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前 言

英語詞匯豐富，約有六、七十萬字，由二十六個字母通過各種‘排列’和‘組合’構成。因而帶來無數組拼寫或發音非常相似的單詞，例如：**adapt**和**adopt**, **lessen**和**lesson**, **eminent**和**imminent**等本來都是意思不同的詞，但是由於‘相貌’或‘聲音’的接近，便容易造成‘張冠李戴’的錯誤。香港和英美等國的英文試卷常在這方面向考生提出‘挑戰’，足見其重要。

編者根據從事教學多年經驗，特將大量“貌合神離”的兩、三詞一組的單詞加以對照註釋，並以實例加以說明。實踐證明，把音形相似的單詞歸攏在一塊，學起來印象極深，確有事半功倍之效。‘熟能生巧’，只要反覆對照，用心記牢，必然會對這類音形相似的單詞瞭如指掌，達到‘隨心所欲而不踰矩’的使用境界。

有句英語諺語說得好：**‘Take care of the pence, and the pounds will take care of themselves.’**英國著名政治家和作家柴斯特菲爾德（**P. D. Chesterfield**）巧妙地仿造這句諺語寫出了一句名言：**‘I recommend you to take care of the minutes, for the hours will take care of themselves’.**

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之後，從書中獲益並且領會到編者下面這句肺腑之言：‘Take care of your SPELLING, and your English will take care of itself.’

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