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前 言

在英语课堂上我们常可以听到这样的提问：

I was told by an English teacher to use ALL RIGHT, never ALRIGHT. Is that still true?

Can you help me distinguish between LIE/LAY/LAID? ILLUSION/ALLUSION/DELUSION are often confused...

“She looks so BAD.” or “She looks so BADLY.”, which is correct?

事实正是这样，大凡学过英语的人，尤其是掌握了一定量词汇、词组或句型的人，往往对众多易混易错的词语分辨不清，不知道何时何词(Which Word When?)，极易在理解和使用时张冠李戴，铸成错误。而这些易混易错词语，尤其是现代英语使用频率极高的常用词语，正是英语学习者的重点之一，也是大、中学英语教学所面临的难点所在。且时下有关英语用法之词书早已汗牛充栋，可真正解决学生这些实际困难、正确引导学生理解与运用这些疑难词语(Problem Words and Expressions)的词书并不多见。《现代英语常用疑难词词典》正是在这一紧迫形势下针对这些问题而编著的。

本词典所选疑难词语 1495 组，共计约 3000 条词。义项的选择力求简明扼要、科学严谨。所有词均是英语学习者日常交际或笔头写作中使用频率极高的易混易错疑难词。这些词语主要包括：

①同音异形词语，如：already, all ready; always, all

ways; commonsense, common sense; aside, a side 等;

②形似意异词语,如: before long, long before; assay, essay; sensor, censor; no more than, no more than, not more than; comprehensible, comprehensive 等;

③意近用法不同的词语,如: ago, before; compare, contrast 等;

④形近意近用法不同的词语,如: advice, advise; raise, arise, rise; disappointed, disappointing 等;

⑤搭配不同因而意义或用法不同的词语,如: apologize for, apologize to; compare to, compare with; instead, instead of; a sort of, sort of, of a sort, of the sort 等;

⑥某些易拼错的词语,如: argument(✓), argument(×)等;

⑦某些易混前缀形式,如: ante-, anti-; inter-, intra- 等;

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本词典针对我国学生实际,对每组词通过辨析、对比、举例等作了较为详尽细致的比较,使读者能一目了然每组词语之间之异同,能最快发现各词之间易混易错之处,真正能“对症下药”,因而克服了某些词典只简单给出词义读者仍如坠云雾之缺陷。于此,编者须指出的是,本词典重点在于各词组之间之关键异同,而不是罗列各词之用法,这样做一方面不使词典落入窠臼,另一方面不使读者步入误区,而能直截了当地、条理清晰地掌握常用疑难词。此外,时代在变迁,语言也在变化,本词典尽量提供给读者最新资料,避开陈旧的条条框框。

词典中所选例句大都选自英美各类词书,语言地道、简明、实用,且具有鲜明的对比性,使例句能更好地服务于各词之间的辨析。

为便于读者查找,本书正文前编有词组目录,每组以最常用词为首词,按字母顺序排列。书后附有全书词目索引,以便读者查阅。

编著者用心良苦,旨在为读者提供一本真正而实惠的工具书,但在义项选择、词语辨析、例句翻译诸方面不能说没有疏漏及错误,本着 Pope 所言“To Forgive is human”,若每位读者能在宽恕书中不当之处之时指点文字,我们实在是感激不尽。

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