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## 掌握常考易错短语 突破考试学习难关

英语短语是英语学习中的难点,短语量的大小、短语用法的熟练程度直接影响到听、说、读、写能力的提高。同时,它也是考生参加各种英语考试最感头痛的问题。鉴于此,我们根据多年教学经验,在分析各类考试短语出现情况的基础上,组织第三军医大学、重庆大学、重庆通信学院、重庆建筑大学、成都军区总医院、渝州大学、长沙电力学院、四川联合大学、成都电子科技大学、武警医学院等院校有经验的英语教师合作编写了《英语短语用法指导与实践》一书。

本书收录的短语包括动词短语、介词短语、副词短语及其它短语。对于一些特别简单、易掌握的短语,本书未作收录。同时,对于一些不常见、不常用的短语(如:to put it midly, slap on the wrist等)也未作收录。每条短语均用英汉双语释义,每条短语的各个意思均附有两个例句。这些例句口语、书面语兼顾,并突出其实用性。为了便于读者更好地理解例句,每个例句均有汉译。另外,对于一些易混易用错的短语均作了详细说明。对大部分短语还给了同义和反义短语。

为便于读者更好地掌握书中所讲解的短语,在每个字母的短语后配备了一套练习。此外,在书的最后还配了一套综合练习(均选自近几年的研究生入学考试题和全国大学英语四级统考曝光

题)。

本书可供各种层次的英语学习者使用。对高中生参加高考,大学生参加全国大学英语四、六级考试,对参加研究生入学考试的人员以及参加各类职称考试的在职人员都有很大的帮助。同时,对于英语教师来说,也是案头必备的工具书之一。

在本书的编写过程中,编者参考了大量的工具书。在此,我们向它们的作者表示衷心的感谢。重庆出版社文史室的编辑们为此书的出版做了大量工作,并提出了许多宝贵的意见。在此,我们表示衷心的感谢。

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作,在此,一并致谢。由于编者水平有限,疏漏或错误之处,恳请读  
者批评指正。

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## 体例说明

1. 本书共收录常用、常考英语短语近二千条，所有短语的中心词均按词典顺序编排。
2. 为醒目起见，所有本词短语均用**黑体**排列。
3. 对短语的释义，均采用英汉对照形式。
4. 每一短语均给出两个例句，且都附上汉译。
5. 英美拼法不同的词汇，一般都采用美式。若某一短语为美式用法或英式用法，则加注注明。
6. 在短语中，若某一词可用另一词替换，则用圆括号将可替换前一词的词括起来，如：rely on (upon)；若短语后常与某词连用，或短语中某词可有可无，则用方括号将其括起来，如：object to [doing sth.]。
7. 一个短语有多个释义时，用(1)、(2)(3)等标出。
8. 对于用于正式或非正式的短语，在短语前面用(fml.)或(infml.)标明。
9. 容易用错或混淆的短语，均采用加注形式注明；对大部分短语，都以加注形式给出其近义或反义短语。若对某一短语的说明加一个注还不能解释清楚，则用注①、注②、注③等，力求全面、清楚。
10. 在讲解某一短语时，若涉及前面已讲解过的短语，均用

“参见…”标明，使读者便于查找、比较。

11. 在每一字母短语后，均附有短语练习题（单项选择形式）。  
在本书后面，附有这些练习的参考答案。

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abound in (with)	.....(2)
above all	.....(2)
above oneself	.....(3)
be all abroad	.....(3)
absent oneself from	.....(3)
be absorbed in	.....(4)
abstain from	.....(4)
in the abstract	.....(4)
accede to	.....(5)
get (have, gain) access to	... (5)
by accident	.....(6)
accommodate to	.....(6)
be accomplished in	.....(7)

accord with	.....(7)
with one accord	.....(8)
by one's own account	.....(8)
on account of; on this(that) account	.....(8)
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accredit sth. to sb.; accredit sb. with sth.	.....(11)
accuse sb. of	.....(12)
accustom oneself to	.....(12)
be(get, become, etc.) accustom- ed to	.....(13)
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act on .....	(15)	afford to do sth. ....	(24)
act up .....	(15)	after all .....	(25)
in the act of[doing sth.] .....	(15)	as much (many, large...) again as .....	(25)
in action .....	(16)	now and again .....	(25)
take action .....	(16)	over again .....	(25)
adapt to .....	(16)	be up against .....	(26)
add to .....	(17)	be (come) of age .....	(26)
add in .....	(18)	be of an age .....	(26)
in addition .....	(18)	aggress on (against).....	(27)
be addicted to .....	(18)	agitate for .....	(27)
address oneself to .....	(19)	agree with .....	(27)
adhere to .....	(19)	be agreeable to .....	(29)
adjust to .....	(19)	come to (arrive at, make, reach...) an agreement [with sb.] .....	(29)
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admit to .....	(20)	go ahead .....	(29)
admonish sb. of (against) sth. .....	(21)	come (go) to sb.'s aid .....	(30)
have (make) much ado .....	(21)	in aid of .....	(30)
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be alien to .....	(35)	answer back .....	(44)
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all the same .....	(35)	at any rate .....	(46)
all over .....	(36)	if any .....	(47)
for all .....	(36)	anything but .....	(47)
in all .....	(36)	not...anything like .....	(47)
all in all .....	(37)	anything of .....	(47)
all but .....	(37)	for anything .....	(48)
all the more (better, harder) .....	(37)	if anything .....	(48)
when all comes to all .....	(37)	get anywhere .....	(48)
all right .....	(38)	apart from .....	(48)
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allow for .....	(38)	appeal to .....	(49)
allude to .....	(39)	at first appearance .....	(50)
in allusion to .....	(39)	to all appearances .....	(50)
be allied to .....	(39)	have an appetite for sth. ....	(50)
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be appropriate for (to) .....	(51)	attend to .....	(62)
approve of .....	(51)	attend on .....	(62)
be apt to [do sth.] .....	(52)	attract(arrest, draw) sb.'s attention .....	(63)
be apt at .....	(52)	attribute...to .....	(63)
argue sb. into doing sth. ...	(52)	grant (give) sb. an audience .....	(63)
by the strong arm .....	(52)	have an audience with (of) .....	(64)
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with open arms .....	(53)	avail oneself of .....	(64)
take up arms .....	(53)	avenge on .....	(65)
arrange with sb. about sth. .....	(54)	on[an, the] average .....	(65)
arrange for .....	(54)	be avid for (of).....	(66)
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be bad for .....	(72)	beat sth. out .....	(78)
in a bad way .....	(72)	beat up .....	(78)
to the bad .....	(72)	become of .....	(79)
on balance .....	(73)	before long .....	(79)
off balance .....	(73)	beg off .....	(79)
ballot against (for) .....	(73)	begin with .....	(79)
bang out .....	(73)	on behalf of .....	(80)
bank on(upon) .....	(74)	beyond belief .....	(80)
bargain away .....	(74)	belong to .....	(80)
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base on .....	(74)	benefit from .....	(81)
on the basis of .....	(75)	bear the bell .....	(81)
come to bat .....	(75)	be bent on .....	(81)
bath in .....	(75)	follow one's bent .....	(82)
battle it out .....	(75)	have a bent for .....	(82)
battle on .....	(75)	at best .....	(82)
be it...or... .....	(76)	be better off .....	(82)
be it that (so) .....	(76)	in between .....	(82)
bear sb. a hand .....	(76)	beware of .....	(83)
bear away .....	(76)	bide one's time .....	(83)
bear back .....	(76)	bind up .....	(83)
bear fruit .....	(77)	bind oneself to do sth. ....	(83)
bear up .....	(77)	blame on(upon) .....	(83)
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bear out .....	(77)	block out .....	(84)

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book up .....	(86)	bring under .....	(92)
be born of .....	(86)	bring up .....	(93)
bother about (with) .....	(86)	brush aside .....	(93)
bother one's head about .....	(86)	brush off .....	(93)
tax one's brain .....	(86)	build into .....	(93)
be bound to .....	(87)	build up .....	(93)
be bound up in .....	(87)	build on .....	(94)
be bound up with .....	(87)	bump into .....	(94)
bow to (before) .....	(87)	burn away .....	(94)
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break in .....	(88)	burn up .....	(95)
break into .....	(88)	burst with .....	(95)
break off .....	(89)	burst on (upon) .....	(95)
break out .....	(89)	burst out .....	(95)
break through .....	(89)	be busy doing sth. [with sth. ] .....	(95)
break up .....	(89)	but for .....	(96)
break with .....	(90)	buy off .....	(96)
in brief .....	(90)	buy out .....	(96)
bring about .....	(90)	buy up .....	(96)
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carry back	..... (104)
carry into effect (practice)	..... (105)
carry off	..... (105)
carry sth. off	..... (105)
carry on	..... (105)
carry out	..... (106)
carry through	..... (106)
in any case	..... (106)
a case in point	..... (106)
in case	..... (107)

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cast aside	..... (108)
cast about (around) for	... (108)
cast down	..... (108)
cast off	..... (109)
cast out	..... (109)
cast up	..... (109)
catch at	..... (109)
catch on	..... (109)
catch sb.'s eye	..... (110)
catch up with	..... (110)
be caught up in	..... (110)
cater for	..... (111)
for certain	..... (111)
by any chance	..... (111)
chance on (upon)	..... (112)
on the chance of	..... (112)
stand a good (no) chance	..... (112)
take a chance (chances)	... (112)
charge sb. with	..... (112)
in charge of	..... (113)
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clear away .....	(116)	come up .....	(127)
clear...of .....	(116)	come upon .....	(128)
clear off .....	(116)	in common with .....	(128)
clear up .....	(117)	for company .....	(129)
keep (stand, stay, steer) clear of .....	(117)	in company .....	(129)
close to .....	(117)	part company .....	(129)
be close on (upon) .....	(117)	compare notes .....	(129)
close down .....	(118)	compare to .....	(130)
close in on (upon) .....	(118)	bear (stand) comparison with .....	(130)
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have (get) cold feet .....	(119)	be composed of .....	(131)
come about .....	(119)	in conclusion .....	(131)
come across .....	(119)	on condition that .....	(131)
come along .....	(120)	out of (in) condition .....	(131)
come at .....	(120)	conduce to .....	(131)
come by .....	(121)	confess to .....	(132)
come down .....	(121)	be confronted with .....	(132)
come down on (upon) .....	(122)	conjure up .....	(132)
come home to sb. .....	(122)	in consequence .....	(132)
come in .....	(122)	on no consideration .....	(133)
come off .....	(123)	consist in .....	(133)
come on .....	(124)	consist of .....	(133)
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correspond with .....	(135)	in the dark .....	(144)
at all costs .....	(136)	out of date .....	(145)
at the cost of .....	(136)	to date .....	(145)
count in .....	(136)	to a (the) day .....	(145)
count on .....	(136)	deal with .....	(145)
count up .....	(137)	deal in .....	(146)
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in due course .....	(137)	be deceived in sb. ....	(146)
cover up .....	(137)	decide on (upon) .....	(146)
credit sb. with .....	(138)	declare off .....	(146)
cross out(off) .....	(138)	do the deed .....	(147)
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cut off .....	(140)	die off .....	(149)
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differ from .....	(150)	on earth .....	(157)
be disgusted at (with) .....	(150)	at [one's] ease .....	(157)
dispose of .....	(151)	be (feel) ill at ease .....	(157)
beyond (past) dispute .....	(151)	eat away .....	(158)
in dispute .....	(151)	eat up .....	(158)
in disregard of .....	(151)	be on edge .....	(158)
dissuade sb. from doing sth. .....	(151)	bring (carry, put) sth. into (to) effect .....	(159)
do away with .....	(152)	come (go) into effect .....	(159)
do well by .....	(152)	in effect .....	(159)
do with .....	(152)	take effect .....	(159)
have done with .....	(152)	to the effect that .....	(160)
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be in dread of .....	(153)	employ oneself in (on) doing .....	(160)
drive at .....	(153)	in the employ of sb. .....	(161)
drop in on sb. .....	(153)	be empty of .....	(161)
drop into .....	(154)	end in .....	(161)
due to .....	(154)	from end to end .....	(161)
dwell in (at) .....	(155)	on end of .....	(161)
dwell on (upon) .....	(155)	on end .....	(161)
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 <b>E</b>			
be eager for (after, about) sth. .....	(156)	be engaged in .....	(162)
enter into .....	(162)	enter on (upon) .....	(162)
be entitled to do sth. .....	(163)		