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编者的话

何谓"idioms"?它在英语中扮演何种角色?为何我们非了解它不可?如何正确而适当地运用"idioms"?这些都是一般人学习英文时常有的困扰。

"idioms"一词在中文里通常用"片语"、"惯用语"、 "成语"等不同称呼。简单地说,它是由几个单字以特定的方式组合而成的字群,其含义大多已经无法从组成的各个单字的本义推测出来,意思因新的组合而起了根本的变化,从而展现独特的含意。把它运用在日常生活当中,可使语言表现出活泼生动富于生命力的一面。

掌握"idioms"确为精通英文之钥,因为如果无法灵活运用"idioms",则在读、说、听、写时必将招致层层困难,根本无法真正了解英文的精髓。因此,本书特地把英文中最基本常用的"idioms"收录成一册,根据各个idiom 最常见的意思举出两个难易适中的例句,希望藉此能帮助读者活用每一个idiom,让您轻轻松松神游英语世界。相信您只要能详加阅读本书所列之"idioms",并反复实地运用,学好英语对您将不再是件难事。



□able

☆be able to ... 能够·····(to 之后接动词原形)

He is able to speak French.

他会说法文。

He is quite able to sing.

他相当会唱歌。

□about

☆be about to ... 即将······,正要······(to 之后接 动词原形)

We are about to start.

我们正要出发。

The sun is about to sink.

太阳即将下山。

□above

☆above all 最重要的

This bike is light, strong and, above all, inexpensive.

这部脚踏车既轻又坚固,最重要的是价格不贵。

Above all, don't talk to anybody about it. 最重要的是别向任何人提起此事。

□accident

☆by accident 偶然地, 无意地, 意外地

I met her *by accident* at the station. 我意外地在车站遇见她。

I broke my arm by accident. 我无意中摔断了手臂。

□according

☆according to ... 根据······,按照······(to 后面接 名词)

According to today's newspaper, there was a big earthquake in Brazil.

根据今天的新闻报导,巴西有大地震。

They acted according to my advice. 他们按照我的建议行事。

□account

☆on account of ... 因为······,由于······

The baseball game was put off on account of rain. 棒球比赛因为下雨而延期。

The train was late on account of a heavy snowfall. 火车由于大雪而误点。

□accustom

☆ be accustomed to ... 习惯于·····(to 后面可接名词、动名词或动词原形)

I am *accustomed to* his bad handwriting. 我已习惯他潦草的笔迹。

I am *accustomed to* getting up early. 我习惯早起。

□across

☆across from ... 在······对面,在······对侧

The post office is just across from the bank. 邮局就在银行的对面。

They live just across from us. 他们就住在我们对面。

□act

☆act on ... 对······起作用,影响······;遵照······行 动

The drug acted on his nerves like magic. 那药像魔法般地让他镇定了下来。

He was always acting on his principles. 他总是按自己的原则办事。

□add

☆add to ... 增加······

You add to my troubles.

你增加我的麻烦。

Books add to the pleasures of life.

书籍增添生活的乐趣。

☆add up (together)... 合计……,加起来

Will you add up the bills?

请把账单合计一下好吗?

Add up these figures on the pocket calculator. 用袖珍计算器把这些数字加起来。

□addition

☆in addition 另外.还有

I paid 5 dollars in addition.

我另外付了5元。

You need money and time, in addition, you need diligence.

你需要钱和时间,此外你还需要努力。

☆in addition to ... 除······外

He speaks French well, in addition to English.

除了英文,法文他也讲得很好。

In addition to the price, you have to pay the sales tax on it.

除了定价之外,你还必须付营业税。

□advance

☆in advance 预先

Pay your rent in advance.

请预付租金。

It is necessary to pay *in advance* for the lessons. 学费需预缴。

□advantage

☆take advantage of ... 利用······,利用(人或人的弱点)

I took advantage of the fine weather to play tennis.

我利用好天气去打网球。

The dealer took *advantage* of the woman's ignorance and bought the picture very cheap.

该商人利用女人的无知以极其低廉的价格买 得了那幅画。

∏afraid

☆be afraid of ... 害怕······

Don't be afraid of making mistakes in speaking English.

讲英文时不要怕说错。

She was very afraid of snakes.

她很怕蛇。

□after

☆after all 终究,结果

He did not buy it after all.

他终究还是没把它买下来。

We missed the train and took a taxi *after all*. 我们错过了火车,结果搭出租车。

□again

☆again and again 一再地,反复地

He read the letter again and again. 他再三地读那封信。

We sang the song again and again. 我们反复地唱那首歌。

☆once again 再一次

They did it once again.

他们又做了一次。

Say it once again, please.

请再说一遍。

□age

☆for ages 长时间,多年

I haven't seen you for ages. 好久不见了。

This will last for ages. 这将持续很长的时间。

□ago

☆long ago 很久以前

He read the novel long ago.

他很久以前读过那本小说。

This bridge was built *long ago*. 这座桥是很久以前建造的。

□agree

☆agree to … 同意······, 应允······(to 后面接名词 或动词原形)

I cannot *agree to* such a proposal. 我无法同意这样的提议。

Bob agreed to go with us.

鲍勃答应跟我们一块去。

☆agree with ... 同意……

I agree entirely with you. 我完全同意你的看法。

They might not agree with his opinions. 他们也许会不同意他的意见。

□aim

☆aim at ... 瞄准·····:针对······

The hunter aimed his gun at the lion.

猎人用枪瞄准了那只狮子。

My words were not aimed at you.

我的话并非针对你。

☆aim to ... 立志要······, 意欲······(to 后面接动词 原形)

I aim to be a writer.

我立志要当作家。

He *aimed to* surprise his friends. 他想要让朋友们惊喜一下。

∏air

☆by air 搭飞机,以航空邮件

I prefer to travel by air. 我较喜欢乘飞机旅行。

Letters are sent from France to Greece by air now.

那些信件现在以航空邮件从法国寄往希腊。 ☆on the air (收音机或电视的)播送,广播

An interesting program will be on the air at eight this evening.

一个趣味性节目将于今晚8点播出。

What's on the air now? 现在在播映什么?

□alive

☆be alive with ... 充满……(= be full of)

The streets are alive with shoppers.

街上到处是购物者。

The kitchen was alive with ants.

厨房布满了蚂蚁。

∏all

☆at all 究竟;一旦……就

Do you believe it at all?

你到底相不相信呢?

Buy a good car if you buy at all.

要买就买部好车。

☆not ... at all 一点也不……,完全……

I did not sleep at all last night.

昨晚我一夜未眠。

He could not answer at all.

他完全答不出来。

☆all but 几乎(=almost)

He was all but drowned.

他几乎溺毙。

The game was all but over when we arrived.

我们到达时比赛都快完了。

☆all over 遍布,到处

The snow was all over the ground.

地上到处是雪。

My father traveled all over the world.

我父亲环游世界各地。

☆in all 全部,合计

There are twenty teachers in all, including the Director.

包括校长在内,总共有20位老师。

They are five in all.

他们总共是5个人。

□allow

☆allow for ... 体谅······;考虑到······

We must allow for his young age.

我们必须体谅他年轻。

He missed the target because the wind hadn't been allowed for.

他因为没有考虑到风力,所以未能打中靶子。

□alone

☆ leave (let)... alone 丢下……不管,不理会……,不干涉……

Mr. George left the matter alone.

乔治先生不过问此事。

Let the dog alone.

别去惹那只狗。

☆let alone ... 更别提······

I don't have a fur collar, let alone a fur coat.

我连毛皮领巾都没有,更别提皮大衣了。

He speaks Russian, let alone English.

俄文他都能讲了,英文就更不用提了。

□along

☆along with ... 与 ·····一起, 随同 ·····一起

My father took me *along with* him to Italy. 父亲带我一起去意大利。

Mother sent me some socks along with the sweater.

母亲把那件毛衣连同一些袜子一起寄给我。

□always

☆not always 未必,不一定是

The rich are not always happy.

有钱人未必都很快乐。

Their team does not always win.

该队并非每场必胜。

_among

☆among other things 尤其,其中(=among others)

Among other things he was interested in collecting old coins.

他尤其对收集古钱币特别感兴趣。

Among other things hissing is considered rather rude.

诸多行为中,尤以发嘘声被认为是非常不礼 貌的行为。

\square and

☆and so 所以

He was sick, and so he could not come.

他病了,所以不能来。

He is old, and so he can't work so hard. 他年纪大了,所以无法那么卖力地工作。

☆and so on (forth) 诸如此类,等等

He asked me my name, my age, my address, and so on.

他问了我姓名、年龄、地址等诸如此类的问题。

He recorded the temperature, air pressure, wind direction, and so on.

他记录了气温、气压、风向等等。

□angry

☆be angry at (about)... 对……生气(at 或 about 后面接事物)

The people are very angry at what he said.

人们对他所说的话感到非常生气。

What are you so angry about? 什么事情令你这么牛气?

☆be angry with ... 对······生气(with 后面接人)

My teacher was angry with me for being late. 老师对我的迟到很生气。

She is angry with me for breaking her doll.

她很生气我弄坏了她的洋娃娃。

□answer

☆answer for ... 对·····负责,保证

I'll answer for his honesty.

我可以保证他的诚实。

I cannot *answer for* his driving ability. 我无法保证他的驾驶能力。

☆answer to ... 符合·····,与·····一致

He doesn't *answer to* the description of the missing man.

他与所描绘的失踪者的相貌特征不符。

That *answers* precisely *to* our need. 那正符合我们的需要。

□anxious

☆be anxious about ... 担心……, 忧虑……

She is anxious about her father's health.

她担心她父亲的健康。

I am anxious about his safety.

我担心他的安全。

☆be anxious for (to)... 渴望·····(to 后面接动词原形)

We are anxious for your success.

我们盼望你成功。

I am anxious to know the result.