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前 言

一般的年青人對英文都有個共同的煩惱——爲什麼學了那麼多年的英文，却無法將英文表達的很流利。無論是貿易商或學生，當他們在與外國友人交談或閱讀英文報章雜誌時，經常會遇到“單字都懂，但却不懂意思”的情形。我本人也經常爲這種問題煩惱不已。在一次偶然的機會中，與耿秉鈞教授談論起這個問題，並請他指點原因。耿教授說：語言其實是一種很易學的東西；任何一個人在任何一個國家停留一段時間後，他必定能說當地的語言。語言是一個國家的文化與人民生活習慣的綜合表現，當你與他們的人民自然相處時，無形中也就在接受他們的文化與生活習慣。

今天我們所受的英文教育非淺，如果能再融合美國人民的生活習慣與文化，那英文對我們將不再是個難題了。耿教授更明白的指出，“文化與人民的生活習慣”在語言上的表達，就是我們經常在背讀的所謂的“成語、片語與俚語”換句話說，如果我們能加以熟用英文成語、片語與俚語，我們也就可以像在國外居住過的人一樣，英語流利而暢通了。

願此書能幫助所有社會青年及莘莘學子解決英語上的煩惱，而更進一步的將所學的英文發揮致用。

A

a bit of: 少量, 少許, 一些,

幾分

Won't you come then? Or shall I bring you a bit of cake?

你不來了嗎? 還是我拿一些餅乾給你呢?

He has a bit of humorist about him.

他帶有幾分滑稽家的意味。

a good deal: 大量, 很多, 非常

He walks a good deal.

他走了很多路。

a great many: 很多

The pear-tree in the yard bore a great many pears.

庭園裡那棵梨樹結了很多梨子。

A great many were for the bill.

有很多人贊成那議案。

a lot of: 許多的

I have a lot of letters to answer.

我有很多的信要回答。

a number of: 幾個, 多數

I have still a number of letters to write.

我還有很多的信要寫。

abandon oneself to: 放棄, 沈迷

You should not abandon yourself to drinking.

你不應該沈迷於喝酒。

abide by: 幫助, 履行, 堅持, 靜待

You must abide by your promise.

你必須履行你的諾言。

Abide by your resolution.

堅持你的決心。

They will abide by an award of

the arbitrators.

他們靜候公正人的裁判。

about face: 行程的突然改變, 變卦

His choice of that house was an about face from his original intention.

他選擇那棟房子是原意的變卦。

about, be about something: 從事, 由……組成, 着手

What is he about now?

他正在做什麼?

What is that novel about?

那本小說的主題是什麼?

about, be about to: 正要, 正好

We were just about to leave when you telephoned.

你打電話過來時, 我們正要離去。

about, going about: 傳播, 流傳

There is a story going about concerning the impending divorce of the President's daughter.

謠傳總統的女兒即將離婚。

about, what about: 有關消息, 關於

What about those books you were going to bring me?

你本來要帶給我們的那些書是有關什麼的?

above all: 主要的, 最重要的, 尤其是

Above all, be punctual.

最重要是守時。

He is well-known for speech-making, above all for argumentation.

他演說很有名, 尤其是辯論。

You must, above all, be loyal

to your country.

最重要地，你必須忠於自己的國家。

above board: 坦誠的，率直的，公開地，有時做為

All his business dealings were above board.

他的所有買賣都是童叟無欺。

abreast, keep abreast of: 曉得最近的動態，曉得

It is difficult to keep abreast of the international situation these days.

欲曉得這些日子的國際情勢動態是不容易的。

absent-minded: 健忘的

He is the typical absent-minded Professor, always leaving his umbrella and other possessions on the bus or streetcar.

他是個典型的健忘教授，總是把雨傘或其他財物遺忘在巴士上或電車上。

accident, by accident: 意外地，不期然地

I met him quite by accident on Fifth Avenue.

我非常意外地在第五街遇到他。

accord, of one accord: 一致地

We were of one accord in placing the blame on Helen.

我們一致責怪海倫。

accord, of one's own accord: 出於本意，自願地

He went to the police and confessed of his own accord.

他去警察局自首。

according to: 依照，隨著

The tailor cuts our coats according to our statures.

裁縫依照我們的身材裁衣。

The color is variable according to the light.

顏色隨着燈光變化。

account for: 供給理由，說明，解釋

How do you account for the fact that aeroplanes can fly?

你如何解釋飛機飛呢？

We were much astonished at this, and quite unable to account for the noise.

這聲響都叫我們非常地驚奇，但沒法子說出它的原因。

account, on account of: 由於—

He was discharged from the army on account of poor health.

他由於健康情況不佳而退出軍隊。

account, on no account: 無論如何都不…，決不

On no account are you to touch an electrical appliance with wet hands.

決不要用潮濕的手去觸摸電器用品。

accredit with: 說……是(某人)的

They all accredit him with the authorship of this book.

他們都說這本書是他着作的。

accustomed to: 慣於

I am accustomed to this sort of work.

我慣於這種工作。

ace, with an ace of: 在很短的距離內，差一點兒

The car came within an ace of hitting the child.

那輛汽車差一點兒就撞到小孩子。

acid test: 一番徹底的，決定性的考驗

Misfortune is an acid test of friendship.

患難是友誼的最佳考驗。

acquainted with: 和...相熟，熟識

He made me acquainted with the matter.

他使我熟識這件事。

act as: 做...工作，代理

Her cousin acted as interpreter. 她的表兄做翻譯員。

act on: 遵行，影響

Alcohol acts on the brain. 酒精影響腦子。

He acted on the advice of the doctor.

他遵照醫生的囑咐。

act of God: 人類所無法控制的情況，天災

Some insurance policies do not protect the insured against acts of God.

有些條款並不保護被保人因天災而受害。

act upon: 依照，根據...進行

The committee acted upon the suggestions the experts made.

委員會依照專家的建議行事。

act up: 態度不良，發脾氣

Every time Susan takes her baby to the supermarket he acts up. 蘇珊每次帶她的兒子到超級市場去時，他就大發脾氣。

ad lib: 在說話時臨時編造，竄改

When the actor forgot his lines, he ad libbed convincingly.

演員忘了他的台詞時，便信口編造。

advance, in advance: 預先

It is necessary to pay in advance for the lessons.

上課必須預先繳費。

advanced in years: 青春已逝，年事已高

Parsons was well advanced in years when he started his new business.

皮爾森開創新的事業時，年紀已經不小了。

advantage, take advantage of: 犧牲別人以獲得，利用，利用一個單獨的機會，使用

Taking advantage of John's ignorance, the dealer sold him a worthless car.

商人利用約翰的外行，賣給他一輛沒用的汽車。

Many veterans have taken advantage of the opportunity offered them to attend school at government expense.

許多老兵利用政府提供給他們的機會，與以政府的經費就學。

affair, have an affair: 在婚姻外與異性發生戀情

It is rumored that he is having an affair with her.

謠傳他和她懷有戀情。

after all: 不論先前的意見，終究
It has turned out to be a nice day after all.

天氣終究好轉。

after a fashion: 稍稍，大致不差，有幾分

Mr. Lee is pleasant in conversation and witty after a fashion.

李先生在愉快的談話中帶有幾分談諧。

after, be after someone: 追隨，要求

He is always after me to go into business with him.

他總是要求我同他經商。

after, get after someone: 責罵，指責

When Jill failed in three courses, her father got after her.

吉兒三科不及格，她父親便責罵她。

after, go after something: 企圖獲得，爭取

Now that he has graduated from college he wants to go after a masters degree.

他既然大學畢業，便想爭取碩士學位。

after one's own heart: 由於趣味相投而喜歡某人，稱心

In respect to economy, the girl is a child after her mother's own heart.

這女孩注意節儉，正合她母親的心願。

alert, on the alert: 留神的，小心謹慎的

They must be constantly on the alert for enemy planes.

他們必須時時注意敵機。

alive to: 關心，了悟，承認，易感，敏感

He is thoroughly alive to your

wants.

他十分關心你的窮困。

The people are alive to the advantages of new civilization.

人們都深感到新文化的便利和好處。
alive with: 充滿，滿佈，群集

When we opened our picnic basket, our lunch was alive with ants.

我們打開野餐籃子時，我們的午餐爬滿了螞蟥。

The woods were alive with the songs of birds.

這樹林裡群鳥鳴唱。

He is alive with hope.

他富有希望。

all along: 在過去的期間當中，自開始以來，始終，沿路

Even though she had changed very much in those years, I knew all along that it was Joan.

即使瓊安在這些年裡改變了很多，我自始至終都認得出她。

As we rode up the mountain, we saw beautiful flowers all along.

當我們爬上這座山時，沿途看見許多美麗的花朵。

With his love for the great outdoors he is a man after my own heart.

由於他喜歡大自然，因此深獲我心。

again and again: 一再

He makes the same mistakes again and again.

他一再犯下同樣的錯誤。

again, as much again: 兩倍，雙倍

These shoes cost me as much again as the last pair I bought.

這雙鞋子的價錢，是我上次買的那雙的兩倍。

again, now and again: 偶爾

Now and again I see Chris walking along Broadway.

我偶爾看見克麗絲行經百老匯。

against the grain: 違反個人本意的，氣人的

It goes against the grain to have to pay him for such poor work.

這麼糟糕的工作還必須付錢給他，真氣人。

age, of age: 21 歲以上的，成人的

When Harry becomes of age he will inherit a great deal of money.

哈里長大成人時，將會繼承一大筆財產。

age, overage: 超過特定的年齡，超齡的

He was not eligible for the examination because he was overage. 他因為超齡，不能參加考試。

age, underage: 太年輕，年齡不足的

John was rejected by the army because he was underage.

約翰因為年齡不足，軍隊不予收留。

agree with: 和……同意，與……一致，和……適合

Coffee does not agree with some persons.

咖啡對於某些人不適合。

His statements agree with the facts. 他的陳述與事實一致。

ahead of time: 在約定或同意的時間以前，提早

Whenever I have an appointment I always like to arrive a little ahead of time.

每當我有約會，我總是喜歡提早一點兒到達。

ahead, go ahead: 開始，向前移動，進行

We are going ahead with our plans to move to Florida.

我們正在進行遷往佛羅里達州的計劃。

air-minded: 提倡搭乘飛機旅行的，熱心航空的

America became air-minded after the end of World War II.

美國在第二次世界大戰以後，變得熱衷於航空。

air, by air: 乘坐飛機

When I travel, I prefer to travel by air.

我喜歡乘坐飛機旅行。

air, give someone the air: 斥退一個討厭的人，回絕

Herb wanted to marry Janet, but she gave him the air.

赫伯希望與珍妮結婚，但是她回絕他。

air, hot air: 誇大的言論，內容空洞或毫無根據

Don't pay any attention to him; what he told us was a lot of hot air.

不要理他，他告訴我們的儘是些誇張的話。

air, in the air: 懷疑而不確知的，謠傳的

What changes they will make nobody knows, but there is something in the air.

沒人曉得他們將要做什麼改變，不過謠言却言之鑿鑿。

air, on the air: 出現在電台或電視上，出現在廣播中。

They say that the President will go on the air tonight at ten o'clock.

據說，總統將在今天晚上十點鐘出現在廣播中。

air, up in the air: 混淆，遲疑未決的，生氣的，激動的

Our plans for a vacation are still up in the air.

我們的度假計劃，仍然遲疑未決。

He is all up in the air because he had to wait for her a few minutes. 他爲了必須等她幾分鐘而大發雷霆。

airs, give oneself airs: 趾高氣昂的，自負的

Even since her husband was elected mayor, Mrs. Allen's neighbor resent the way she gives herself airs. She also put on airs.

自從愛倫太太的先生當選市長以後，鄰居們對於她趾高氣昂的樣子，感到憤怒。

The book is sewed all along.

這本書從頭至尾是線裝的。

I knew all along that he was ill. 我始終知道他有病。

all at once: 突然

All at once it began to rain.

突然下起雨來。

all at sea: 完全茫然的

When I try to compute my income tax, I'm all at sea.

我想計算所得稅時，却茫然不知如何着手。

all ears: 好奇的，注意的

When John heard his name mentioned, he was all ears.

約翰聽見別人提及自己的名字，便全神貫注。

all in: 疲憊的

Bea was all in after climb up the steep mountain.

碧攀上陡峭的山嶺以後，感到疲憊不堪。

all in all: 考慮所有的事實，大體言之

He has his fault, but all in all he is valuable employee.

他雖然不免有過錯，但是大體言之，還算是個有用的職員。

all of a sudden: 忽然，突然

We were sitting peacefully at dinner when all of a sudden the lights went out.

我們平靜地坐着用餐時，燈火突然熄滅。

He withdrew his opposition all of a sudden.

他突然撤消他的反對。

His horse sprang forward all of a sudden.

他的馬忽然向前一跳。

all-out: 徹底的，完全的

The strike proved to be an all-out battle between management and labor.

這次罷工顯示出管理階層與勞工之間的一場全面戰爭。

all over: 完成的，結束的，各處

By the time we arrived, the party was all over.

我們到達的時候，聚會已經結束了。

The news of the catastrophe was broadcast all over the world.

災禍的消息廣播到世界各地。

all set: 隨時可以…，準備停妥的
Our plans for the new corporation are all set.

我們對於新公司的籌劃已經準備妥當了。

all the better: 更好

If we plant early, it will be all the better for our garden.

如果我們提早栽種，對於我們的田園將會更好。

all the same: 顯然……仍，一樣，雖然如此，毫無區別的

It's all the same to me whether we meet on Tuesday or on Thursday.

我們在星期三或星期四碰面，對我都毫無差別。

He declares that he dislikes liquor, but he frequently gets drunk all the same.

他雖宣稱不喜歡喝酒，但他仍然常常喝醉。

You don't answer; but I understand you all the same.

雖然不回答，但我仍然了解你。

All the same, I would enter the contest if I were you.

如果我是你，我還是會參加比賽的。

all there: 理智的，清醒的

Even since he suffered that injury to his head, he has not been quite all there.

自從他頭部受傷以後，就未曾清醒過。

all told: 總共，合計，總括一切

There were forty-nine persons in the audience all told.

總共有四十九名聽衆。

The area of Persia all told is three times that of Germany.

波斯國土的面積合計比德國的大三倍

all up with: 即將死亡的，垂死的

It's all up with that hospital patient.

They say she'll not through the night.

那個住院的病人垂死，據說她捱不過今晚。

alley, up one's alley: 熟悉的事物，精通的事物

With your knowledge of sports, that football question should be right up your alley.

以你對運動方面的了解，那個有關足球方面的問題應該是你瞭若指掌的事啊！

allow for: 慮及，防備

In working with the cloth, be sure to allow for shrinkage.

裁作這塊布料時，要防備及縮水。

allowance, make allowance for: 考慮

In judging his work, we must make allowance for his lack of experience. 評定他的工作時，我們必須考慮到他缺乏經驗。

along with: 和……同在一起

In the mines of Malaya, the coal is found along with slate.

在馬來西亞的礦山裡，發現煤和板石同在一起。

I sent the books amount with the other things.

我把書籍和別的東西同在一起送去。

American plan: 美式收費

Most American hotels are on the European plan rather than on the American plan.

大多數美國旅館都採取歐式收費，而不是美式收費。

amount to: 總計，合計，等於，不足取的，合為……，表示……

His total sales didn't amount to more than a few hundred dollars.

他的銷售總額合計不過幾百元罷了。

What you say amount to threat.

你所說的等於恐嚇。

What he has said, has told me does not amount to much.

他所說的，所告訴我的事沒有多大道理。

and how! 一種表示“的確”，“非常之至”的措詞

You say that he is popular with the girls, And how!

你說他受女孩子的歡迎，果真不錯。

and no mistake: 無疑問，確然，無誤

She was mad, and no mistake.

她真的瘋了。

and so forth: 等等

He deals in wine, coffee, butter, and so forth.

他經售酒、咖啡、牛油等等。

answer for: 應負責任的，有責任的

If you don't tell the truth now, you may have to answer for it later.

假如現在你不肯說實話，以後你必須對此負責。

answer the purpose: 適於或做為某種特別的用途

The room will answer the purpose until we can find something better.

這個房間將要用到我們找到更好的房屋為止。

answer to: 被稱為……，回應
He answers to the name of Charles.

他被稱為查理斯。

answer, what's the answer?

答案是什麼？

One doctor tells me not to eat fats, the other wants me to go on a cream diet. What's the answer?

有個醫生要我別吃脂肪，另一個醫生要我吃乳脂節食，到底如何是好呢？

ante up: 付款——通常是在不情願地

When his wife was awarded alimony by the court, Kerr had to ante up.

法庭判定克爾的太太應得膳養費，克爾便不得不付款。

any, in any case: 然而，無論如何

In any case, we must help all we can.

無論如何，我們都得鼎力相助。

appearances, keep up appearances:
不管財務狀況而維持外表的氣派，支撐門面

After Mr. Darrell failed in business, his family had great difficulty keeping up appearances.

戴瑞先生經商失敗以後，他的家人很難支撐門面。

appearance, make an appearance:

出現，到達

It was ten o'clock when he finally made an appearance.

十點鐘的時候，他才出現。

apple, be the apple of another's eye: 為人珍惜的，評價很高的

She is the apple of her mother's eye.

她是她母親的掌上明珠。

applecart, upset the applecart: 由於笨拙而破壞，導致失敗，破壞計劃

When he referred to that incident of last summer, he upsetted the applecart and the whole deal fell through.

當他提起去年夏天發生的那件事情時，他便壞了大事，搞砸了整個生意。

apple-pie order: 在整潔和完美的情況下，條理井然

Before her guests arrived, the hostess had put her house in apple-pie order.

賓客來到之前，女主人把房屋收拾得條理井然。

applesauce: 藉口，不被採信的話，空話

A lot of those campaign promises to lower taxes were just so much applesauce.

降低稅額的競選諾言，有許多只不過是空話罷了。

apply for: 請求

He is applying for an appointment.

他請求錄用。

apply oneself to: 專心

Apply yourself to whatever task you do.

無論你做什麼工作，都要專心。

approval, on approval: 用於短期內可以退回的商品，包退的

We bought that picture on approval.

我們買下那幅可以退回的畫。

apt to: 易於

When clouds gather thickly rain is apt to fall.

濃雲密布的時候容易下雨。

arm, give one's right arm: 付出極大的價值，犧牲

During the long sermon I would have give my right arm for a cigarette.

在漫長的講道期間，真希望吸一隻煙

arm, put the arm on: 強迫，要求，命令

Jack's mother put the arm on him for a new fur coat.

傑克的母親要求他買一件新皮衣。

armed to the teeth: 全身武裝

The highway robbers were armed to the teeth.

出沒在大路上的強盜都是全身武裝的

arm's length, keep at arm's length: 遠離某人，保持距離

She kept him at arm's length, thinking that he might try to kiss her.

她認為他會試圖吻她，所以與他保持距離。

arms, bear arms: 攜帶武器

Every able-bodied man was expected to bear arms against the enemy.

每個身體健壯的人都要執干戈以抗敵

arms, take up arms: 準備戰鬥

When the Germans invaded Belgium, the Belgians immediately took up arms against them.

德國人侵犯比利時，比利人立刻起來抵禦他們。

arms, up in arms: 激怒的，惱怒的，預備戰鬥的

Everyone was up in arms about the new parking restrictions.

每個人對於新的停車限制都憤怒不已
arms, with open arms: 受到誠摯的歡迎

He was received with open arms when he returned to his family.

他回到家時，受到親切的歡迎。

around, to have been around: 有經驗的，老練的，見聞廣博的

The sex in that play didn't bother my uncle. He's been around.

那齣戲劇中關於性的部分不會令我叔叔感到難堪，他是此中老手。

as a matter of fact: 其實，事實上，老實說，實際上

As a matter of fact, I treated her very ill.

我實在待她不好。

As a matter of fact, there are as many oranges grown in California as in Florida.

事實上，加利福尼亞洲出產的橘子與佛羅里達洲出產的一樣多。

as a rule: 尋常，通常，大概，普通

The violets of Japan are, as a rule, odorless.

日本的紫羅蘭花，一般是沒有香氣的。

As a rule, I get up early.

我通常早起。

as ... as ever: 仍舊

He is as great a scholar as ever lived.

他仍舊是世界上少有的偉大學者。

as far as: 遠至，到……止，盡，就……的說，至於……

As far as I am concerned, we can leave on either Saturday or Sunday.

至於我嘛！星期六或星期日走都可以
 I will walk with you as far as the

church.

我將和你走到那教堂為止。

as for: 至於

As for me, I don't care anything, but freedom and equality.

至於我，除了自由平等，什麼都不管

as good as: 和……一樣，實則

He is as good as his word.

他言行一致。

as if: 似乎，好像

They speak as if they themselves were not Chinese.

他們說起話來，好像不是中國人。

He looks as if he were ignorant of that affair.

他似乎不知道那回事。

as is: 在目前的情況中，（適用於減價的商品）

That twenty-dollar dress is reduced to twelve dollars as is.

那件二十元的衣服現在已經減價為十二元。

as it is (was): 在實際上，其實

But for his craftiness, he would be a respectable man. As it is, no one trusts in him.

要是他不狡滑，他將是一個受人尊敬的人，但事實上却沒有人相信他。

Notwithstanding all measures to control the price, the currency is undergoing a speedy devaluation, as it is.

雖然採取了各種方法統制物價，實際上通貨現仍在貶值。

as it were: 可以說，可謂，換言之，很像，可說是

He became, as it were, a kind of hero from a strange land.

換言之，他變成異地來的英雄。

His story passes before us, as it were, a moving picture.

他的故事很像一幕電影展現在我們的面前。

Football is, as it were, the fad of the day.

足球運動，可以說是現在最盛行的了。

He is a grown-up boy, as it were. 他很像是一個大孩子。

as long as: 在……的時候，只要，假如

As long as they don't annoy us, we can't take any legal action.

假如他們不擾亂我們，我們便不能採取任何法律行動。

I knew him as long as the year 1950.

我早在 1950 年就認識他。

Stay as long as you like.

只要你喜歡，儘管留在這兒吧。

as many: 同樣多的

I don't have seen you two days, and it seemed to me as many years.

我兩天沒見你，就好像許多年沒見到你一樣。

What takes you five hours, will take me as many days.

你費五小時，我要費五天。

as one: 聯合的，一致的

We were as one in our opinion of the way the matter had been handled.

我們對於事情的處理方法，意見是一致的。

as one man: 一致

When the enemy fired upon the flag of the country, the people

rose up as one man to defend it.

敵人向國旗射擊的時候，人民一致起來護衛它。

The motion rose as one man against the tyrant.

一致起來反抗專制暴君。

as soon as: 立即，不遲延

As soon as the storm commenced, the boat upset.

暴風雨一開始，船立即覆沈了。

I should like dinner as soon as I have had my bath.

我洗過澡馬上要吃飯。

as to: 關於，有關……

As to his lack of education, there is nothing he can do about it now.

有關他的缺乏教育，現在他也無能爲力了。

as usual: 如常，照常

He comes at four o'clock, as usual.

他照常在四點鐘來到。

In spite of the great turmoil in the world, our people are engaged in their repective work as usual.

不管世界發生大亂，人們都照常忙於各自的工作。

as well: 又，並且，同樣

He is a scientist, but he is a poet as well.

他是科學家又是詩人。

We may as well begin at once.

我們還是立即開始吧！

as well as: 和……一樣，不但是……也

She likes you as well as she likes me.

她愛妳正如她愛我一樣。

He gave me clothes as well as food.

他給我食物又給我衣服。

as yet: 至今，尚，迄今，至今還

As yet we have not heard a word from him.

迄今我們尚未得到他的音訊。

There is as yet no hope for peace.
至今還沒有和平的希望。

aside from: 除了……以外，除去……此外

Aside from his meagre savings, he has no resources to fall back on.
除了他微薄的儲蓄以外，他便沒有來源可以依靠了。

ask for it: 自討的，咎由自取的

Why do you complain about being fired? You asked for it when you called the boss a crook.

你為什麼要抱怨被開革？當你罵老闆是騙子時，便惹禍上身了。

at a loss: 困惑，為難，虧折

I am at a loss what to do.

我不知道怎樣才好。

I sold all my watches at a loss.

我虧本賣去所有的時錶。

at a premium: 超過額面以上的，漲價，多需要的

The shares are at a premium.

股票漲價。

It is selling at a premium for 20 per cent.

它照原價百分之二十出售。

at a time: 即刻，同時

Don't attend to two things at a time.

不要同時注意兩事。

at all: 最小的程度，到底，根本

I doubt whether he knows any English at all.

我懷疑他到底懂不懂英語？

at all costs: 無論如何，不惜任何代價完成之

I am determined to effect my purpose at all costs.

無論用任何代價，也要實現我的目的

at all events: 無論如何，總之

The King will arrive soon, at all events I am told so.

國王將要到了，總之有人這樣告訴我。

at all hazards: 冒切身的危險，排除萬難

I will try it at all hazards.

我將冒萬險而一試。

at anchor: 停泊，拋錨

As we sailed out of the harbor, we passed a ship at anchor.

我們經過一艘停泊着的船旁駛出港外

at any rate: 不論如何，不管在任何情形下

At any rate, I will stand by you.

不論如何，我一定幫忙你。

at best: 至多不過，充其量，在最好的情況下

Life is short at best.

人生總是短促的。

At best he is an ignorant man.

他至多不過是一個無知的人。

At best, this car will go only fifty miles an hour.

這輛車子每小時至多只能行駛五十哩

at bottom: 其實，根本上

He was a kind-hearted man at bottom.

他其實是一個善心的人。

at ease: 自由自在, 安逸

My mind is at ease

我對這事很安心。

He is living at ease as he was respectable means.

他擁有相當多的資產, 可以自由自在的地過活。

at every turn: 到處, 在每一個角落, 每次, 無例外

I went down town, and met my friend at every turn.

我每次進城都碰見我的朋友。

at fault: 錯誤, 迷惑, 迷亂

His tactics were at fault

他的策略錯誤了。

My memory is at fault.

我的記憶力不清楚了。

at full length: 盡力伸展的, 全身的

He lay down on the ground at full length.

他伸直身體躺在地上。

I had my picture taken at full length.

我攝了一幅全身照。

at hand: 近的, 在手邊的

Your husband is at hand, I hear his voice.

你的丈夫就在這附近我聽到他的聲音

He lives at hand.

他住在近處。

at heart: 在心底, 實在

He is at heart a good fellow.

他實在是一個好人。

You are corrupted at heart.

你骨子裡是腐敗的。

at home: 在家, 在本國, 舒服, 安適, 預備見客

It is made at home.

這是本國製造的。

I felt myself at home.

我覺得舒服。

He is not at home to any visitors.

他不接見任何賓客。

at issue: 爭論中的, 意見不一致

This is not point at issue.

這不是爭論之點。

at large: 大體上, 不侷限於新特定的位置, 自由的, 逃逸的

He has been selected as a delegate-at-large.

他被選為一般性的代表。

The prisoner who escaped is still at large.

逃脫的囚犯仍逍遙於法外。

at least: 至少

I know he is at least acquainted with four language.

我知道他至少熟識四種語言。

at leisure: 在閒暇中的, 慢慢

I am at leisure now.

我現在有空了。

at length: 終於, 詳細地

I will write to you at length tomorrow.

明天我將詳細寫信給你。

at liberty: 自由, 隨意, 閒暇

I am not at liberty to tell you.

我不能隨便告訴你。

This piano is at liberty.

這架鋼琴在閒着。

at most: 至多

It is at most half past five.

此刻最多是五點半鐘。

At most, the judge could only sentence the criminal to five