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前 言

专门叙述英语中的形容词、副词和数词的书,国内尚属罕见。编者在长期大学英语教学实践中,发现这类词汇在英语中极为常见,使用频率高,尤其是英语形容词,在其作定语、表语,以及在与介词搭配时,其间语法关系,对广大初学者,对大、中学生来说,都不易掌握。为了更好地满足广大读者的学习需要,我们把这本工具书奉献出来,供学习时参考。

本书收集了英语形容词作定语、表语以及在与介词搭配使用时的一些常见结构和少量的副词、数词的用法。收录的常见词汇 1,000 多个,例句近 6,000 条。

在编纂过程中,我们参考了国内外出版的几十种英汉词典和英英词典以及其它一些工具书。“常见结构”和“类义词”两项被视为本书的中心内容;前者配有例句,有利于读者学会、掌握和运用,以达到丰富读者语言,提高使用语言的能力。

读者在使用本书时。请注意以下几点:

一、释义:(一)单词词条只列出几个主要意思;(二)为缩短短篇幅,例句译文省略;(三)“常见结构”的含义可见例句;

(四)省去类义词的释义。

二、词条和常见结构:(一)词条按字母顺序排别;(二)和形容词搭配的介词均排在其后,例如:“be consonant with/to”,省写为“be ~ with/to”;(三)“~”符号为省略号,即省略“常见结构”中的中心词。例如:“be capable of”写为“be ~ of”。

由于时间仓促,水平有限,书中难免有一些不妥之处,请读者批评指正。

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A

aback *adv. & adj.*

向后, 在后; (海) 处于顶风位置; 突然地, 猝不及防地
常见结构为“take sb. aback, be taken aback”。

John took Tom aback. (ECD)

Mr. Smith was taken aback by her sharp retort. (ECD)

I am completely taken aback at the question. (ECD)

The ship was taken flat aback by a squall. (ECD)

abacterial *adj.*

非细菌性的, 无细菌的

The doctor has found out that this is an abacterial inflammation.
(ECD)

abandoned *adj.*

一般作定语, 用于描述罪人及他们的行为, 着重用来指精神上、道德上完全丧失标准、不可救药

Jack is an abandoned villain. (DOES)

That pleasure-seeker led an abandoned life. (DOES)

He burst into abandoned laughter. (ECD)

abask *adv.*

在舒适的温暖中, 暖洋洋地

Nancy lies abask in Mediterranean noonday.

abeam *ad. & adj.* (一般用作定语)

正横着(的)(指与船的龙骨或飞机机身成直角); 正对着船舷(或机身)中部(的)

The ship is sailing with the wind directly abeam. (ECD)

Their ship came abeam of ours. (ECD)

abed *ad. & adj.* (一般作表语)

在床上(的), 卧病在床(的)

The gentleman has been ill abed. (ECD)

The lights were out, and all were thought to be abed. (ECD)

The old man is abed with gout. (ECD)

aberrant *adj.*

(可用以表示任何形式的精神不健全的,尤指未形成精神病的,轻微的或短暂的紊乱)偏离正路的,偏离常规的,反常的

A rocket moves on an aberrant course. (ECD)

We study the aberrant behavior of the patient. (ECD)

英语中 aberrated=aberrant

abhorrent *adj.* 使人厌烦的,不相符的,相抵触的,背离的,不相容的
常见结构“be ~ of”, “be ~ to”, “be ~ from”.

He made an abhorrent crime. (ECD)

Many people are abhorrent of compromises. (ECD)

We are never abhorrent to mature. (ECD)

John is abhorrent from the principles of the law. (ECD)

abiding *adj.*

持久不变的,永久的

Tom has an abiding interest in English. (ECD)

He has read the abiding library classics. (ECD)

abject *adj.*

绝望无助的,蹩脚的,卑鄙的,卑身屈节的

The troops ended in an abject failure. (ECD)

Jackson is an abject coward. (ECD)

The hostess likes abject submission.

ablaze *adj.*

[一般用作表语] & ad. 着火,闪耀,热烈,激烈

The forest was set ablaze by lighting.

The hotel was ablaze with lights. (ECD)

His face was all ablaze with excitement. (ECD)

able *adj.*

(和 be 连用, 后接不定式)能够, 有才能, 有水平的

My sister is able to write music. (ECD)

I shan't be able to come on January 1. (snow)

I haven't been able to get in touch with you. (Mis)

我们还要注意, be able to 和 can 意思相近, 但前者可有更多的语态形式, 另外它可以和情态动词或某些系动词连用(1), 也可以用在不定式或动名词短语中(2)。

(1) We ought to be able to live on our income. (Shaw)

(2) John said he so much regretted not being able to swim. (Mis)

Lester was an able man. (Dreiser)

As long as they are physically able, they tend to live on their own.

(ECD)

ably *adv.*

能干地, 出色地

Mr. Brown could play the piano very ably. (DOEU)

The meeting was ably run by the chairman. (ECD)

abloom *adj.*

[一般用作表语] & *adv.* 开着花, 开满花

A garden was abloom with roses. (ECD)

abnormal *adj.*

反常的, 异常的, 不规则的

It is abnormal for a man to walk in his sleep. (Thorndike)

The stillness caught Lanny's attention; it seemed abnormal. (Sinclair)

Tom is an abnormal child. (ECD)

aboard *adv.*

上船(车、飞机等), 入伙, 并排在边上

It's time to go aboard. (ALD)

The diesels roared, the conductors jumped aboard, and off the train went. (ECD)

I saw another ship close aboard. (ECD)

aboil *adj.*

(一般用作表语) & *adv.* 沸腾的(地)

The sky was aboil with storm clouds. (ECD)

This was a meeting aboil with controversy. (ECD)

abominable *adj.*

可恶的, 讨厌, (口)(天气、食物等)破坏的, 糟透的, 低劣的
常见结构: "be ~ to sb".

Their cruel treatment of prisoners was abominable. (ECD)

Murder is the most abominable crime. (DCE)

The food in this hotel is abominable. (DCE)

The weather here is abominable. (FWF)

aboriginal *adj.*

(按文献记载)最早就有的, 土著(尤指澳大利亚土著)的, 原始的

We have found that there is aboriginal flora in this area. (ECD)

This is an aboriginal custom in China. (ECD)

Many people in the world know these aboriginal inhabitants of America. (ECD)

A few people know an aboriginal language. (ECD)

aborning *adv.* & *adj.*

(一般作表语)在...诞生(或产生)的时候;正在诞生(或产生)中的

The plan died aborning. (ECD)

His great ideal has been aborning. (ECD)

abortive *adj.*

失败的, 无结果的, (动植物器官)败育的(胎儿)流产的, (未成熟就)提前发生

和 fruitless, vain, failing, immature, incomplete 等类义。

The general officer organized an abortive coup. (ECD)

John tried upon the lock, but each attempt proved abortive. (ECD)

The little boy is abortive. (ECD)

The baby was abortive. (ECD)

about *adv. & adj.*

在四周,在附近,到处,以周长计算;沿反方向,接二连三地,以轮流方式;(口)约摸,几乎

You will be warm enough if you move about. (ECD)

Don't look about in class. (ECD)

Please, stand somewhere about. (ECD)

He is taking about a lot these days. (ECD)

Jack has been about a good deal. (ECD)

The lake is ten miles about and four miles across. (ECD)

Sometimes, we have to put a matter the other way about. (ECD)

The captain brought a ship about. (ECD)

Turn about is fair play. (ECD)

Just about everything he said was true. (ECD)

The practice is about as American as you can get. (ECD)

用作形容词时,一般是作表语,意为:活动中的,在起作用的,在流行(或传播)中的

Jackson will be (out and) about again soon. (ECD)

Smallpox is about. (ECD)

I want to see Mr. Smith, please, is he about yet? (ECD)

above *adv. & adj.*

在(或向)上面,在(或向)较高处;在开空,在身体上部(或背部);上文;(在级别、权力、数目等方面)以上;在零度以上

He is looking up the blue sky above. (ECD)

Above were the snowy peaks. (ECD)

Many people like to look up the stars twinkling above. (ECD)

When he prays, he looks above. (ECD)

I plan to write a book with 100 pages and above. (ECD)

The case was referred to the court above. (ECD)

The temperature is six above. (ECD)

In the above examples you can see the usage of "above". (DOEU)

Please send the parcel to the above address. (DOEU)

有时可表示“上级的”。

Take your complaints to the above powers. (DOEU)

above 和其它词构成合成词:例如:above-average *adj.* 超过平均水平的,异乎寻常的; above-board *adj.* 坦率的,光明正大的; above-cited *adj.* 上面所引的; above-ground *adj.* 在地面上的,活着的,公开的; above-mentioned *adj.* 上面提到的,上述的

The boy has an above-average intelligence. (ECD)

Be open and above-board with me. (ECD)

I have read the above-passages. (ECD)

The United States did an above-ground testing of nuclear weapons. (ECD)

I have understood some questions in the above-mentioned examples. (ECD)

abreast *adv.* [一般作表语] & *adj.* 朝同方向并列(的),并肩(的); 使与...齐头并列

常见结构:“be ~ of/with”

Four cars stood ~. (ECD)

They lined up four abreast. (ECD)

We can keep abreast of what is going by reading the newspaper. (ECD)

abrim *adj.*

[一般用作表语] *ad.* 充满着(的),洋溢着(的)

常见结构:“be ~ with”。

His eyes are abrim with tears. (ECD)

The night was abrim with moonlight. (ECD)

abroach *adv.* & (一般作表语) *adj.*

开着洞的,一般是(*n.* + abroach); 在起作用(的),在广泛流传中(的)

That is a cask set abroach. (DOED)

I often ask my students to set their mind. (ECD)

abroad *adv.* & (一般作表语) *adj.*

到国外;到室外,到(或在)外面;广泛四散,在四下流传中

John will go abroad next year. (ECD)

The millionaire is traveling abroad in many lands. (ECD)

The great scientist, Qian Xue Seng was famous at home and abroad.
(ECD)

The owl ventures abroad at night. (ECD)

The team wears a different uniform for games abroad. (ECD)

Cigarette ends scattered abroad. (ECD)

The minister spread his hands abroad and played. (ECD)

There is plenty of enthusiasm abroad. (ECD)

abrupt *adj.*

突然的,意外的,陡峭的,(举止、言谈等)唐突的,(文章风格等)不通顺

和 steep, precipitous, sheer, sudden, precipitate, headlong, impetuous, hasty 等类义。

Tom made an abrupt turn to avoid hitting another car. (ECD)

There are abrupt weather changes. (ECD)

Grew saw an abrupt peak rising from the ocean. (ECD)

There are many an abrupt descents in the mountain. (ECD)

He has an abrupt manner. (ECD)

His abrupt reply hurt her feelings. (DOEU)

The ideas in your composition are good but the style is rather abrupt.
(DOEU)

absent *adj.*

不在场的,缺乏的,心不在焉的,出神的

和 preoccupied, abstracted, absentminded, distraught 等类义。

I have decided to be absent from work tomorrow. (ECD)

He arrived home to find his wife still absent. (DOEU)

The manager is absent in Beijing. (DOEU)

In certain fishes the ribs are entirely absent. (ECD)

Snow is absent in some countries. (Thorndike)

She noted the absent fixity of his stare. (ECD)

其副词为 *absently* 或 *absentmindedly*。

absolute *adj.*

完全的;专制的,无限制的;确定的,确实的;无条件的
和 *pure, simple, sheer, ultimate, categorical* 等类义。

We asked him to tell the absolute truth. (ECD)

Mr. Smith does his work with absolute precision. (ALD)

It was thought that Jackson was an absolute fool. (ECD)

The police have absolute proof of his guilt. (FWF)

An absolute ruler can do just as he pleases. (DCE)

absolutely *adv.*

完完全全地,绝对地

Of course it's absolutely impossible. (Sinclair)

These're absolutely first-class quality.

He knew absolutely nothing. (Dreiser)

Constance was absolutely in the wrong. (Bennet)

"Do you think so?" "Absolutely." (NECD)

absorbed *adj.*

极感兴趣的,全神贯注的,被吸收的
和 *intent, engrossed, rapt* 等类义。

常见结构: "be ~ in".

Tom was too absorbed in his newspaper to hear the bell. (ECD)

He eyed the coming tide with an absorbed attention. (ECD)

absorb 可构成两个形容词: *absorbent* (能吸收的), *absorbing* (吸引人的)。

This substance is as absorbent as a sponge. (ECD)

Boys find stamp-collecting an absorbing pastime. (DED)

abstemious *adj.*

(伙食等)简单而有节制的,节省的,俭朴的

和 abstinent, temperate, moderate, sparing, frugal 等类义。

The old man is abstemious in his eating habits. (ECD)

Just now we finished an abstemious meal. (ECD)

abstract *adj.*

抽象的,深奥的,难理解的(相当于 abstruse),纯理论的,纯概念的,空想的

和 ideal, transcendent, transcendental 等类义。

A flower is beautiful, but beauty itself is abstract. (ALD)

The word "hunger" is an abstract noun. (DCE)

He was thinking over an abstract question. (DQED)

Those black people enjoy an abstract right. (ALD)

而 abstracted 也是形容词,其意是:心不在焉的,出神的。例如:

He does his homework with an abstracted mind. (ECD)

absurd *adj.*

荒唐的,愚蠢的,(荒诞派笔下描写的内容)无理性的,无价值的和 silly, preposterous, foolish 等类义。

she said to herself that the idea was absurd. (Bennet)

He wears an absurd kind of hat. (ECD)

The idea that the number 13 brings bad luck is absurd. (ECD)

I have read an absurd article. (ECD)

abuilding *adj.*

在建造(或建设)中的,在酝酿积累中的

There is a new port and two hotels abuilding. (ECD)

Discontents are already strong and abuilding. (ECD)

abundant *adj.*

大量的,充足的,十分的,富裕的

和 copious, ample, plentiful, plentiful 等类义。

There is an abundant rainfall in the area.

The company gives an abundant supply of meat, milk and eggs.

China has an abundant land.

We should keep abundant energies all the time.

abusive *adj.*

骂人的, 滥用的, 胡乱的, 虐待的

和 opprobrious, vituperative, contumelious, scurrilous 等类义。

He is an abusive master. (DOEU)

Jack wrote an abusive letter to the manager. (DOEU)

The boy received abusive treatment. (DOEU)

academic *adj.*

学院的, 大学的, 学术的, 学理的, 普通文化课, 教学的, 教务的, 纯理论的, 学究式的

和 scholastic, pedantic, bookish, theoretical, speculative 等类义。

He remembered his academic days fondly. (FWF)

There are some academic exchanges between China and Canada.

History, economics and German are academical subjects. (ECD)

Mr. brown was a great academic thinker. (ECD)

She realized that his protest must have been more or less academic. (ECD)

The question (issue) is academic. (ALD)

The question of freedom of speech is only an academic one under a dictatorship. (DEU)

acceptable *adj.*

值得接受的, 令人满意的, 合意的, 受欢迎的, 可忍受的

和 welcome, pleasant, pleasing, agreeable 等类义。

常见结构“be ~ for to (by)”。

Yesterday we arrive at an agreement that was acceptable by all sides. (ECD)

The proposal is acceptable to all. (ECD)

Compliments are always acceptable. (ECD)

Jackson sent his parents an acceptable gift. (ECD)

It was acceptable that he (should) leave her. (ECD)

Some prisoners made life acceptable for themselves and survived very well. (ECD)

The girl received an acceptable mark on the test. (ECD)

而 *acceptive* (adj.) 则表示易于接受的, 准备接受的, 愿意接受的 (类似于 *accepting* (易于接受的, 赞同的))。

常见结构 “be ~ of”。

The young people are *acceptive* of new ideas.

accessible *adj.*

容易接近的, 可以理解的, 可使用的; 易相处的, 易受影响的, 易感的
常见结构: “be ~ to”; 和 *affable*, *easy*, *approachable* 等类义。

We know the town accessible by rail. (ECD)

New English course is easily accessible to beginners. (UOA)

One must be accessible to reason. (UOA)

The university students read a collection of books recently made accessible to the public. (ECD)

Premier Zhou was an accessible leader. (ECD)

Though he some times seems obsessed with numbers, his speeches are otherwise accessible. (ECD)

Some leaders are accessible to flattery. (ECD)

He is not accessible to pity. (ECD)

accidental *adj.*

意外的, 偶然(发生)的, 非主要的, 附带的

常见结构: “be ~ about to”。

和 *casual*, *fortuitous*, *contingent*, *incidental*, *adventitious* 等类义。

The rate of accidental death has decreased since last year.

The murder was meticulously planned; there was nothing accidental about it. (ECD)

Are these songs essential or accidental to the play? (ECD)