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# 前 言

为了配合现行大学英语教材,帮助学生更好地理解课文,复习、巩固大学阶段所学短语与习语及其用法,培养学生自学及运用语言的能力,顺利通过英语四、六级考试及其他各级各类英语考试,我们根据大学英语教学大纲及现行教学程序编写了此书。

本书的主要特点有:

1. 包含教材中的知识点原句,使读者能够温故知新;
2. 对知识点中出现的短语与习语进行了详细解释;
3. 包含大量情景性的例句,并附有中文译文。

本书是按照上海外语教育出版社出版的《大学英语(修订本)·精读》第1册至第6册的单元顺序举例说明重点、难点短语与习语的。本书为大学生提供了学习课本的辅助材料,也为广大大学英语教师提供了备课的素材。

参加本书编写的还有祝华令、伍向东、袁亦欢、谢祁祁、熊许滌等。由于水平有限,书中错误难免,恳请读者批评指正。

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## Presupposed Phrases and Expressions

**be able to** 能,能够,有能力,会,可以

At the end of their experiments, they were able to conclude that overcrowding causes a breakdown in normal social relationship among rats, a kind of social disease. 试验结束时,他们能够断定,过分拥挤导致了老鼠中正常社会关系的解体,即引起了一种社会疾病。  
As she had plenty of money, she was able to help me. 由于手头宽裕,她有能力帮助我。

Since her accident she hasn't been able to leave the house. 她自从出了事故以来就没能离开过那所房子。

**according to** 按照,根据

From each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs. 各尽所能,按需分配。

Many words are pronounced according to the spelling, but some are not. 很多单词按照拼写法来发音,有些却不是这样。

According to herself, she is perfectly right. 据她自己说,她是完全正确的。

**be afraid of** 害怕,惟恐

At last Debbie gave away the secret because she was afraid of being scolded. 最后,黛比因为害怕受到惩罚而泄露了秘密。

They didn't play volleyball near the window. They were afraid of breaking it. 他们没在窗子附近打排球,他们怕把窗子打破了。

He is afraid of his own shadow. 他提心吊胆的,连自己的影子都害怕。

**again and again** 再三地,一再地

Sally insisted again and again on her right to the new work. 莎莉再三地坚持她有权利干这项新工作。

You must make up your mind not to do such a thing again. 你必须

做出决定不要再做这样的事了。

No one can avoid mistakes, but it is inexcusable to make the same mistake again and again. 没有人不犯错误,但是同样的错误一犯再犯就不能原谅了。

**long ago** 从前,很久以前

I read that book long ago. 我很久以前读过那本书。

Long, long ago there lived a king. 很久很久以前,有一位国王。

That happened long ago. 那件事发生在很久以前。

**agree with sb.** 同意某人的观点

I agree with you on that point. 关于那一点,我同意你的看法。

I agree with you, yet I cannot consent. 我同意你的意见,但是还不能应允。

They have not agreed with us as yet, but there are indications that they will. 他们至今尚未同意我们,但有迹象表明他们会同意。

**ahead of** 在……之前

Our company is ahead of other makers of spare parts for the airplane. 我们公司制造飞机零部件比别家公司的业绩好。

Two people were ahead of us, and traveling fast. 有两个人在我们前面,走得很快。

Ahead of us, the road was narrow and muddy. 我们前面的道路既狭窄又泥泞。

**ahead of time** 提早,提前

If you finish your work ahead of time, you can watch TV. 如果你提前完成了工作,就可以看电视。

Whenever I have an appointment I always like to arrive a little ahead of time. 只要我有约会,我总是略微提前一点到达。

We needn't hurry because we are an hour ahead of time. 我们不必匆忙,因为我们已经提前一个小时了。

**by air** 通过航空

They traveled to Australia by air. 他们乘飞机去欧洲了。

I will send the letters by air. 这些信我要航空邮寄。

It saves a great deal of time to travel by air. 航空旅行可以节省很多时间。

**all over** 全部结束;到处,浑身

When the visiting football team scored another goal less than three minutes before the end of the match, we knew it was all over with our school team. 当客队在最后三分钟又攻入一球时,我们就断定校队输定了。

The meeting was all over. 会议结束了。

I have traveled all over Europe many, many times in my life. 我一生中在欧洲旅行了很多很多次。

**at all** 根本,完全

When I asked Professor John whether he was tired, he said: "Not at all!" 当我问约翰教授他是否累了时,他说:"一点也不累!"

I want to know what she is there at all for. 我想知道她究竟为什么待在那里。

If you want to consult me at all, give me a ring. 如果你确实想找我咨询的话,请给我打个电话。

**one after another** 接连地

They stood up and went out one after another. 他们站起来,一个接一个地出去了。

We overcame difficulties one after another. 我们克服了一个又一个的困难。

They walked across the bridge one after another. 他们相继过了桥。

**one another** 彼此,相互

The naughty boys threw stones at one another. 那些调皮的男孩子相互用石子打着玩。

They sat side by side and chattered to one another. 他们并排坐着,彼此聊着天。

They gave presents to one another at Christmas. 圣诞节他们互相赠

送礼物。

**arrive at/ in** 到达, 达到

How much it costs is beside the point— I will pay you any amount if you can be certain that this parcel will arrive in Beijing tomorrow.

花多少钱并不重要——如果你能肯定这个包裹明天到达北京, 我可以付给你任何数目的钱。

They checked in at their hotel in less than an hour after they arrived in New York. 他们到达纽约后不到一个小时就在旅馆办完了登记手续。

As soon as Professor Ryle arrived at his laboratory, he got down to work. 里尔教授一到他的实验室, 就开始进行工作。

**as... as** 与……一样, 如同……一般

The child sang as sweetly as a nightingale. 这孩子歌唱得同夜莺般婉转。

She stole away to bed as quickly as she could, and when she was alone, gave free vent to the sorrow with which her breast was overcharged. 她赶快偷偷地上了床, 在只剩下她一个人的时候, 才把那满腔的悲愁尽情地发泄出来。

He can run as fast as I can. 他能跑得和我一样快。

**as if/ though** 好像, 仿佛

Jackson acts as if he had been a professor. 杰克逊表现得好像他曾经是个教授。

I remember the whole thing as though it happened yesterday. 我记得很清楚, 就好像这事儿就发生在昨天似的。

My mother works with enthusiasm as though she never knew fatigue. 我母亲的工作热情这么高, 好像从来不知道疲倦似的。

**not as/ so... as** 与……不一样

She is not as pretty as I expected. 她不如我预想的那么漂亮。

I'm neither so young as you think nor so ignorant. 我既不象你想的那样年轻, 也不象你想的那样无知。

The situation is not as bad as you suggest. 情形不如你说的那样糟糕。

**ask for** 请求, 寻找

The editorial staffs always ask for criticism and suggestions from the readers. 编辑部人员经常要求读者提出批评和建议。

She went to the publishing house and asked for a copy of their latest catalogue. 她到出版社去要了一本他们的最新目录。

Mr. Smith telephoned and asked for you. I told him you were out.  
史密斯先生打电话找你, 我告诉他你出去了。

**fall asleep** 入睡; 长眠, 死; 陷于迟钝

Soon they fell asleep. 他们很快就睡着了。

He often falls asleep during the class. 他经常在课堂上睡觉。

My grandmother often falls asleep while she is watching TV. 我奶奶经常在看电视的时候睡觉。

**pay attention to** 注意, 重视

Pay attention to uniting and working with colleagues who differ with you. 要注意团结那些和自己意见不同的同事一道工作。

No attention was paid to my advice. 我的意见没有得到一个人的重视。

You must pay attention to the teacher. Don't let your attention wander. 你必须注意听讲, 不要走神。

**far away** 在远处; 最……

The new music teacher lives far away. 新来的音乐教师住得很远。

She turned down a job in a cotton mill because it was too far away.  
她没有接受棉纺厂的工作, 因为厂子太远了。

A telephone is an instrument by which we can speak to people far away. 电话是一种可以从远处同人进行对话的工具。

**right away** 立刻, 马上

If you find any clue to the problem, let me know right away. 要是你发现了解决这个问题的任何线索, 请马上告诉我。

Please translate it into English right away. 请马上把它翻译成英语。  
I will come back right away. 我马上就会回来。

**because of** 因为,由于

Because of its widespread use geographically, and because of the large number of people who speak it, English has been adopted as the language of aviation and air traffic. 由于使用英语的地理分布广泛,讲英语的人又如此众多,英语被用作航空和空中交通的通用语言。

He didn't come on time because of traffic jam. 由于交通堵塞,他没有按时赶到。

She didn't come because of the snow. 她因为下雪而没有来。

**go to bed** 上床,就寝

What time did you go to bed last night? 昨天晚上你几点上床睡觉的?

People usually lock up before they go to bed at night. 人们通常在睡觉前都把房间的门锁上。

There is nothing to do, so I may as well go to bed. 没有什么事可做的,我还是上床睡觉好了。

**in the beginning** 起初,首先

You will find it rather difficult in the beginning. 你刚开始时会觉得很困难。

In the beginning he wasn't interested in this book. 他开始时对这本书没有多少兴趣。

I didn't think it was a good idea in the beginning. 我开始就认为那不是个好主意。

**at the beginning of** 在……之初

The front matter is at the beginning of the book. 前言在书的开端。  
Can you imagine what will happen at the beginning of next century?  
你能想象下个世纪初将会发生什么事情吗?

He took the lead at the beginning of the race. 他在比赛开头时领先。

**belong to** 属于

The future belongs to the young people. 未来是属于年轻人的。

A word may belong to two or more parts of speech. 一个词可能属于两种或两种以上的词类。

What group did Miss Susan belong to? 苏珊小姐属于哪一组?

**do/ try one's best** 尽力,努力

She not only studied hard herself, but also did her best to help her classmates. 她不仅自己努力学习,而且还尽力帮助同学。

We must do our best to learn the science and technology. 我们必须努力学习科学技术。

It was not her fault. She was trying her best. 这不是她的错。她是尽了力的。

**had better** 最好

You had better go before it rains. 你最好下雨之前走。

You had better be getting things ready for we will start off in a minute. 你最好现在就把东西收拾好,因为我们一会儿就要出发了。

She is busy at this moment, and you had better not disturb him. 她这会儿正忙着呢,你最好不要打扰她。

**both... and** 不但……而且……; 既……又……

The delegates visited both New York and Boston. 代表们既访问了纽约,又访问了波士顿。

The secretary both speaks and writes Spanish. 这位秘书不但能讲而且能写西班牙语。

Both teaching and research work are making great strides. 教学与科研都在大踏步地前进。

**be busy doing sth.** 忙于做某事

The children were busy peeling away the wrapper of their presents. 孩子们正在忙着撕掉他们礼物外面的包装纸。

The old couple was busy rummaging out some old clothes for the jumble sale. 这对老夫夫妇忙着翻出些旧衣服卖破烂。

The swindlers are busy searching for victims. 诈骗犯正在忙着物色



诈骗对象。

**be busy with sth.** 忙于某事情

He is very busy with his work and only goes to movie with his girl-friend on occasion. 他工作很忙,只是偶尔和女朋友去看看电影。

We are busy with our homework. Please don't bother us. 我们正忙着做家庭作业,别打扰我们。

The secretary is busy with her work, writing the report. 秘书正在忙着写报告。

**call for** 要求,提倡,为……叫喊,为……叫

This project calls for great patience. 这项计划需要很大的耐心。

His present state of health calls for careful medical treatment. 他目前的健康状况需要进行细心的医治。

This film begins at seven. What time shall I call for you this evening? 电影七点钟开始放映,今晚我什么时候来叫你?

**care for** 关怀,照顾,愿意,计较

We should learn how to care properly for all the machinery we use. 我们应该学会怎样照料好我们使用的所有机器。

While their parents were abroad, the children were cared for by a relative. 在父母出国的时候,孩子们由一个亲戚照管。

Long, long ago there lived an Emperor who cared more for new clothes than for anything else. 很久很久以前有一个皇帝,他关心新衣服胜过关心其他任何东西。

**take care (of)** 注意,当心;照顾,负责

She wants us to take particular care in planting these seedlings. 她要我们种这些秧苗时特别注意。

Their children are taken care of by the company's nursery. 他们的孩子都由公司的托儿所照看。

But no matter what kind of disaster happens, she said, there will almost certainly be someone to take care of her until she dies. 但是她说,不管发生什么样的灾难,几乎肯定总有人照顾她直到她死了为