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# 序 言

回想我們當年出國求學的時候，睜大了眼睛看，豎起了耳朵聽；幾年下來，雖然說是學到了不少，但是學習過程之中的各種苦頭也算是吃盡了。因此我們這批美加前期的校友，心裏一直想為將來到美加上課的同學們貢獻我們的辛苦經驗。希望能夠經由我們所付出的時間和代價，使得後來美加的同學們在赴美求學之前，能把語文方面的準備，作得更為充實。這就是我們美加教學小組成立之初的宗旨。

這本書是我們教學小組推出一系列的語文參考書裏其中的一部。我們專門針對要到美國進修大學部的同學們，收集了在大學裏日常閱讀各種文章所必定會看到，用到的各類生字。在編纂的過程中，我們參考了美國 Barron 公司所出版的各種升學參考書，特別着重在「美國大學入學考試」(SAT)裏經常出現的單字。在閱讀本書的時候，你會發現有一部份的單字前面加註了「\*」號。這些字都是經過統計，在 SAT 考試字彙部份出現頻率最高的字。我們建議你把它們熟記。

我們覺得這本書對於你準備美國大學的入學考試，將會十分的有用。熟悉了這本書裏大部份的單字，不僅可以使你在 SAT 考試字彙的部份獲得高分，而且閱讀測驗文章裏的重要關鍵字也必定能夠迎刃而瞭解了。我們尤其深深的曉得，這本書裏所包括的生字，都是你到了美國上課之後，所必定會接觸到、用到；遲早必需要具備的字彙。如果你要在赴美之前就紮好語文的基礎，如果你想避免我們這批人在赴美之後所受的各種辛苦，我們建議你先熟悉這本書。

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abase

/ə'bes/

降低；屈辱

*v.* lower; humiliate

\*\*His refusal to abase himself in the eyes of his followers irritated the king, who wanted to humiliate him.

abash

/ə'bæʃ/

使困窘

*v.* embarrass

\*\*He was not at all abashed by her open admiration.

abbreviate

/ə'brɪvi,et/

縮短

*v.* shorten

\*\*Because we were running out of time, the lecturer had to abbreviate her speech.

abdicate

/ə'bde,ket/

棄絕；放棄

*v.* renounce; give up

\*\*When Edward VIII abdicated the British throne, he surprised the entire world.

aberration /æbə'reɪʃən/ 遊蕩；飄泊； (光學)對焦不準確	n. <u>wandering or straying;</u> <u>in optics, failure of rays to focus</u> **In designing a good lens for a camera, the problem of correcting chromatic and rectilinear aberration was a serious one.
abettor /ə'betə/ 教唆者	n. <u>encourager</u> **She was accused of being an aider and abettor of the criminal.
abeyance /ə'beəns/ 暫緩	n. <u>suspended action</u> **The deal was held in abeyance until her arrival.
abhor /əb'hɔr/ 憎恨	v. <u>detest; hate</u> **She abhorred all forms of bigotry.
abjure /əb'dʒʊr/ 誓言放棄	v. <u>renounce upon oath</u> **He abjured his allegiance to the king.
ablution /æb'lʊʃən/ 沐浴	n. <u>washing</u> **His daily ablutions were accompanied by loud noises that he humorously labeled "Opera in the Bath."

abnegation

/æbnɪ'geɪən/

否認；自我犧牲

*n.* repudiation; self-sacrifice

\*\*No act of abnegation was more pronounced than his refusal of any rewards for his discovery.

abolish

/ə'balɪʃ/

廢除

*v.* cancel; put an end to

\*\*The president of the college refused to abolish the physical education requirement.

abominate

/ə'bɒməneɪt/

憎惡

*v.* loathe; hate

\*\*Moses scolded the idol worshippers in the tribe because he abominated the custom.

aboriginal

/əbə'ɹɪdʒɪnəl/

原始的；本土的

*a.n.* being the first of its kind in a region; primitive; native

\*\*Her studies of the primitive art forms of the aboriginal Indians were widely reported in the scientific journals.  
aborigines, N.

abortive

/ə'bɔrtɪv/

未成功的；發育不全的

*a.* unsuccessful; fruitless

\*\*We had to abandon our abortive attempts.

abrade

/ə'breɪd/

磨損

v. wear away by friction; erode

\*\*The skin of her leg was abraded by the sharp rocks.

abrogate

/ə'brəʊ,geɪt/

廢止；廢除

v. abolish

\*\*He intended to abrogate the decree issued by his predecessor.

abridge

/ə'brɪdʒ/

縮短；刪節

v. condense or shorten

\*\*Because the publishers felt the public wanted a shorter version of War and Peace, they proceeded to abridge the novel.

abscond

/æb'skʌnd/

秘密潛逃；藏匿

v. depart secretly and hide

\*\*The teller absconded with the bonds and was not found.

absolve

/æb'zʌlv/

赦免

v. pardon

\*\*The father confessor absolved him of his sins.

abstinence

/ə'bʌstənəns/

戒（酒）；節制

n. restraint from eating or drinking

\*\*The doctor recommended total abstinence from salted foods.



abstemious                      a.    sparing in eating and drinking;  
 /æbs 'timɪəs/                      temperate  
 飲食有度的；適度的      \*\*The drunkards mocked him because of his  
    abstemious habits.

abstruse                          a.    obscure; profound; difficult to  
 /æb 'strus/                          understand  
 深奧的；難解的              \*\*She read abstruse works in philosophy.

\*abstract                        a.    theoretical; not concrete;  
 /'æb, strækt/                        nonrepresentational  
 抽象的；難了解的 (a.) \*\*To him, hunger was an abstract concept;  
 摘要；提鍊 (v.)                      he had never missed a meal.

abusive                          a.    coarsely insulting; physically  
 /ə 'bjusɪv/                          harmful  
 虐待的；辱罵的              \*\*An abusive parent damages a child both  
    mentally and physically.

abut                                v.    border upon; adjoin  
 /ə 'bat/                                \*\*Where our estates abut, we must build a  
 接界；毗連                              fence.

abysmal

/ə'bizml/

無底的；地獄的

a. bottomless

\*\*His arrogance is exceeded only by his  
abysmal ignorance.

accede

/ə'sid/

同意

v. agree

\*\*If I accede to this demand for blackmail,  
I am afraid that I will be the victim of  
future demands.

accelerate

/æ'selə'ret/

加速

v. move faster

\*\*In our science class, we learn how falling  
bodies accelerate.

accessible

/ə'sɛsəbl/

易達到的；可獲得的

a. easy to approach; obtainable

\*\*We asked our guide whether the ruins were  
accessible on foot.

accessory

/æk'sɛsəri/

附屬品；配件；從犯

n. additional object; useful but not  
essential thing

\*\*She bought an attractive handbag as an  
accessory for her dress.

acclimate  
/ə'klaɪmɪt/  
使適應於

v. adjust to climate

\*\*One of the difficulties of our present our age is the need of travelers to acclimate themselves to their new and often strange environments.

acclivity  
/ə'klɪvəti/  
向上的斜坡

n. shary upslope of a hill

\*\*The car could not go up the acclivity in high gear.

accolade  
/ækə'led/  
賞賜；讚頌

n. award of merit

\*\*In Hollywood, an "Oscar" is the highest accolade.

accomplice  
/ə'kamplɪs/  
從犯

n. partner in crime

\*\*Because he had provided the criminal with the lethal weapon, he was arrested as an accomplice in the murder.

accord  
/ə'kɔrd/  
意見一致

n. agreement

\*\*She was in complete accord with the verdict.

accost

/ə'kɒst/

打招呼

v. approach and speak first to a person

\*\*When the two young men accosted me, I was frightened because I thought they were going to attack me.

accoutre

/ə'kʊtə/

供給裝備

v. equip

\*\*The fisherman was accoutred with the best that the sporting goods store could supply.

accretion

/ə'kriʃən/

生長；增加

n. growth; increase

\*\*The accretion of wealth marked the family's rise in power.

accrue

/ə'kru/

自然增值

v. come about by addition

\*\*You must pay the interest which has accrued on your debt as well as the principal sum.

acerbity

/ə'səbətɪ/

苛刻；苦澀

n. bitterness of speech and temper

\*\*The meeting of the United Nations Assembly was marked with such acerbity that little hope of reaching any useful settlement of the problem could be held.

acetic

/ə'sitɪk/

醋的；酸的

a. vinegary

\*\*The salad had an exceedingly acetic flavor.

acidulous

/ə'sɪdʒələs/

微酸的；刻薄的

a. slightly sour; sharp, caustic

\*\*James was unpopular because of his  
sarcastic and acidulous remarks.

acknowledge

/æk'nɒlɪdʒ/

認可；承認

v. recognize; admit

\*\*When pressed for an answer, she  
acknowledged the existence of another mo-  
tive for crime.

acme

/ˈækmɪ/

頂點

n. top; pinnacle

\*\*His success in this role marked his acme  
as an actor.

acoustics

/ə'kustɪks/

聲學；建築物的傳音

效果

n. science of sound; quality that makes  
a room easy or hard to hear in

\*\*Carnegie Hall is liked by music lovers  
because of its fine acoustics.

\*acquiesce

/ækwi'ɛs/

默許；勉強同意

v. assent; agree passively

\*\*Although she appeared to acquiesce to her employer's suggestions, I could tell she had reservations about the changes he wanted to make.

acquiescence

/ækwi'ɛsəns/

順從；聽從

n. submission; compliance

\*\*It is impossible to obtain their acquiescence to the proposal because it is abhorrent to their philosophy.

acquiescent

/ækwi'ɛsənt/

默許的

a. accepting passively

\*\*His acquiescent manner did not indicate the extent of his reluctance to join the group.

acquittal

/ə'kwɪtəl/

無罪開釋

n. deliverance from a charge

\*\*His acquittal by the jury surprised those who had thought him guilty.

acrid

/ækrid/

尖刻的；辛辣的

a. sharp; bitterly pungent

\*\*The acrid odor of burnt gunpowder filled the room after the pistol had been fired.

acrimonious /əkrɪ'monəs/ 尖銳的	a. <u>stinging; caustic</u> **His tendency to utter acrimonious remarks alienated his audience.
actuarial /æktʃu'eriəl/ 計算的；保險統計的	a. <u>calculating; pertaining to insurance statistics</u> **According to recent actuarial tables, life expectancy is greater today than it was a century ago.
actuate /'æktʃueɪ/ 使行動	v. <u>motivate</u> **I fail to understand what actuated you to reply to this letter so nastily.
*acuity /ə'kju:ti/ 敏銳；尖銳；苛刻	n. <u>sharpness</u> **In time his youthful acuity of vision failed him, and he needed glasses.
acumen /ə'kjumən/ 聰敏；銳利的觀察力	n. <u>mental keenness</u> **His business acumen helped him to succeed where others had failed.

adage /'ædɪdʒ/ 格言；箴言	n. <u>wise saying; proverb</u> **There is much truth in the old adage about fools and their money.
adamant /'ædəmənt/ 堅硬的；不屈不撓的	a. <u>hard; inflexible</u> **He was adamant in his determination to punish the wrongdoer.
adapt /'ædæpt/ 使適應；修改；變更	v. <u>alter; modify</u> **Some species of animals have become extinct because they could not adapt to a changing environment.
addiction /'ædɪʃən/ 耽溺	n. <u>compulsive; habitual need</u> **His addiction to drugs caused his friends much grief.
addle /'ædl/ 腐敗的；混亂的； 空虛的	a. <u>rotten; muddled; crazy</u> **This addle-headed plan is so preposterous that it does not deserve any consideration.



adduce  
/ə'djuːs/  
引用；舉證

v. present as evidence  
\*\*When you adduce material of this nature,  
you must be sure of your sources.

adept  
/ə'dɛpt/  
精於……

a. expert at  
\*\*She was adept at the fine art of  
irritating people.

adhere  
/əd'hɪr/  
附着於

v. stick fast  
\*\*I will adhere to this opinion until proof  
that I am wrong is presented.

adjunct  
/'ædʒʌŋkt/  
附屬物；伴隨物

n. something attached to but holding an  
inferior position  
\*\*I will entertain this concept as an  
adjunct to the main proposal.

adjuration  
/ædʒʊ'reɪʃən/  
嚴令；懇請；請願

n. solemn urging  
\*\*Her adjuration to tell the truth did not  
change the witnesses' testimony.

adjure  
/æ'dʒʊr/  
懇求

v. request solemnly  
\*\*I must adjure you to consider this matter  
carefully as it is of utmost importance to  
all of us.