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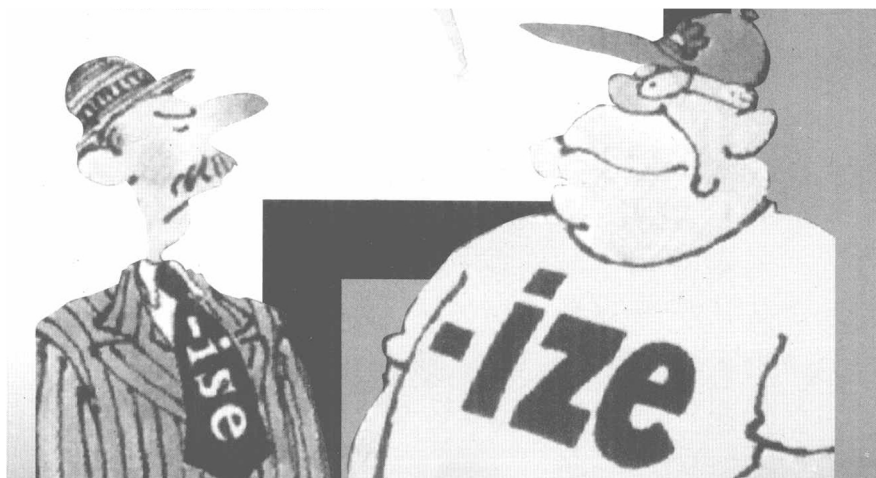
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前言

介词是英语中极为活跃的词类,数量很少,使用频率很高,但掌握起来很难。这是因为英语介词本身的含义已很繁复(从十来个到数十个),在句中依附于其他词类,意义就更变化多端。而介词与某些词结合成固定短语所含有的特定意义,则更难从字面上推测出来。所以,“学好了介词,就等于学好了英语”这句话,就人皆认同了。

为了帮助广大中学生提高介词的运用能力,我们根据教学中遇到的有关问题及历年来高、中考中发现的问题,编写了这本《新编中学英语介词用法词典》。

本书选取了常用介词 50 个,每个介词分两部分:一、意义和用法;二、常用词组及成语。重点放在介词和其他词类的搭配上。所涉及的词条之多,足以满足中学生学习和应试的需要。所有例句均附汉语译文,两相对照,细加揣摩,小小介词的微妙含义就会了然在胸了。

在本词典编写过程中,我们参考了大量的中外辞书和专著,在此谨向这些作者致以诚挚的谢意。

限于水平,本词典疏漏错谬之处在所难免,诚恳欢迎读者批评指正。

编者 谨识

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about

【意义与用法】

☞ about 表示静止状态的位置时,意思是“在……附近”,“在……周围”。about 也可以和 go, walk, get, run, wander, stroll 等动词连用,表示运动方向,意思是“到……各处”。例如:

Fish are abundant about the reefs. 暗礁附近鱼很多。There was a necklace of coral about her throat. 她脖子上有一串珊瑚项链。The children had left their toys lying about the room. 孩子们把玩具扔得满屋都是。He traveled about the country. 他周游全国。

☞ about 可以表示伴随时,意思是“在身边”。例如:

I have no pen about me. 我没带钢笔。Do you happen to have his letter about you? 你是否正好带着他的信啦? I suddenly realised that I had no money about me. 我忽然意识到身上没带钱。

☞ about 与时间、重量、数量、年龄等搭配时,意思是“大约”,“左右”。例如:

It was about the 23rd, November. 时间大约在 11 月 23 日。About this time, another torrent of barbarians poured out of the south. 大约在这个时候,另一群野人像洪流一般地从南面拥出。He's much about my size and figure. 他跟我的个子和身材都差不多。

☞ about 还可指外观、性格、特征等“属于”。例如:

His face is the worst thing about him. 他吃亏就吃在他的面孔上。There was a look about it which seemed to me to be foreign. 其外观在我看来似乎有些陌生。He has something of the musician about him. 他有音乐家的风度。There was a certain charm about the old cottage. 那所古老的农舍自有迷人之处。

☞ about 可作“关于”解,用以说明主题、题材、内容、要点等。例如:

What is the book about? 这本书是关于什么内容的? I know nothing about the matter. 我对此事一无所知。What do you know about him? 你知道有关他的详情吗?

☞ about 还可作“从事于”解。例如:

Do you know how to do about it? 你知道如何做这事吗? Henry's been gone a long time. I wonder what he's about. 亨利去了很长时间了,我不知道他在干什么。I put it in the form of a poem while I was about it. 我写时便把它用诗的形式表达出来。I do not like to be interrupted when I am about an important piece of work. 我做重要工作时不喜欢别人打扰。

about 后可接动词不定式,意思是“就要,马上要”。例如:

He was about to start. 他即将动身。He seems just about to finish. 他好像就要做完了。He was about to be transferred to another place. 他就要调到另一个地方去。

about 后也可接动名词,意思是“就要,马上要”。例如:

She seems about deserting him. 她似乎正打算抛弃他。When I called on him, he was about going out. 我去访他时,他正要外出。

be about 常和 **what** 连用,意思是“在做什么”,“关于”。What are you about? Do come along. 你在干什么? 快过来。What was he about? what had happened to him? 他在做什么? 他出了什么事了吗?

What's all this about? 这都是为了什么?

What/how about ...? 意思是“(你觉得)……如何?”,用于建议,询问意见、探听消息、责备等。例如:

What about father? We can't just leave him here. 父亲怎么办? 我们不能只把他留在这儿。What about that business we talked about this morning? 我们今天早上谈的那件事怎么样? How about sending him a copy? 给他送一份怎么样?

【常用词组及成语】

about face/turn 向后转

About face! 向后转! About turn! 向后转! He saluted smartly, about face, and marched out. 他干净利落地敬了个礼,向后转,开步走了出去。

about one's ears 彻底地,猛烈地

The war brought their plans down about their ears. 战争使他们的计划成为泡影。Immediately after she offered the suggestion, a storm broke about her ears. 她一提出那建议,立刻就引起一场轩然大波。

about time 该是(做……)的时候

It's about time you go up, Mary. 玛丽,你该起床了。

agree about 在……上一致

After that, we could agree about the procedure for the meeting tomorrow. 在那以后,我们可以就明天会议程序取得一致意见。Though they saw eye to eye on most things, they could never agree about the merits about Picasso as a painter. 虽然他们在大部分问题上意见一致,但对于毕加索作为一位画家的功绩却无法取得一致看法。

arrange about 安排

I've arranged about the taxi. 我已安排好了出租汽车。

article about

1. 关于……的文章

She wrote an article about her research. 她写了一篇关于她的研究工作的文章。The professor wrote an article about space for the magazine. 教授给杂志写了一篇有关太空的文章。

2. 有关……的条款

The article about school appropriation was approved. 有关学校拨款的条款被批准了。

ask about 询问, 打听

She asked about you the other day. 前些日子她问到过你。Newspaper reporters have been asking about the missing child all day. 新闻记者整天都在打听有关那失踪孩子的消息。

be bothered about 为……担心

I'm bothered about Freda, she's out so late again. 我很担心费列达, 她又很晚不归。

be busy about 忙于

Mr. Smith is now busy about some important work. 史密斯先生目前正忙于某项重要工作。They are busy about their task. 他们忙于自己的工作。

be careless about 不关心……

He is careless about the kind of clothes he wears. 他不注意所穿的是哪种衣服。He's careless about his appearance. 他不关心自己的仪表。

be clear about 明白

She seems quite clear about her plans. 她似乎对自己的计划很清楚。I am not clear about the reason why he wants to go. 我不明白他要去的理由。

be clever about 在……上灵巧的

The room was decorated beautifully. Tom was clever about such things. 房间布置得很漂亮。汤姆干这种事很灵巧。

be easy about 安心于, 放心于

She is quite easy in mind about the whole affair. 她心中对整个事情相当放心。Make yourself be easy about the matter. 对于这件事你要安心。

be excited about 激动于

She was excited about going to the dinner party. 去参加宴会她很激动。

be glad about 对……满意

My daughter was glad about this pen. 我女儿喜欢这支笔。I'm glad about his new job. 我对他的新工作很满意。

be happy about 喜于

Are you happy about your new daughter? 你喜欢你的小女儿吗? So on the whole you are happy about the Sawbridge business, are you? 所以总的来说你对索布里契的生意感到满意是吗?

be mad about

1. 迷于

The students get mad about scientists. 学生们都极想当科学家。Some girls are mad about going to dances. 有些姑娘特别喜欢去跳舞。

2. 为……生气

John is mad about what has happened just now. 约翰对刚刚所发生的事很生气。She was mad about missing the train. 她没赶上火车很生气。

be nice about 对……讲究

He's not too nice about his business methods. 他不太讲究经营方法。John

is very nice about his eating. 约翰吃东西十分讲究。

be open about 对于……坦率的

He was open about his plans. 他对于他的计划很坦率。He was very open about his reasons for leaving. 他对于离开的原因毫不隐讳。

be pleased about 对……感到高兴

We are all very pleased about John's success in his scholarship examination. 我们大家都为约翰在学业考试中的成功感到高兴。Your father told me of your success, and I am very pleased about it. 你父亲把你成功的事告诉了我, 我为你感到十分高兴。

be quick about ……快的

Be quick about your work. 快点干活。Be quick about it. I'm in a hurry. 快点儿, 我得赶快。

be quiet about 对……缄默的

I've decided to resign but I'd prefer you to keep quiet about it. 我已决定辞职, 但我希望你对此事保密。

be sorry about 后悔于

You'll be sorry about this later. 对这件事你以后会后悔的。I was very sorry about what had happened. 我对所发生的一切深表遗憾。

be unhappy about 对……不高兴, 对……不满意

I'm unhappy about the new house, it isn't what I expected. 这所新房子我不满意, 它跟我预料的不一樣。Investors were unhappy about the risk. 投资者对这次冒险不满意。

blow about 吹嘘

He kept us awake half the night blowing about his family. 他半夜都不让我们睡, 听他吹嘘他的家庭。

blow hot and cold about 对……摇摆不定

John blew hot and cold about going for holidays, every day he changed his mind. 约翰对度假的事拿不定主意, 他今天这样想, 明天那样想。

bother about 用……烦扰

I'm afraid I have bothered you about a great many questions. 恐怕我提的问题太多, 打扰你了。It's not important, don't bother your head about it. 这无关紧要, 不必为之焦虑。

bring about 引起, 导致

The new manager has brought about a number of changes. 新经理已经实行了多项改革。Physical exercise has brought about great changes in her health. 做体操使她的健康状况发生很大变化。

call about 找(某人)谈……

There's a man at the door who says he's calling about your insurance. 门口有个人说找你谈保险的事儿。I tried to call about our meeting, but you weren't in. 我曾试图打电话给你谈谈我们开会的事, 但你不在家。

care about

1. 喜欢

I really care about the students in my class. 我的确喜欢这个班里的学生。

I don't care about your opinion. 我对你的看法不感兴趣。

2. 关心, 担心

He doesn't care about other people in the least, he thinks only of himself. 他一点也不关心别人, 只想到自己。Don't you care about losing your job? 你难道就不担心失去你的工作?

carry on about 为……争吵

Old John was carrying on about his pen, he made such a fuss you'd think it was his head. 老约翰为他的钢笔争吵, 他吵闹的程度使你会以为那是他的脑袋。

close about 包围, 围住

He closed his arms about her. 他用手搂住她。As darkness closed about them, they decided to return home. 当夜幕降临时, 他们决定回家。

complain about 告……的状

He complained to the teacher about John's dishonesty. 他向教师告状说约翰作弊。The next-door neighbour said that he'd complain about us to the police if we made any more noise. 隔壁的邻居说, 如果我们吵吵闹闹, 他就要到警察那儿告我们。

cry about 因……而哭

What is that child crying about? 那个孩子在哭什么? That broken toy can soon be mended. Don't cry about it. 那个弄坏的玩具很快就可以修好, 别为这件事哭了。

disagree about 在……上意见分歧

Scientists no longer disagreed about it. 关于此事, 科学家们的意见不再分歧。I disagree with him about what we ought to do. 在该怎么办这个问题上我和他意见分歧。

do about 就……采取行动

What can we do about his schoolwork? 对于他的家庭作业我们可以采取什么措施? I must do something about these broken window panes. 我得想法修理这些破了的窗户玻璃。

dream about

1. 梦见, 梦到

I dreamed about a strange thing. 我梦见一件怪事。I dreamed about being in London. 我梦到我就在伦敦。

2. 向往, 渴望

She has dreams about wealth and happiness. 她渴望富有和幸福。He dreamed about having a car. 他渴望有一辆汽车。I've long dreamed about paying a visit to the Great Wall. 我一直渴望游览长城。

3. 考虑, 会做得出

You needn't tell me not to sell the house, I wouldn't dream about it. 你不必劝我别把房子卖掉, 我根本就不考虑这件事。I wouldn't dream about hurting a child. 我决不会有伤害一个孩子的念头。

explain about 解释

How are you going to explain about the footprints on the window? 你怎样

解释窗户上的脚印? I'll get to explain about it. 我一定得把这解释一下。

feel about

1. 对……有看法

How do you feel about this problem? 你对这个问题有何看法? They feel the same way about the matter. 他们对此有同感。

2. 在……摸索着

I noticed him feeling about the edge of the door. 我注意到他在门边上到处摸索着。The blind man was feeling about the desk, apparently to find some papers which he thought were there. 那盲人在桌上到处摸索着, 很明显想找到他以为在桌上的文件。

feel bad about 对……感到后悔

I feel bad about my mistake. 我对自己的错误感到后悔。I feel bad about what happened. 我对所发生的事感到遗憾。

fix up about 安排好……

Have you fixed up about the photography for the wedding? 你们已经准备好婚礼用的照片了吗? They haven't fixed up about the holiday yet. 他们还没有安排好度假。

forget about

1. 忘记

I forgot about my book. 我忘了带书来。Thanks for reminding me, I had forgotten all about telephoning him. 谢谢你提醒我, 我已把他打电话的事忘得一干二净。

2. 不用谢, 别再提了

I'm sorry for what I said. —Forget about it. I can't remember anyway. 我对自己说过的话感到抱歉。——不必在意, 反正我不会放在心上。I'm most grateful to you for your help. —Oh, it's nothing, forget about it. 对你的帮助我万分感激。——哦, 这没什么, 不用客气。

get about

1. (使)在……走动, 旅行

A taxi will get you about the city faster. 乘出租汽车游览这个城市更快。

2. 传播

The news of our victory got about the world quickly. 我们胜利的消息迅速传遍了全世界。

go about 处理, 从事, 忙于

We went about it wrong. 这事我们做错了。Can you help me with this problem? I don't quite know how to go about it. 你能帮我解决这个问题吗? 我不太清楚如何处理它。

go/set about one's business 干自己的事

I have no more to say. I would be pleased if you would go about your business. 我没有更多的话要说。如果你干自己的事, 我会很高兴的。Just go about your business and don't keep looking out of the window. 干你自己的事, 别老望着窗外。

go on about 长时间谈论

I know you don't like my smoking, but there's no need to go on about it.
我知道你不喜欢我抽烟,但没必要唠叨个没完。

hang about 围着,缠住

The children hung about Grandpa Wang, hoping to hear a story. 孩子们围着王大爷,想听他讲个故事。The children are always hanging about me, getting in my way. 小孩子们老是围着我转,妨碍我做事。

have a thing about 对……抱有偏见

I have a thing about celery. I can't stand it. 我很讨厌芹菜,我受不了。Mother has always had a thing about baking her own bread, she refuses to buy any from a shop. 妈妈总是喜欢自己烤面包,从不在任何店里买。

have feeling about 对……反感

I have no feelings one way or the other about what you are suggesting. 对于你的建议不管在哪方面我都不反对。It was not a matter about which he had any strong feelings. 这不是他强烈反感的问题。

have/keep one's wits about one 警觉,保持头脑清醒

Keep your wits about you when you're driving. 开车时应保持头脑清醒。You can depend on Sally. She has her wits about her. 你可以信赖萨莉,她很机警。

hear about

1. 听说过

I've never heard about him since that time. 从那时起我就再没听到过他的消息。I've just heard about his dismissal. 我刚听说他被解雇了。

2. 同意,允许

My father would not hear about such a daring journey. 我父亲不会允许如此冒险的旅行。He would not hear of her going home alone, and insisted on going with her. 他不同意她单独回家,坚持与她一起走。

3. 因……受到惩罚

You broke this instrument and you will hear about it. 你损坏了这台机器,有你好瞧的了!

hesitate about 对……犹豫

I had for many months hesitated about the propriety of allowing any part of my narrative to come before the public. 对于让我的小说中任何部分公诸于众是否适当我犹豫了几个月。We didn't hesitate about accepting your most generous offer. 我们毫不迟疑地接受你那最慷慨的帮助。

keep on about 在……上纠缠不休

He keeps on about his operation. 他没完没了地谈论他的手术。

kick about

1. 在……旅行

He has been kicking about Africa for years. 他在非洲到处旅行已有多多年。I have been kicking about Europe since I saw you last. 自从上次见到你,我一直在欧洲跑来跑去。

2. 抱怨

He had studied very little and so had no reason to kick about low grades. 他很少学习, 所以没有理由抱怨分数低。

kid about 拿……开玩笑

They kidded him about his paunch. 他们拿他的胃口大开玩笑。His colleagues used to kid him then about his intellectual face. 他的同事时常拿他那副显示聪明的面孔开玩笑。

know about 了解, 知道

I happened to know about him. 我碰巧了解他的情况。You can't fool me, I know about your secret plan! 你骗不了我, 我对你的秘密计划是有所知的。

know one's way about 熟悉道路

I don't need a map. I know my way about London quite well. 我不需要地图, 对伦敦的街道我很熟悉。

know what one is talking about 是行家, 精于此道

When it comes to mathematics, he knows what he is talking about. 说到数学, 他是内行。

lay about

1. 猛攻

He laid about them with a stick. 他手持棍子猛打他们。As we approached her, she laid about her with a stick. 我们向她靠近时, 她用手杖向四处挥打。

2. 痛骂

She laid about him, calling him a liar and cheat. 她痛斥他, 说他是说谎者, 是骗子。Aren't you laying about them for your discharge from hospital? 你是不是因为你被赶出医院而骂他们?

look about

1. 环顾

I went out to look about me. 我到外面察看周围的环境。

2. 在(某地)寻找

We've been looking about the country for a good place to camp. 我们一直在乡下寻找一个野营的好地方。

make no mistake about 完全可以肯定

If you don't improve your behaviour, you'll be punished, make no mistake about it. 如果你不改邪归正, 你将受到惩罚。这是完全可以肯定的。Make no mistake about it, he is the biggest fool I've met. 毫无疑问, 他是我所见的最大的傻瓜。

manage about 设法处理

I don't know how women who are out at work all day manage about shopping. 我不知道整天出外工作的妇女如何安排采购的事。How do you manage about the dog when you go away on holiday? 你去休假时, 你的狗怎么办?

mind about 介意

Did she mind about not getting the job? 没得到这份工作她介意吗?

move about

1. 到处旅行, 四处活动

He is a great traveler and has moved about all over the world. 他是个大旅行家, 足迹踏遍了全世界。She was moving about the dressing room. 她在化妆室里走来走去。

2. 绕……旋转

The earth moves about the sun. 地球绕太阳旋转。

nose about 在……到处转

The old lady was nosing about the house looking for dust on the table. 老妇人在房子里到处转, 看看桌子上有没有尘土。Plant auditors may also be found nosing about scrap heaps to see whether material is being wasted. 也可以看到工厂审计员在废料堆附近转, 看看是否有材料被浪费掉。

nothing to write home about 没有了不起的人或事物

The town was nothing to write home about. 这城里没有什么引人入胜的地方。The play was nothing to write about. 这出戏很一般。

order about 不断差遣, 把……差来差去

He orders his assistant about in a way that is very offensive. 他把助手差来遣去, 那样子真叫人看不惯。He doesn't like being ordered about by anyone. 他不喜欢受任何人的驱使。

play about 在……附近玩耍, 在……附近轻快地活动

Tell the children not to play about the electricity station. 叫孩子们别在电站附近玩耍。Bees play about flowers. 蜜蜂在花间飞来去。A quiet smile played about his lips. 他嘴角露出一丝微笑。

pull about

1. 把……拖来拖去

He pulled the flowers about until he ruined them all. 他把那些花拖过来拽过去, 结果全搞坏了。Their new puppy has been pulling the furniture about. 他们那只新的小狗一直把家具拖来拖去。

2. 粗暴/笨拙地对待

Stop pulling him about like that, he's a child after all. 别那样折腾他了, 他毕竟还是个孩子。The baby doesn't like it when people start pulling him about. 那个婴儿不喜欢别人笨手笨脚地把他拉来拉去。

question about 询问, 盘问

They questioned her closely about her relation with the dead man. 他们仔细盘问她 and 死者的关系。I'd like to question you on your views about the housing problems. 我想问问你有关住房问题的看法。

race about 在……来回奔走

The maid raced about the house to get her work done. 女佣在家里手脚不停地忙着把活干完。I had to race about the house tidying before the visitors arrived. 在来访者到达之前, 我不得不四处忙着把房里收拾整齐。

read about 读知, 阅悉

I just read about it. 我刚刚阅悉此事。For our homework, we have to

read about the Industrial Revolution. 我们的作业是读有关工业革命的细节。

reason about 分析

It is impossible to reason about anything until you have all the facts. 在你掌握全部事实之前,无法分析任何事情。

remind about 提醒

Did you remind him about that book he borrowed? 你是否提醒过他借的那本书还没还来? He reminds me about my promise. 他提醒我所作的许诺。

say about 评论, 发表

Did your parents have much to say about your being so late home last night? 你昨夜回家那么晚,你父母是不是絮叨了半天? She said nothing to me about it. 她跟我只字未提那件事。

see about

1. 查看, 料理

I've got to see about the car. It's been making a funny noise recently. 我必须检查一下汽车,近来它一直发出一种古怪的声音。Who is going to see about getting us a larger room for this big class? 谁负责给我们找一个大一点的教室上这个大班课?

2. 考虑

We can't decide now, but we'll see about it. 我们现在还不能决定,但我们会考虑的。I really will see about painting the bathroom next week. 我确实要考虑下周要将洗澡间油漆一下。

3. 留神, 注意

We must see about getting you a coat. 我们一定注意给你找一件上衣。We will see about it! 我们等着瞧吧!

4. 探询

He promised to see about the matter. 他答应过问此事。I'll have to see about your request to leave early. 你要求早退,我得过问此事。

send about one's business 把某人打发走

Is that annoying man on the telephone? Please send him about his business. 是不是那个讨厌的人又来打电话了? 请将他打发走。She sent her servant about his business. 她把仆人辞掉了。

set about

1. 开始做

We set about our task at once with great enthusiasm. 我们立刻兴致勃勃地干起来。He asked me how he should set about learning the German language. 他问我该如何着手学习德语。

2. 攻击, 抨击

If those boys steal any more of my fruit, I'll set about them with my spade. 如果那些男孩子再偷我的水果,我就要用铁锹揍他们了。They set about each other at once. 他们立刻打了起来。

3. 试图