪念

announce /ə'naʊns/ *v.* to make known publicly; to declare officially 宣布, 公告

another /ə'nʌðə(r)/ *ad.* one more; a different one 另一个

answer /'ɑ:nsə(r)/ *n & v.* a statement produced by a question; to make a statement after being asked a question 答案; 回答

any /'eni/ *ad.* one or more of no special kind 任何

apologize /ə'pɒlədʒaɪz/ *v.* to express regret for a mistake or accident for which one accepts responsibility 道歉

appeal /ə'pi:l/ *v.* to take to a higher court, person or group for a decision; to call on somebody for help 上诉, 求助

appear /ə'piə(r)/ *v.* to show oneself; to come in to sight; to seem 出现

appoint /ə'pɔɪnt/ *v.* to name; to choose (“appoint a judge”) 指定, 任命

approve /ə'pru:v/ *v.* to agree with; to agree to support 批准

archeology /ɑ:kɪ'blədʒɪ/ *n.* the scientific study of past human life and activities 考古学

area /'eəriə/ *n.* any place or part of it 地区, 范围

argue /'ɑ:gju:/ *v.* to offer reasons for or against something; to dispute; to disagree 争辩

arms /ɑ:mz/ *n.* military equipment; weapons 武器

army /'ɑ:mi/ *n.* military ground forces 陆军

around /ə'raʊnd/ *ad.* on every side (of) 周围, 围绕

arrest /ə'rest/ *v.* to seize a person for legal action; to take as a prisoner 逮捕, 拘留

arrive /ə'raɪv/ *v.* to come to a place, especially at the end of a trip 到达

art /ɑ:t/ *n.* expressions or creations by humans, such as paintings, music, writing or statues 艺术

artillery /ɑ:'tɪləri/ *n.* big guns 大炮

as /əz, z; æz/ *conj.* equally (“as fast as”); when; while 同样的, 与……一样

ash /æʃ/ *n.* the part left after something burns 灰

ask /ɑ:sk/ *v.* to question; to say something is wanted (“We ask the teacher questions every day.”) 询问, 要求

assist /ə'sɪst/ *v.* to help 帮助

astronaut /'æstrənɔ:t, -nat/ *n.* a person who travels in space 宇航员

astronomy /ə'strɒnəmi/ *n.* the scientific study of stars and the universe 天文学

asylum /ə'saɪləm/ *n.* political protection given by a government to a person from another country 政治庇护

at /ət; æt/ *prep.* in or near (“at the edge”); where (“look at”); when (“at noon”) 在, 于, 向

atmosphere /'ætməsfiə(r)/ *n.* the gases surrounding any star or planet 大气, 空气

attach /ə'tætʃ/ *v.* to tie together; to connect 系上, 贴上

attack /ə'tæk/ *n & v.* a violent attempt to damage, injure or kill; to start a fight 攻击

attempt /ə'tempt/ *v.* to work toward something;
to try; to make an effort 尝试, 努力

attend /ə'tend/ *v.* to be present at 出席

automobile /ˌɔ:tə'məʊbɪl, -mə/ *n.* a vehicle with
wheels used to carry people; a car 汽车

autumn /'ɔ:təm/ *n.* the time of the year between
summer and winter 秋季

average /'ævərɪdʒ/ *n.* & *ad.* something (a num-
ber) representing the middle; common; normal 平
均

avoid /ə'vɔɪd/ *v.* to stay away from 避免

awake /ə'weɪk/ *ad.* not sleeping 醒

award /ə'wɔ:d/ *n.* an honor or prize for an act or
service 奖品

away /ə'weɪ/ *ad.* not near 在远处



B

baby /'beɪbɪ/ *n.* a newly born creature 婴儿

back /bæk/ *n. & ad.* the part behind the front; the other way from forward 后面; 倒退

bad /bæd/ *ad.* wrong; acting against the law; not good 错误的, 坏的

balance /'bæləns/ *v.* to make two sides or forces equal 平衡, 权衡

ball /bɔ:l/ *n.* something round 球, 球形物

balloon /bə'lu:n/ *n.* a device of strong, light material that rises when filled with gas lighter than air 气球

ballot /'bælət/ *n.* a piece of paper used for voting 选票

ban /bæn/ *v. & n.* to not permit; to stop; an official restriction 禁止; 禁令

bank /bæŋk/ *n.* an organization that keeps and lends money 银行

bar /bɑ:(r)/ *v.* to prevent or block 禁止, 阻挡

barrier /'bæriə(r)/ *n.* anything that blocks or makes an action difficult 障碍物

base /beɪs/ *n. & v.* a military center; to establish

as a fact (“Her research was based on experiments.”) 军事基地, 基础; 以……为基础, 基于

battle /'bætl/ *n.* a fight between opposing armed forces 战役

beat /bi:t/ *v.* to hit again and again 打, 殴打

beauty /'bjʊti/ *n.* that which pleases the eye, ear or spirit 美丽, 美好

because /bi'kəʊz, -'kəz/ *conj.* for the reason that (“He left because he was sick.”) 因为

become /bi'kʌm/ *v.* to come to be 成为, 变成

bed /bed/ *n.* a sleeping place 床

before /bi'fɔ:(r)/ *prep.* earlier 在……之前

begin /bi'ɡɪn/ *v.* to do the first part of an action; to start 开始, 首先

behind /bi'hænd/ *prep.* at the back of; in back of 在……之后

believe /bi'li:v/ *v.* to think; to feel sure of; to accept as true; to trust 相信

bell /bel/ *n.* an instrument that makes a musical sound (“a church bell”) 钟, 铃

belong /bi'lɒŋ/ *v.* to be owned by; to be a member of 属于

below /bi'ləʊ/ *prep.* lower than 在……之下

best /best/ *ad.* the most good 最好的

betray /bi'treɪ/ *v.* to turn against; to be false to 出卖, 背叛, 泄露