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前言

英语短语在现代英语中最重要、最活跃,其用法灵活、变化多端,是广大英语爱好者学习地道英语时所面临的一大关键问题和难点之一。

为解除广大师生在英语学习和研究中的这一难题,我们特组织编写了这部《实用英语短语词典》。本词典具有以下特点:词条详尽。本书包括动词短语、介词短语、形容词短语、副词短语、名词短语等等;例句典型、实用。每一短语的释义后均附例句,例句大多取材于各种英美最新出版的词书、报刊、杂志以及国内最近出版的有关著作等,语言地道,接近生活,深入浅出,言简意赅,译文贴切、精确,具有示范作用;编排科学,便于查阅。词条用黑正体印刷,按其第一个单词的首字母顺序排列;第一个单词完全相同的短语,则以其后单词的首字母为依据,按其顺序排列,依次类推。如 about to about turn above a bit above all above all praise above all things;释义精当而不繁杂,如某一短语有几个诠释,则分别用“●”标明。

本词典可供大专院校学生、各类学校的英语教师、语言研究者和从事语言文字工作的人士使用,也是广大英语自学者必备的一部工具书。

在编纂过程中,我们参考了大量国内外近年出版的大、中型英语词典,从中汲取了不少有益的语料和启示,在此特向有关著者深表谢意;在本书即将付梓之际,谨向帮助过我们的人士表示感谢,尤其是山东友谊出版社领导和程华涛同志对本书的出版提供了极大的帮助,在此深表谢意。

由于水平有限,书中恐有诸多错谬之处,在此诚请广大专家、读者提出宝贵意见。

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a bag (of) 一袋: Bill, I bought *a bag of* potatoes. Help me carry it up. 比尔, 我买了一袋土豆, 帮我抬上去。How many carrots do you want? *A fivepound bag* is enough. 你要多少胡萝卜? 五磅一袋的足够了。

a bar of 一条, 一块: Would you buy *a bar of* soap for me? 给我买一条肥皂好吗? Would you like to buy some candy? No. I'd rather buy *a bar of* chocolate. 你想买些糖吗? 不, 我宁愿买一块巧克力。

a batch of 一些, 许多; 一组: Mr Smith was very happy on Christmas Eve because he received *a batch of* letters from his friends. 圣诞节前夕, 史密斯先生非常高兴, 因为他收到朋友们的许多来信。*A batch of* escaped prisoners were reported to have been arrested and sent back to the prison. 据报道, 一伙越狱者已被逮捕送回监狱。

a beam of 一束(光), 一道(光); 一线: It has been found that *a beam of* light produced by a laser can burn a hole in a diamond. 人们发现, 由激光器产生的一道光束能在金刚石上打孔。Do you see *a beam of* light coming through the thick fog? 你看见浓雾中射出一道光线吗?

a bill of fare 菜单, 节目单: No sooner had I sat down than the waitress came to

me with a bill of fare. 我刚刚坐下, 服务小姐就拿着一个菜单向我走来。A bill of fare is very helpful to TV viewers. 节目单对电视观众来说非常有用。

a bit ●少量, 一点: There is no water in the thermos, but you may find *a bit* in the bottle. 暖壶里没水, 但你可以在瓶子里找到一点儿。From your daily experience and from your study of simple machines, you probably know *a bit* about friction. 从你的日常经验和对简单机器的研究中, 你就会了解一点儿有关摩擦的知识。●有点: The room is *a bit* dark for using as a reading room. 这房间当阅览室用有点暗。The box used for holding my shoes is *a bit* small. 这个箱子装鞋子有点小。●一点(也不); 毫不: Claudia is frightened of the dark, but Joyce isn't frightened *a bit*. 克劳蒂娅怕黑, 但乔易丝却一点不怕。Don't you think Jane takes after her mother *a bit*? 你认为简一点儿也不像她的妈妈吗? If you had cared *a bit* you would not have been hurt. 如果你小心一点儿, 你就不会伤着了。●颇; 一点点, 一小块: He is *a bit* like what you said. 他颇像你所说的那样。Cut *a bit* off the rope, it is too long. 绳子太长, 截去一点儿。●一点儿: Jane thought she could lose weight by eating

a bit less. 简认为少吃一点儿能减轻体重。“Have some more cake?” “Thanks, *a bit more* won't hurt me.” “你还要一些蛋糕吗?” “谢谢, 再吃一点儿不会撑坏。” ●有点儿; 稍稍; 颇: Mary was *a little bit* sorry for being late. 玛丽对迟到感觉有些抱歉。Let's rest *a little bit* and have something to eat. 让我们休息片刻, 弄点儿东西吃。

a bit of 一点点, 少量, 一些: The potato is so nutritious that a man in Scandinavia lived healthily for 300 days on only spuds covered with *a bit of* margarine. 土豆如此有营养, 在斯堪的纳维亚, 有一个人整整 300 天只吃土豆加少量人造黄油, 却活得很健康。When Gringoire's first hunger was satisfied, he felt ashamed because only one apple and *a bit of* bread were left. 格兰瓜尔饱饱地吃了一通后, 他感到不好意思, 因为剩下的只是一个苹果和一小块面包。

a blizzard of 一阵强大的(迅速涌来的同样的东西): When a person is awake, *a blizzard of* electrical impulses rushes through his brain. 当一个人醒来时, 会有一阵强大的电脉冲通过他的大脑。A *blizzard of* blows makes Peter lose his confidence. 一阵强烈的打击使彼得丧失了信心。

a bolt out of/from the blue 意外事件; 晴天霹雳: The news of his death was like *a bolt from the blue*. 他的死就像是晴天霹雳。To many, it came like *a bolt out of the blue*, when the Swiss banks announced they had signed a 5-year

pact with the Swiss National Bank. 当瑞士各家银行宣布它们已与瑞士国家银行签署了一项五年协定, 对于许多人来说, 这简直是个晴天霹雳。

a bottle of 一瓶: There is *a bottle of* spring water there. 那里有一瓶矿泉水。Peter drank *a bottle of* whisky at the party. 在聚会上彼得喝了一瓶威士忌。

a bundle of 一捆, 一扎, 一包: He collected *a bundle of* sticks. 他收集了一捆树枝。Mr. Ross went out of the bookstore with *a bundle of* books on his right shoulder. 罗斯先生从书店出来, 右肩上扛着一捆书。

a case in point 一个恰当的例子, 一个有说服力的例子: A case in point is Chen Qingkai, who improved world records on eight occasions. 陈清凯是一个具有说服力的例子, 他八次改写了世界纪录。

a chain of 一系列, 一连串(东西、事件等): Their actions caused *a chain of* events to occur throughout the country. 他们的行动在全国引起一连串事件的发生。Abel's success with the project made me have *a chain of* thoughts. 阿贝尔在这项工程上的成就引起了我一连串的思索。

a cloud of 一批, 一群(在空中一起移动的东西): On the night of December 1, 1930, *a cloud of* smog moved over a valley in Belgium, which caused thousands of people to become ill. 1930 年 12 月 1 日晚上, 一片烟雾飘过比利时的一个山谷, 这使数千人病倒了。A

group of horsemen galloped along the road, raising a cloud of dust. 一队骑兵在大路上奔驰, 扬起一片尘土。

a considerable amount of - See a large amount of

a copy of ●副本, 抄本、复制品: The painting is a copy of one in the museum. 这幅画是博物馆中的一幅画的复制品。For a movie about World War II, Jim White built a boat which was a copy of a real ship. 为拍摄一部有关第二次世界大战的影片, 吉姆·怀特造了一艘船, 这是一艘真船的复制品。●一本、一份、一部(书、报纸等): Using the photo-copying process, anyone can have a copy of anything from cooking recipes to Greek poetry. 用照相复制的方法人们可得到任何东西, 一本烹饪食谱乃至希腊诗篇。In the early 1920's a friend of Wegner gave a copy of an article describing Wegner's idea to a famous geologist to see whether he agreed with it. 20世纪20年代早期, 魏格纳的一位朋友把一篇说明魏格纳观点的文章拿给一位著名的地质学家, 看他是否同意这种推想。

a couple of ●一对, 一双; 两个: It happened in my hometown a couple of years ago while I was in London. 这事两年前发生在我的家乡, 当时我在伦敦。"My car is out of water. Would you please help me to fetch a couple of pails of water?" "我的车子缺水了, 帮我拿两桶水来好吗?" ●少数, 有几个: She was expecting a baby in a couple of months. 再过几个月她就分娩了。I'll

see you later, I have a couple of things to do. 以后我去看你, 我有几件事情要做。I saw a couple of men get out. 我看见有几个人出去了。There is a couple of vacant rooms behind the office. 办公室的后边有几个空房间。

a credit to 使……感到光荣, 为……争光: Although Jack lost his young life to rescue the child who had fallen into water, his heroic conduct is a credit to his parents. 虽然杰克为营救落水儿童而献出了年轻的生命, 但他的英勇行为是他父母的光荣。He is not much of a credit either to himself or to his family. 他谈不上为自己争光, 也谈不上为家庭增荣。

a crop of 许多, 许许多多: That the nuclear reactor burnt in Chernobyl brought Russian a crop of misfortunes. 切尔诺贝利核反应堆爆炸给苏联人带来许多灾难。The prime Minister's statement produced a crop of questions. 首相的声明引起了许多问题。The programme brought quite a crop of complaints from viewers. 这个节目在观众中产生了许多抱怨。

a crowd of 一群, 一堆, 一伙: Just imagine the excitement and fear caused by a crowd of people arriving at your door at 2:00 a.m. 请想象一下, 一群人在凌晨两点涌到你家门口引起的骚动和恐惧吧。There are a crowd of children on the hill side; what is happening there? 山坡上有一群孩子。那里发生什么事了?

a far cry 差别很大, 大不相同; 距离很

大: The environment of a town is *a far cry* from that of the countryside. 城市和农村的环境大不相同。This treatment is *a far cry* from the one we received before. 这种待遇和我们从前所受的待遇有天壤之别。Life on a farm is *a far cry* from what I've been used to. 农场生活与我已过惯的日子迥然不同。His poor performance today is *a far cry* from that of last year. 他今天的拙劣表演与他去年的表演大相径庭。

a few ●少量的(人或事), 少许的, 少数几个, 通常用作名词: The dry weather killed mother's flowers, but *a few* were left. 妈妈的大多数花都旱死了, 但还有少数活了下来。I saw a lot of new English books in the bookstore and bought *a few*. 我在书店看见许多英语新书, 并且买了几本。He asked us a few questions. 他问了我们几个问题”。Could I have a few words with you? 我能跟您讲几句话吗? ●通常用作形容词: At the end of the nineteenth century, there were *a few* horseless carriages on the roads, but most of them were driven by electricity or steam. 19世纪末叶, 路上只有为数不多的不用马拉的车子(指汽车), 但其中大多数是用电或蒸汽驱动的。Until men invented ways of staying underwater for more than *a few* minutes, the wonders of the world below the sea were almost unknown. 人们在发明可以在水下多逗留几分钟的潜水方法之前, 对海底世界的奇观几乎完全不知。●有时用作副词: We need *a few* more

chairs. 我们需要更多的椅子。If we can set up chairs faster than people come and sit in them, we'll be *a few* ahead. 如果我们能在人们来就座之前摆好椅子, 我们就能提前一些了。●有时与“very”连用表示强调: John gave away almost all of his records to his friends, but he still had *a very few* left. 约翰几乎把他的所有唱片都馈赠给他的朋友, 但他还剩一些。There are *a very few* students in the club. 俱乐部里只剩少数几个学生了。

a few of 少量的; 有几个: When I came into the classroom, only *a few of* the students were reading; most of them were playing cards. 我进教室时, 只有几个学生在读书, 大多数在玩牌。There are a lot of doctors in our hospital, only *a few of* whom are competent in their work. 我们医院有许多医生, 其中只有少数是称职的。

a flock of 一群, 一组; 许多(通常指鸟群, 羊群等): Suddenly, *a flock of* birds sprang into the air, calling in sharp voices that day had come. 突然, 一群鸟跃入空中, 尖声叫着, 一天便这样开始了。A *flock of* sheep were grazing by the side of the road. 一群羊在路边吃草。

a fraction of 一小部分, 少许: Generally, she's careful with her money, and spends only *a fraction of* her earnings. 她通常不随便花钱, 要花也只是花她所挣的一小部分。The cable line had brought the two continents so near that people could begin to talk to each

other across the Atlantic in *a fraction of* a second. 电缆线缩短了两大洲之间的距离, 从而使人们开始能够在瞬间隔着大西洋相互交流。

a great/large amount of; large amounts of 大量, 许多(后接不可数名词):

We have *a great amount of* work to do. 我们有大量工作要干。He donated large amounts of money to the university. 他为这所大学捐献了一大笔钱。Large amounts of money was spent on the bridge. 修建那座桥花了许多钱。

a good deal or a great deal ●许多, 大量(东西、事件等):

At the end of the year, there was *a good deal* to do. 年终了, 有许多事要干。Pablo's father knew *a great deal* about the technique of painting and he taught it all to Pablo. 巴勃罗的父亲懂得许多绘画技艺, 并全部教给了巴勃罗。I've learned *a great deal* from my visit here. 我在这里访问学到了不少东西。●很多, 颇大; 非常: Although life on the farm has changed *a great deal*, farming is still a necessary and very important occupation. 虽然农场的生活已经有了很大的变化, 但务农仍是一种必要的, 而且很重要的职业。When our neighbour's grandson caught his finger in the car door, he did not cry even though it must have hurt him *a great deal*. 我邻居的孙子把手夹在车门上的时候, 虽然肯定伤得很重, 但他也没哭。Notes: 此条通常用来修饰动词。非常; ……得多 You'd feel *a great deal* more comfortable if you did. 如果你做

了, 你会感到舒服得多。Since transistors are extremely small in size and require only small amounts of energy, they can make previously large equipment *a good deal* smaller. 因为晶体管体积小并且只需要少量的能, 所以它们能使原来的大设备小许多。

a good deal of or a great deal of 许多;

大量: During the chain reaction, *a good deal of* heat is produced which can be used to boil water and make steam. 在链式反应中产生大量的热, 可用来使水沸腾并产生蒸汽。In fact, most mechanical devices waste *a great deal of* energy in overcoming friction. 事实上, 大多数的机械装置都把大量的能消耗在克服摩擦上面。He has spent *a good deal of* money/time on his hobby. 他在自己的业余爱好上已经花了许多钱/时间。I'm afraid I'm putting you to *a great deal of* trouble. 我恐怕给你带来了不少麻烦。We've got *a great deal of* support/help from you. 我们从你们那儿得到了许多支持/帮助。

a good many or a great many 许多, 很多,

大量: Scientists have studied the moon through telescopes for many years so we know *a good many* facts about it now. 科学家们通过望远镜研究月球已有许多年了, 因此现在我们已了解有关月球的许多情况。He was the only boy among *a great many* girl cousins. 在堂表兄弟姐妹这一辈当中, 他是唯一的男孩。I read *a good many* English books. 我阅读了大量的英语书。It seems there are *a good many*

people out of work. 看来有好多人失业。

a good few 相当多, 不少: There were *a good few* copies sold on the first day. 第一天就卖了许多本。You will have to wait *a good few weeks*. 你得等好多周时间。

a good (或 head) start 良好的开端: Being already able to read gave her a head start over the other pupils. 她已识字, 因而比其他学生领先一步。

a great quantity of or a large quantity of 大量, 许多: Chain - reacting piles, or atomic - power reactors, contain *a great quantity of* uranium. 链式反应堆, 即原子反应堆含有大量的铀。In the vacuum tube radio, a lot of space is taken up by these vacuum tubes and *a large quantity of* heat is produced so that part of the electric power is wasted. 电子管收音机中的很大空间就是被这些电子管占领着的, 它们产生大量的热, 因此部分电能被浪费掉了。Our new factory is turning out *a great quantity of* high precision instruments. 我们新建的工厂正在生产大量的精密仪器。

a great variety of 多种, 各种, 多种多样的: In a large country there is usually *a great variety of* different physical characteristics. 在一个地域广大的国家里, 通常有各种各样不同的自然特点。A *great variety of* flowers were shown in the park. 公园里展出了很多品种的花。

a group of 一组, 一群, 一伙: To most people the law of relativity is difficult to

explain. But once Einstein explained it very well to *a group of* young students. 就大多数人来说, 相对论原理是很难对他们讲明白的, 但有一次爱因斯坦给一群年轻学生却讲得非常好。A *group of* people with the same colour skin, shape of head and type of hair is called a race - some ethnologists think so. 具有同种肤色、头形和头发的人群称为人种——有些人种学家这样认为。

a gust of 突然一阵(强风, 浓烟, 怒火……): A *gust of* chilly autumn wind is blowing from the north. 一阵冷飕飕的秋风从北方吹来。My words must have hurt my father, and *a gust of* his anger greeted me. 我的话想必是刺伤了父亲, 他向我大发脾气。

a handful of 少许, 小撮的; 寥寥无几的: Sometimes the truth may be held in *a handful of* persons' hands. 有时真理掌握在少数人的手中。

a hard nut to crack ●难解决的问题, 难办的事情: The third question in the examination is *a hard nut to crack*. 考试的第三道题真是够难的。I asked them for the money, but they were *a hard nut to crack*. 我向他们要钱, 但他们很难对付。The final exam was a hard nut (to crack). 期末考试不好对付。●难对付的人: She is a hard nut (to crack); I don't think she will give us permission. 她这个人不好说话, 我想她不会答应我们的。

a heap of 一堆; 许多, 大量: The old order has been destroyed as it deserved to

be; it has been transformed into a *heap of ruins* as it deserved to be. 旧东西已经象应该破坏的那样被破坏了,也已经象应该变成废墟那样变成了一堆废墟。There is a *heap of waste material* in front of the laboratory. 实验室前面有一堆废料。

a host of 大量,许多,一大群: Mr. Lee must have met with a *host of* difficulties; perhaps that is why he looks so sad. 李先生想必遇到了许多困难,也许这就是他看起来很愁苦的原因。The man who has given us the best plan for the new institute was promised to receive a *host of* benefits. 我们答应给曾为我们提供建筑新研究所最佳方案的那个人许多好处。

a jet of 一股(气体、液体或火焰)喷射: The pipe burst and a *jet of* water shot across the kitchen. 管子破了,一股水流由厨房这边喷到那边。Having sent out a *jet of* steam, the steam locomotive started off roaring. 喷出一股强大的气流之后,那蒸汽机车轰鸣着开走了。

a kind of 一种: Since electricity is a *kind of* energy, it can be changed into other forms of energy. 既然电是一种能,它就可以转变成其他形式的能。On the west coast of the United States, the temperature changes very little between summer and winter, but the northern central states have a very different *kind of* climate. 美国西海岸冬夏气温变化很小,但中北部各州却气候迥异。

a lack of 缺少: The factory was closed

down because of a *lack of* orders. 这个工厂因缺少定货而倒闭。George's musical talent remained latent through a *lack of* training. 乔治的音乐天才由于缺乏训练而被埋没了。

a large amount of or **a considerable amount of** or **vast amounts of** 许多,大量: We've received a *large amount of* information from outer space. 我们已从外层空间收到了大量的信息。A *considerable amount of* electric power is generated every day in large power stations, mostly is A. C. 大电站每天都发出大量的电,大部分是交流电。Vast *amounts of* oxygen is contained in our atmosphere. 我们的大气层中含有大量的氧气。

a large sum of 数目可观的: In order to organize a publishing company, Mr. Smith borrowed a *large sum of* money from the bank. 为创办一个出版公司,史密斯先生向银行借了一大笔钱。The whole village soon learnt that a *large sum of* money had been lost. 全村的人很快都知道有人丢了一笔巨款。

a little ●少许;一些;小规模地;一点儿;稍稍,有点儿,一小会儿,通常用作名词: Do you speak English? Yes, a *little*. 你会说英语吗? 是的,会一点。I thought that her money was all gone, but a *little* was left. 我以为她的钱都用完了,但是还剩一些。●通常用作形容词(后接不可数名词): Shall I go a *little* way with you? 我陪你走走好吗? There is a *little* ink left in the ink

-bottle. 墨水瓶里只剩下一点墨水了。Could you give *a little* more attention to spelling? 你能多注意点拼写吗? I need a little help to move the table. 我需要些帮助来搬这张桌子。●通常用作副词: We are going *alittle* too slowly, I'm afraid. 我看恐怕咱们进行得太慢了一点儿。Usually the teacher just watched the dancing class, but sometimes she danced *a little* to show the students how. 通常舞蹈课教师只是观看, 但有时她也跳一会儿给学生做示范。I was *a little* (or *a little bit*) annoyed. 我有点烦。She seemed a little afraid of going inside. 她似乎有点怕进去。●有时: *a little* 和 *only* 一起连用, 表示否定 We thought we had a whole bag of flour, but *only a little* was left. 我以为还有一满口袋面粉, 但只剩一点儿了。I speak *only a little* English, so I can't express myself well. 我只说一点儿英语, 所以我不能很好地表达自己的意思。●有时与 *very* 连用, 表示强调: The sick girl could not eat anything, but she could drink *a very little* tea. 这个有病的姑娘什么也不能吃, 只能喝很少的茶。I have *a very little* time left, hurry up, please. 我只剩一点儿时间了, 请快一点儿。

a little of 一点点, 少量: He knows *a little of* everything. 他样样事情都懂一点儿。Esmeralda took the bread and broke *a little of* it in her hand. Jali ate it. 埃斯梅拉达拿着面包, 掰下一小块放在手里, 贾利将它吃了。I need a little

help to move these desks. 我需要人来帮点忙搬这些书桌。She had a little money, ten pounds or so. 她钱不多了, 大约 10 英镑。

a lot ●许多, 很多, 用作名词短语: Victor knows *a lot* but talks a little. 维克托懂得多, 说得少。He thought *a lot* about details of his theory, and slowly improved it. 他对他的理论的方方面面考虑得很多, 并逐步作了些改进。●经常用作副词短语: My father was very sick last week, but he's *a lot* better now. 我父亲上星期病得很重, 但是现在好多了。When the air becomes hot, its volume increases *a lot* and very rapidly. 当空气变热时, 它的体积便迅速膨胀。●用在 *less* 或 *more* 前面: There was a good crowd at the game today, but *a lot more* will come next week. 今天来参加比赛的人就已不少, 但下星期将有更多的人来参加。Claudia spent *a lot less* money on clothes than I did. 克洛迪娅买衣服花的钱要少得多。●经常与 *whole* 连用表示强调: John is *a whole lot* taller than he was a year ago. 约翰比一年前长高了很多。I learnt *a whole lot* at home from my mother when I was in my childhood. 儿时在家我向妈妈学到很多东西。

a lot of 很多, 大量: The power plants burn *a lot of* coal, which makes air polluted. 这些发电厂燃烧大量煤, 使空气受到污染。Often you can pick up *a lot of* information and valuable advice from a fellow hobbyist. 你可以经常从

你的业余爱好者的伙伴那里得到许多信息和宝贵的建议。What a lot of time you take to cress! 你穿衣费的时间真多! She spends a lot of money on clothes. 她花很多钱添置衣服。There were such a lot of people in the shops! 商店里人真多!

a man of letters 文人: He was a man of letters with no interest in current affairs. 他是个文学家, 对时事不感兴趣。

a mass of 许多; 大量: After harvest we will have a mass of rice. 秋收后, 我们将获得大量稻谷。The weathermen have accumulated a mass of statistical and climatological data which they can draw on to answer all sorts of inquiries. 气象员们积累了大量统计及气象资料, 他们凭这些资料回答各种咨询。

a matter of ●的问题: Don't worry, it's only a matter of hours till the doctor arrives. 别发愁, 守几个小时大夫就来。It was a matter of life and death for them. 对他们来说这是生死攸关的问题。It's all a matter of personal taste. 这完全是个人爱好问题。●大约: The building will have to be completed in a matter of 10 months. 大楼必须在大约十个月之内竣工。It may be a matter of three months before it's ready. 这件事大约要三个月才能准确就绪。

a multitude of; multitudes of 众多; 大量: A multitude of thoughts filled her mind. 她头脑里有许许多多想法。There are multitudes of islands in the Pacific. 太平洋中有无数岛屿。To-

day, satellites carry out a multitude of different tasks, such as relaying telephone calls, monitoring the weather, surveying the Earth's surface for minerals, etc. 当今, 卫星执行着大量不同的任务, 诸如传达电话、监测气候、遥测地面矿物资源, 等等。

a narrow escape 侥幸脱险; 九死一生; 只差一点儿: He congratulated himself on having made a narrow escapes from death. 他死里逃生, 为此感到庆幸。

a nine days wonder 轰动一时的事件: I'll never forget that strange happening. That was a nine days wonder. 我永远忘不了那奇怪的事情, 那是轰动一时的事件。A nine days wonder is usually forgotten easily. 轰动一时的事件通常容易被忘记。

a number (of) ●许多; 大量, 若干 ●若干, 一些: The parents were invited to see the program, and a number of people came, too. 父母应邀来看节目, 不少人也来了。Now man not only littered the earth, but also has left a number of metal products on the moon. 现在人类不仅把地球弄得乌七八糟, 而且把一些金属产品扔到了月球上。There were a number of people out this afternoon. 今天下午许多人出去了。A number of accidents always occur on such days. 在这种日子里常常有许多事故发生。●有时与 less, more 连用: We have not built up enough classroom buildings. We need a number more. 我们还没有建起足够的教学大楼, 我们还需要一些。I didn't get so much. I

got a number less. 我没弄到那么多, 我只弄到一点儿。● a great amount of; the number; the amount 指某物的数量值, 谓语动词用单数; The number of mistakes in this book is surprisingly large. 这本书的错误惊人地多。The amount of money spent on his hobby is quite a lot. 他花在自己业余爱好上的钱非常多。

a pair of 一对, 一副, 一双: At first, each signal was carried by means of a pair of overhead wires. 起初, 每个信号都是借助于两根架空导线传递的。I've got a pair of new shoes, but they are not broken in. 我买了双新鞋, 但是不合脚。

a piece of 一块, 一片, 一件: When you put a piece of wood into water, the water seems to push up on the wood. 当你把一块木头放进水里, 水似乎把木头向上托起。Last year, we were travelling across the Channel and Jane put a piece of paper with her name and address on it into a bottle and threw the bottle into the sea. 去年, 我们横渡英吉利海峡时, 简把一张写着她姓名和住址的纸条放进一只瓶子, 并将它投入海里。

a pile of 一堆, 大量, 许多: A man was lying on the box on top of a pile of woolen goods. 一个男人正躺在一只堆满羊毛制品的箱子上面。One evening I found my aunt and Mr. Dick sitting on a pile of luggage in my room. 一天晚上, 我发现姑妈和迪克先生坐在我房间里的一堆行李上。

a portion of 一部分, 一份: The earth's surface receives only a small portion of the total amount of the sun's energy. 地球表面只接收太阳能总量的一小部分。For example, one person would make only a portion of the wheels. Another would place the wheels on the car. 例如, 一个人只制造一部分车轮, 而另一个人把轮子安在车上。

a sense of ● 赏识, 领悟, 有感觉: It gives me a sense of satisfaction that I can play a role. 我能起点儿作用使我有一种满足感。● 意识: Don't you have a sense of shame? 你没有羞耻感吗? Duty well done brings a sense of pleasure. 任务完成的好给人一种愉快的感觉。A sense of accomplishment often accompanies hard effort. 成就感常常伴随着艰苦的努力。

a series of 一系列, 一连串: Computers can be built to take over almost any job where a series of actions are repeated over and over again. 计算机几乎可接替进行一系列重复行动的各项工。Then began a series of experiments. 然后一系列的实验开始了。He had attended a series of committee meetings. 他参加了一系列的委员会会议。It was a crude machine which was not suited for use as an office copier because it required a series of hand operations 3 or 4 minutes in length to produce a single copy. 这是一个粗糙的不适合办公室用的复印机, 因为它需要三四分钟长的时间做一系列手工操作后 才能印出一张。A new series of

readers for students of English has been published this year. 今年已为学英语的学生出版了一套新的系列读物。

a set of 一套,一副,一组: The question remains whether we should start a new set of computation or not. 问题依然是我们是否要重新进行一套计算。He also works to fit the answers he gets to many questions into a large set of ideas about how the world works. 他也努力使自己对许多问题的解答适合于那些形形色色的关于世界在怎么样运行的说法。

a type of 一种,一种类型: A semi-conductor laser is a special type of solid laser that uses a semi-conductor. 半导体激光器是一种使用半导体的特殊种类的固体激光器。A dray is a type of horse-drawn vehicle. 雪橇是一种马拉的交通工具。

a variety of 种种,若干,各种: We know that light is a variety of radiant energy. 我们知道光是一种辐射能。By mixing aluminium with other metals, scientists have been able to produce a variety of alloys, some of which have the strength of steel but weigh only one third as much. 把铝和其他金属混合,科学家们能够制出各种合金,其中一些具有钢一样的强度,但其重量只是钢的三分之一。He left for a variety of reasons. 他由于种种原因而离开了。There are a variety of patterns to choose from. 有种类繁多的花样可供选择。

a view of 一系列看法,一种观点、观念: An American university president

once commented that Einstein has created a new outlook, a new view of the universe. 一位美国大学校长曾经评论说爱因斯坦创立了一种新的观点,即一种新的宇宙观。This book will give you a general view of the World War. 这本书可以使你对世界大战有一个概括的认识。

a volume of 大量,大块,许多: Every day the chimneys of factories pour a large volume of smoke to the air to pollute it. 工厂的烟囱每天把大量的烟雾排放到空气中去,造成空气污染。In examining the radar problem it needs to be appreciated that a radar system will usually cover a very large volume of space and will be required to supply an enormous amount of accurate information in a relatively short time. 在考察雷达问题方面,需要重视的是雷达系统通常要占据很大的空间,同时又要要求它在相当短的时间内提供大量的准确信息。

a wide range of 许多,广泛,各式各样: Americans trace their origins from many different countries that there is a wide range of "acceptable" social customs in America. 美国人原是来许多不同的国家,所以美国有各种不同的“可接受的”社会习俗。Once it is given a "program", a computer can gather a wide range of information from outer space or from the depths of the ocean. 一旦给计算机输入程序,它就能从外层空间或海洋深处收集到各式各样的资料。

a word in sb's ear 私下谈话: May I have a word in your ear? 我可以私下和你谈谈吗? Bill had had a word in manager's ear before he left. 比尔离开前和经理私下谈了谈。

abide in 停留; 居住(在某地): He abode (abided) in Boston almost all his life. 他在波士顿几乎住了一辈子。

abide with 逗留, 居住(在某人处): Abide with me a while longer. 和我在一起多呆一会儿吧。

abide by ●遵守, 履行, 依从, 坚持: A basketball player may know he did not foul, but he must abide by the referee's decision. 一个篮球运动员可能知道他并没犯规, 但他必须服从裁判的决定。We shall continue to abide by what has been agreed upon. 我们将继续遵守我们已经商定的协议。●遵守(法律、决定等); 信守(诺言等): I abide by what I said. 我讲过的话是算数的。Having made our decision, we must abide by it. 做出决定之后, 我们就得遵守。

●等待或接受; 承受: You must abide by the results of your mistakes. 你犯了错误, 就得自食其果。●承受……后果: You must abide by the results of your mistakes. 你必须承受你的错误造成的后果。They will have to abide by the inevitable. 他们将不得不承受那不可避免的结果。We must abide by the rules of the game. 我们必须遵守比赛规则。He must abide by the contract. 他必须信守合同。服从: The two teams agreed to abide by the referee's decision. 两个队都同意服从裁判的裁

决。

abandon oneself to sth. ●纵情于(某事) ●放弃, 听任; 陷入, 沉溺于: Don't abandon yourself to despair. 别自暴自弃。She abandoned herself to grief. 她不胜悲痛。

abbreviate to 简略; 缩短; 缩写(词等): "Monday" is abbreviated to "Mon." "Monday"被缩写成"Mon."。

abet in 教唆; 唆使; 协助(某人做坏事): She abetted him in his folly. 她怂恿他做蠢事。The thieves were abetted in the robbery by some of the servants at the great house. 窃贼作案时, 由那座大宅里的一些仆人作内应。

able to 能够: A diesel submarine is able to cruise under water for a short period of time, but a nuclear one is able to cruise under water much longer. 柴油潜艇在水下只能航行非常短的时间, 而核潜艇在水下航行的时间要长得多。The odds are heavily against any man being able to do the work in the field of abstract theory that Einstein is doing. 对任何能从事爱因斯坦正在做的那种抽象理论工作的人来说, 条件总是很不利的。The baby is not yet able to speak. 这个婴儿还不能说话。Will you be able to come? 你能来吗?

abound in ●富于, 充满; 有很多: This book abounds in various pictures. 这本书有很多插图。This garden abounds in flowers. 这个花园里的花很多。This country used to abound with snakes. 这个国家过去有很多蛇。●大