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## 内 容 简 介

本书的主要目的是通过对通俗易懂的趣味短文的学习,提高学生的词汇量和阅读量,最重要的是提高学生词汇学习的兴趣,改变以往枯燥、陈旧的记忆模式。一方面帮助学生在短期内达到考试大纲所规定的词汇基本要求,以顺利通过考试;另一方面帮助具有相应水平的英语学习者提高英语学习兴趣,扩大英语知识面和词汇量。本书以大学英语四级考试大纲为基础,通过幽默诙谐的短文,使考生在轻松愉快的环境中掌握重点词汇的使用。本书对每个重点词汇分别从讲解、例句、辨析、练习四方面进行了全面的剖析,以便帮助同学们充分地掌握词汇,为四级考试的其他部分打下很好的基础。

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# 前 言

全国大学英语四级考试 (College English Test 4), 简称 CET-4, 是由国家教委高教司组织的一项大规模标准化考试。考试的主要对象是, 根据教育大纲修完大学英语四级的大学本科生或研究生, 以及社会上大学毕业但未获得四级证书的人员。

大学英语四、六级考试是配合现行的“大学英语教学大纲”于 1987 年推出的, 每年参加考试的人数近 200 万人, 是我国目前规模最大的英语水平测试。由于四、六级英语考试是目前全国最权威的英语考试, 在大学已将四级考试的成绩作为本科生获得学位证书的标准, 且社会上不少用人单位把是否通过四、六级考试作为衡量员工英语水平的硬指标, 因此, 考取四、六级证书不论是对大学在校生或是在职人员都显得尤为重要。

CET 考试的地位是举足轻重的。在大学里, 广为流传着这样一句话: “四、六级证书不是万能的, 但没有四、六级证书却是万万不能的!” 上学时没有四六级证书就无法取得学位, 甚至无法毕业, 找工作时到处又都要求英语有四、六级证书。因此, 对于那些即将或刚刚踏上职业生涯的学子们, 四、六级证书就是他们的职场驾照!

四级考试分为六种基本题型:

1. 听力理解部分;
2. 阅读理解部分;
3. 词语用法和语法结构部分;
4. 完形填空部分;
5. 综合改错部分;
6. 短文写作部分。

另外, 对于优秀的考生, 还要进行口语考试。事实上, 这六种基本题型都需要考生有很好的词汇基础。词汇的重要性是不言而喻的。

相对于以往各种词汇书籍, 本书具有以下特点。

1. 音标: 音标是语音学上用来标音的一套符号, 是单词记忆的有效工具。对于任何一个单词来说, 尤其是要求熟练掌握的词, 了解它的读音有助于记忆。例如 abandon /ə' bændən/, 通过它的音标我们很容易记住, a - 发 /ə/ 的音, - ban - 发 /

bæŋ 的音, -don 发 /dɒn/ 的音。

2. 讲解:每个单词都有多条不同的释义,本书分别对各个释义进行了讲解。使考生能更全面地理解该单词。例如 abandon 有三个含义:(1) 离弃,丢弃;(2) 遗弃,抛弃;(3) 放弃(对人或物的拥有或控制的权力,主要是因为对其失去兴趣和希望等)。

3. 例句:例句能帮助考生更好地掌握单词的内涵,掌握语言交际及写作中的准确运用,而且它还可以帮助考生增加阅读量,扩大词汇量,增强在阅读中识别和理解非重点词的能力。例如单词 abandon 的例句:He abandoned his dog, though it is loyal to him.

4. 辨析:辨析部分不仅包括与该单词意思相近的词辨析,还包括该单词的一些常用搭配的辨析。词类的辨析在词汇题中占有很大的比重,该部分可以帮助考生弄清它们在不同的上下文中的用法,以便在做题时选出正确的答案。例如单词 strength, 与之意思相近的词有两个:force, power。force, power, strength 都与“力”有关。force 所表示的“力”,是克服阻力或使物体运动所需要的力;power 所表示的“力”包括“能力”或“动力”,这种“力”可以是固有的,也可以是获得的,可以是潜在的,也可以是施展出来的,还可以是体力、脑力、精神的力量或机械力;strength 所表示的“力”指“超越凡人”的能力或力气,即神奇的力量,在用于表示通常的力量时,它含有无法抵御的力量意思。它的固定用法有 on the strength of: 依凭;因可能…

5. 练习:每个单词后面都有若干道练习题,不仅能加深考生对该词的理解,还有助于考生灵活地运用该词。例如单词 away, 有两道练习题:

1. Only those species adaptable to cope with changing conditions survived. The others \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. died out      B. died down      C. died away      D. died for

The answer is: A

2. He was willing enough that Tim should \_\_\_\_\_ some other profession.

- A. take away      B. take up      C. take over      D. take in

The answer is: B

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## Humor One

A four-day fraud trial almost had to be abandoned in its final stages after a juror sent one of the barristers a Valentine card.

Legal discussions were held after the woman's amorous intentions towards prosecutor Dyfed Thomas were discovered.

A re-trial was considered over fears the jury would appear biased towards the Crown.

Mr. Thomas's admirer had handed the romantic missive to security staff at Swansea Crown Court to pass on to him during a break in the case.

He brought the card to the court's attention and the trial was paused mid-way through Judge Catherine O'Leary's summing up.

She eventually decided that the woman should be dismissed from the jury and the case allowed to carry on with eleven jurors.

A spokeswoman for the Crown Prosecution Service confirmed that the juror had been sent home on Thursday.

She described the incident as "fairly unusual", adding it took the court "quite a while" to decide what to do.

She said it was decided that it would be acceptable to carry on, providing the remaining jurors felt the incident had not affected their objectivity.



**abandon** /ə'bændən/

### [讲解]

有四个含义:1. *vt.* 离弃, 丢弃;2. *vt.* 遗弃, 抛弃;3. *vt.* 放弃(对人或物的拥有或控制的权力, 主要是因为对其失去兴趣和希望等);4. *n.* 放任, 狂热

### [例句]

He abandoned his dog, though it is loyal to him.

### [辨析]

abandon oneself to 沉溺于

with abandon 放任地, 放纵地; 纵情地

abandon doing something 放弃做...

### [练习]

He \_\_\_\_\_ all hope at last because of his illness.

A. abandoned    B. accepted    C. revealed    D. compel  
The answer is: A

**add** /æd/

[讲解]

有两个含义: 1. *vt.* 增加, 添加, 计算…总和, 补充说, 又说; 2. *vi.* 加, 加起来, 增添, 做加法

[例句]

The postgraduate is adding to his experience.

[辨析]

add in 算入; 包括

add on 加到上; 附加; 包括

add to 增加, 加到

add up 加算, 合计; 合乎情理

add up to 合计, 总计

[练习]

Encouraging or supporting one part of a country to be independent from it  
\_\_\_\_\_ interfering with that country's internal affairs.

A. attend to    B. amounts to    C. adjusts to    D. adds to

The answer is: B

**confirm** /kən'fə:m/

[讲解]

有三个含义: 1. *vt.* 确定, 批准, 使巩固, 使有效; 2. *v.* 确认, (基督教中)给…行按手礼; 3. *vt.* (进一步)证实

[例句]

What the beautiful woman said confirmed the man's opinion.

[辨析]

confirm 指用事实或证据来进一步证实或证明…是真实的。

[练习]

The news has not yet been officially \_\_\_\_\_ by the government.

A. struck    B. confirmed    C. founded    D. pointed

The answer is: B

**dismiss** /dis'mis/

[讲解]

有两个含义:1. *vt.* 解散,下课,开除,解职,使(或让)离开;2. *vi.* 解散

[例句]

The man was dismissed from his job because of his absence in an important meeting.

[辨析]

dismiss sb. from one's post 撤销某人的职务

dismiss a suit 对诉讼不予受理

[练习]

What he said in the meeting \_\_\_\_\_ everybody present.

A. disgusted      B. dismissed      C. disposed      D. eliminated

The answer is: A

**incident** /'insident/

[讲解]

有四个含义:1. *n.* (政治性)事故,事变;2. *n.* 偶发事件,小事件;3. *n.* (剧情的)枝节,(小说的)插话;财产所附带的权利[义务];4. *n.* 差错

[例句]

The incident remained in her mind.

[辨析]

incident 与 to 连用:易发生的

incident 与 on / upon 连用:与...相伴随的,与...相关联的

[练习]

There will be no big pay increases this year, as has been the \_\_\_\_\_ in previous years.

A. event      B. incident      C. case      D. affair

The answer is: C

**intention** /in'tenʃən/

[讲解]

有两个含义:1. *n.* 意图,意向,打算,目的;2. *n.* 意义,用意

[例句]

His intention is very clear.

[辨析]

by intention 故意



have no intention of doing sth 无意做

without intention 无意中,不是故意地

[练习]

Carelessness made him fall in his job \_\_\_\_\_.

A. interview      B. intention      C. stomach      D. stocking

The answer is: A

**sum** /sʌm/

[讲解]

有五个含义: 1. *n.* 总数, 和; 2. *n.* 概略, 要点; 3. *n.* 金额, 款项; 4. *n.* 算术(题), 运算; 5. *v.* 总计, 合计

[例句]

The sum of 3 and 5 is 8.

[辨析]

in sum 大体上, 一言以蔽之, 总之

sum up 总计, 概括, 总结, 判断, 估量

[练习]

What they are \_\_\_\_\_ about is which comes first: the chicken or the egg?

A. summing      B. striking      C. stirring      D. arguing

The answer is: D



## Humor Two

A Japanese man may have received a late Christmas present Saturday morning when he opened his mailbox to find 3 million yen in cash inside.

The man, an office worker in the city of Yokohama just west of Tokyo, told police he went to get the morning newspaper and found a paper bag stuffed full of yen in the mailbox.

"He has no ideas where is the money came from," a police spokesman said.

The notes were not new and there were no clues as to whose they might be, but the spokesman said police were planning to take fingerprints and contact nearby financial institutions.

Should nobody step forward to claim the money over the next six months, the man will be able to keep it, the spokesman added.

**able** /'eɪbl/

[讲解]

有三个含义:1. *adj.* 能,会;2. *adj.* 有才能的;3. *adj.* 具有…的能力的,能干的,显示出才能的

[例句]

Only he is able to do such work in the factory.

[辨析]

**able** 一般指人,表示现在具有做某事的能力,有时意味着高超的能力或技艺。

**capable** 指人或物均可,表示有潜在的或能达到一般要求的能力。

**competent** 指具有胜任某一工作的条件,强调对某项工作有足够的技能及其它所需条件。

**qualified** 指具有做某工作的必需条件,合格的,所表示的能力则更有保留(最低限度)的意思。

[练习]

The more thinking you force your mind to do, the more \_\_\_\_\_ your mind becomes of thinking actively.

- A. sharp      B. apt      C. able      D. capable

The answer is:D



**claim** /kleɪm/

[讲解]

- 有两个含义:1. *n.* (根据权利提出)要求,要求权,主张,要求而得到的东西;  
2. *vt.* (根据权利)要求,认领,声称,主张,需要

[例句]

Every citizen may claim the protection of the law.

[辨析]

have a claim to 有对…要求权

make a claim for 对(赔偿等)提出要求

[练习]

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ that he could finish the job without any help.

- A. designed      B. headed      C. claimed      D. preserved

The answer is:C

2. Thanks for the advice, but this is something I have to \_\_\_\_\_ out myself.

- A. fulfill      B. identify      C. figure      D. claim

The answer is: C

## Humor Three

In Puerto Rico many years ago near the Condado Lagoon, there lived a poor fisherman. He lived alone in a hut. His only companion was his dog.

The fisherman and his dog were devoted to each other. They might be seen strolling on the white sandy beach. Or they might be seen coming through the tangle of vines along the road that led to San Juan. However, there was one place where nobody saw them together. That was in the fisherman's boat. The man never took the dog along with him.

But the dog was always beside his master as the fisherman made his little boat ready to sail. When the man pulled out to sea each morning, the dog would scamper up on the high ridge that separated the Condado Lagoon from the open sea. There he would sit and watch all day. The dog never moved until late afternoon when he saw the little boat return. Then he would race back to the shore to greet his master. And together the man and the dog would set off for San Juan to sell the fresh-caught fish.

As the year's went by, the fisherman grew older. So did the faithful dog. The fisherman still went out to sea. The dog still watched for his return, sitting on the high ridge above the lagoon.

**above** /ə'baʊ/

[讲解]

有三个含义: 1. *adj.* 上面的, 上述的, 上文; 2. *adv.* 在上面; 3. *prep.* 在...上方, 过于, 超出

[例句]

The teacher's room is just above.

[辨析]

above all 首先; 尤其; 最重要的是

above oneself 过于自信, 自负

[练习]

A voice from \_\_\_\_\_ shouted a welcome.

A. abroad

B. aboard

C. above

D. absorb

The answer is: C



**devote** /di'vəʊt

[讲解]

有三个含义:1. *vt.* 专心致力于,献(身),贡献;2. *vt.* 供奉,供献;3. *vt.* 做某种专用

常用的词组:

devote to 把...献给;把...专用于

devote oneself to 致力于,献身于;专心于

[例句]

He devoted his life to science.

[辨析]

devote 指决心将全部身心、活动、精力等献出。

dedicate 正式用语,指庄重地奉献给神或为神圣目的而贡献。

consecrate 正式用语,指通过宗教仪式确定将某物用于神圣用途。

[练习]

He always takes pride in his work. He is very \_\_\_\_\_.

A. humble      B. devoted      C. respective      D. formal

The answer is:B



**greet** /gri:t/

[讲解]

有两个含义:1. *vt.* 向...致敬[意],向...打招呼,欢迎;2. *vt.* 映入眼帘,入耳

[例句]

When we reached the top of the hill, a magnificent view greeted us.

[辨析]

greet sb. with a smile:含笑欢迎某人

[练习]

She failed to call the office to \_\_\_\_\_ her appointment.

A. greet      B. miss      C. ruin      D. cancel

The answer is:D

## Humor Four

The red distress flare shot up from the sinking ship, the Smith Voyager. Every



man aboard our Coast Guard cutter, the Rockaway, knew that time had run out. We had been circling the crippled frightening for the 35-foot waves to ease up. But now the crewmen remaining aboard the Voyager had to be rescued. And quickly, the 439-foot ship was being hopelessly beaten by the sea. With each roll she took in more water. The last life raft had broken away, and darkness would fall in half an hour. We could wait no longer.

The SOS from the Voyager had reached us the afternoon before. On patrol 300 miles away, we immediately speeded toward her position. Another vessel had picked up 34 survivors, but the Voyager's captain and three crewmen had stayed aboard. They had hoped the storm didn't die down. And saving those four men was our job.

The weather couldn't have been worse. The winds were roaring. The waves were like watery mountains. There was only one way to save the four men on the Voyager. We must pick them up in a small boat.

(To be continued)



**aboard** /ə'bo:rd/

[讲解]

有两个含义: 1. *adv.* 在船(飞机、车)上, 上船(飞机、车); 2. *prep.* 在(船、飞机、车)上, 上(船、飞机、车)

[例句]

She has gone aboard.

[辨析]

All aboard! 请上船[飞机、车], 都上来!

go aboard 上船(上飞机等)

[练习]

Mary has never been \_\_\_\_\_ a ship.

A. abroad

B. aboard

C. above

D. absorb

The answer is: B

**distress** /dis'tres/

[讲解]

有三个含义: 1. *n.* 悲痛, 穷困, 不幸, 危难, 忧伤; 2. *v.* 使悲痛, 使穷困, 使忧伤

[例句]

The woman was in great distress when her husband died in the accident.