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## 前 言

英语语言历史悠久词汇量多如繁星。成语、习惯用语亦是异彩纷呈,美不胜收。这些对于学习者提高其英语的读、写、译等水平都具有不可估量的作用。作文时,这些惯用语如能得到巧妙的使用,文章可变得珠圆玉润,文辞华美;阅读之时,倘若拙于理解,就会曲解其意,铸成大错;翻译时若是疏于斟酌,亦易望文生义,贻笑大方。陈毅副总理曾说:“成语、习惯用语也很重要。它们本身是讲不出什么道理的,习惯了这样讲就这样讲……这些东西如果不熟悉,就是外文没有过关。”有鉴于此,我们特编写此书,以飨读者。

本书所选词条是依据大学英语教学大纲和现行的各类英语教科书为蓝本,各词条均按英语 26 个字母的顺序排列,每个词条之后列有最常见的释义。例句典型生动,雅俗共赏,英汉对照,实用性强,易于背诵。书末附综合练习题两套,以资复习实践之用。

本书遴选习惯用语约 1800 条,是作者依据十载教学生涯和寒窗苦读的积累总结。倘若能对莘莘学子泛舟于气象万千的学海之上有所裨益,则是本书之目的所在。区区小书,雕虫小技尔,譬如村醪市脯,若所济者众,作者之心愿遂也!

此书由赵毅策划并编写字母 N~Z 部分;彭萍编写字

母 A~M 部分。

电子科技大学出版社向万成社长在成书过程中给予了大力的支持,并提出了许多宝贵意见,在此我们表示诚挚的谢意。

本书特别适合于大学英语四、六级考试之用,同样也可供报考研究生以及参加 EPT、TOEFL 考试、自学英语的广大读者参考使用。

“路漫漫其修远兮,吾将上下而求索!”限于学识和水平,本书不当之处在所难免,恳请同行和广大读者批评指正。

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## A

• **above all**      首先,首要

The population and the labor force have moved dramatically from farms to cities, and *above all* to service industries.

农村人口和劳动力大量流入城市,特别是进入服务性行业。

• **a case in point**      恰当的例子;例证

My younger brother wishes to mention *a case in point*.

我家小弟弟想要提出一个恰当的例证。

• **according to**      按照;随着……的不同(而不同)

Naturally, investors decide to spend their capital *according to* the desires and needs of those who buy goods and services.

当然,投资者是按照那些购买商品和服务的人的愿望和需求来决定使用自己的资金。

The socialist principle of distribution is from each *according to* his ability, to each *according to* his work.

社会主义的分配原则是:各尽所能,按劳分配。

• **account for**      说明(原因);(数量等)占

We can now easily *account for* many things which were thought to be impossible by our forefathers.

许多先辈们认为是不可能的事情,我们今天都很容易予以解释了。

That *accounts for* 10 per cent of all highway accidents.



那占有所有公路事故的 10%。

• act as 担当

Once vitamin D locks in, the receptors *act as* a sort of control tower.

维生素 D 一旦锁住,受体便发挥某种控制塔的作用。

• a couple of 几个;两三个

There are *a couple of* arenas in which it seems to be acceptable for men to be emotional, says Tom; sports and politics.

汤姆说,在一些活动中男人感情用事似乎是可以接受的,如在体育和政坛方面。

• act on 对……起作用;按照……行动

The beautiful music *acted on* the emotions of the students.

那首优美的乐曲使学生们情绪激荡。

The patient will *act on* his doctor's suggestion.

那位病人将按照其医生的建议去治疗。

• act up to 按照……行动;听从

The student *acted up to* his teacher's advice.

那位学生听从了教师的意见。

• add to 增添,增加

The newly-built reservoir *adds greatly to* the picturesque-ness of my home village.

新修的水库使我家乡的风景更加秀丽。

• add up 加起来;合计

The waiter is *adding up* the bill for us.

那位服务员正在为我们开帐单。

• add up to 总计有;意味着

It all *adds up to* this—she is a cabbagehead.

这一切都表明,她是一个傻瓜。

• *adhere to*      坚持

We must *adhere to* the Communist Party's leadership.

我们必须坚持中国共产党的领导。

• *admit to*      让……享有;通向;承认

The ticket *admits* you *to* one movie.

凭此票可以看一场电影。

The gate *admits to* the garden.

这扇门通向花园。

• *a few*      几个;有些

History is not created by *a few* men of genius but by the masses of the people.

历史不是由少数天才创造的,而是由人民群众创造的。

注:*few*和*a few*均可修饰可数名词,前者多表示否定,后者多有肯定之意。

• *after a fashion*      勉强;马马虎虎

She can play the guitar *after a fashion*.

她勉强会弹一点吉它。

注:*in a/some fashion*是其同义词组。

• *after all*      毕竟;终究

Your birthday may not be such a special day *after all*—you share it at least with nine million others.

你的生日或许根本就不是什么特殊的日子,至少有九百万人与你在同一天过生日。

• *a good deal (of)*      大量;许多

Some priests, nuns and researchers spend *a good deal of* time shepherding shopping-bag ladies who are down.

一些教士、修女和研究人员花了大量时间来照顾这些穷困潦倒的女隐士们。

注: *a great deal*; *a lot*; *quite a little* 是其同义词组。该词组常和不可数名词等连用。

• *a good many*      相当多的; 许多的

*I have a good many people in this school.*

我在这所学校里认识的人相当多。

注: *quite a few*, *a great many* 均是其同义词组, 常与可数名词连用。

• *a great deal of*      大量, 许多

*A great deal of hard work can never be accomplished in one move.*

许多艰苦的劳动绝不是一蹴而就的。

• *a great many*      许许多多; 极多

*I have a great many things to do during the winter vacations.*

我在寒假期间有许许多多的事情要做。

• *agree on (upon)*      商定, 约定; 达成协议

*They have agreed on the price for the secondhand bicycle.*

他们已经商定了这辆旧自行车的价钱。

*The terms of peace have already been agreed upon.*

和平的条件已经取得了一致的意见。

• *agree to*      应允; 赞同

*Miss Wang's parents have agreed to her marrying Peter.*

王小姐的父母已同意她和彼得结婚。

• *agree with*      同意; 对……适合

*We quite agree with her on that point.*

在这一点上,我们完全同意她。

Spareribs in sweet-sour sauce *agreed* very well with him.

糖醋排骨很合他的胃口。

注:agree with 之后常接人作其宾语;agree to 则常带意见、观点等为其宾语。

• a gust of (风、烟、雨等)突然一阵

The clouds reveal their darker nature. Suddenly a *gust* of wind whips the dust along the road, chill warning of what is to come.

乌云露出了它们阴暗之本性,突然一阵狂风卷起沿途的尘土,凉意预示着暴风雨的来临。

• a handful of 少数;一小撮

We still have a *handful of* patients here who are being kept alive by constant care.

我们这里还有几个病人,由于坚持治疗才得以生存下来。

• ahead of schedule(time) 提前

Because of important innovations on the equipment, all targets have been hit a month *ahead of schedule*.

由于在设备上进行了重要革新,所有指标已提前一个月完成。

The plane left Chengdu for Beijing *ahead of time*.

飞机提前离开成都飞往北京了。

• aim at 瞄准;针对

The killer revealed the atrocious features, drew a pistol, *aimed at* her and threatened her.

杀手凶相毕露,掏出手枪,对准她,威胁她。

• aim high 力争上游,胸怀大志

A student should work hard and *aim high*.

学生应当刻苦学习,力争上游。

• *airs and graces* 矫揉造作,装腔作势

The girls chuckled at his *airs and graces*.

看到他装模作样,姑娘们便嘻嘻地笑起来了。

• *a little (of)* 一些;一点点

He knows *a little of* everything.

他样样都懂一点。

As we age, most of us become less active, and the body's basal metabolism rate slows *a little* each year.

随着年龄的增长,我们大多数人越来越不爱动,而身体的基础代谢率逐年也稍有减慢。

注:同义词组为 *a bit (of)*.

• *alive and kicking* 活蹦乱跳的;生气勃勃的

Prof. Wang is an amazing old lady, still *alive and kicking* at eighty.

王教授是一位令人惊异的老太太,80岁了仍那样精神矍铄。

• *all along* 始终,一直;沿着

There are willows *all along* the road.

一路上都栽有柳树。

My grandfather has been very nice to me *all along*.

爷爷一惯待我很好。

• *all along of* 由于;全因……的缘故

"I never had such bad luck, really," exclaimed Miss Thoreau. "It's *all along of* you, Mr. Smiths, I think."

"说真的,我从来没有这么倒霉过",梭罗小姐喊道。"我想这全是由于你的缘故,史密斯先生。"

- **all around** 在……周围;各处

*All around*, there is a cool and welcome feeling.

周围的一切给人一种清凉、惬意的感觉。

- **all but** 几乎;除了……所有

Unfortunately, the wild ginseng of Manchuria and Korea, hunted assiduously for centuries, is now *all but* extinct.

不幸的是,中国东北和朝鲜的野山参,数百年来由于人们千方百计地搜寻,现在几乎绝迹了。

*All but* the old man had left their home village.

除了那位老人以外,所有的人都离开了家园。

- **all day long** 整天,全天

His father works *all day long*, and yet he cannot earn enough to support his family.

他父亲整天干活,挣的钱还是不够养家活口。

- **all in all** 总的说来

*All in all*, the legislation did meet its objective of covering the new nation with family farms.

总的说来,立法的确实现了使家庭农场遍布这个新兴国家的目标。

- **all kinds (sorts) of** 各种;各样

You can pick up *all kinds of* things out there such as microbes, insects and snakes.

你可以从那里检出各种各样的东西,如微生物、昆虫和蛇。

- **all night long** 整夜

*All night long* was the sough of wind and rain; / How many flowers have fallen to the ground.

夜来风雨声,花落知多少?

- all of      不少于;整整

It must have been *all of* thirty days.

大约整整有 30 天之久。

- all of a sudden      突然地

*All of a sudden*, we saw a man steal forth from the woods.

我们突然看到一个人偷偷摸摸地从树林中钻出来。

- all one's life      一生;终生

It is better to be a lion for a day than a sheep *all your life*.

做一天狮子胜过终生为羊。

- all over      到处;全部结束

The friendship between the Chinese people and the people *all over* the world is growing with each passing day.

中国人民和世界各国人民的友谊正在与日俱增。

- all over oneself      过分自信;非常高兴

His brother used to be such a nice fellow, but lately he's *all over himself*.

他兄弟向来是个不错的家伙,但最近有点骄傲自大了。

- all parts of the world      世界各国

China—one of the four countries in the world with the oldest civilization, with a vast territory and abundant resources, does attract tourists from *all parts of the world*.

中国是世界四大文明古国之一,地大物博,令世界各国人民神往。

- all right      确实;没问题

He needs an English-Chinese dictionary *all right* so as to do the exercise well.

为了把这个练习做好,他确实需要一本英汉词典。

Is it *all right* for me to hand in the exercisebook the day after tomorrow?

我后天交上作业本行吗?

- all the same 依然;完全一样

Though she was tired, she went on with her studies *all the same*.

虽然累了,她还是照样继续学习。

It is *all the same* to me whether you read it or not.

你读不读对我来说反正一样。

- all the time 总是;一直

Don't complain *all the time*.

不要老是牢骚满腹。

She is a business woman *all the time*.

她一直都在做生意。

- all the year (round) 全年;整年

Don't expect big temperature drops in Sydney, because the average temperature is a mild 8 to 26 degrees Celsius *all the year round*.

别担心悉尼的温差会有多大,全年平均温度一般在8~26摄氏度之间,很少大起大落。

- all together 一道;总共;同时

Don't come here *all together*, one at a time.

大家别一齐来,一个一个地来吧。

- all too 实在;太

All this developed *all too* quickly.



所有这一切发展得太快了。

注: *only too* 是其同义词组。

- *all walks of life* 各界; 各行

People from *all walks of life* the whole country over visited Sichuan, the Land of Abundance.

全国各界人民参观了天府之国四川。

- *along with* 和……一道; 连同

Even worse, much of the weight you lose on a crash diet represents water and lean tissue, *along with* fat.

甚至更为糟糕的是, 因急剧减少饮食所减少的体重, 除了脂肪外, 大部分仍属水分和肌肉。

- *a lot (of)* 许多; 很多

Learn a little every day and by slow accumulation you'll have learnt *a lot*.

每天学一点, 日积月累就能学到不少知识。

The shop has *a lot of* trade.

这家商店生意兴隆。

注: *lots of* 是其同义词组, 可与可数和不可数名词连用。

- *among the number* 包括在内; 也在其中

I had read in the works of various philosophers that all animals degenerated in America, and man *among the number*.

我读过各个哲学家的作品, 它们一致认为所有动物到了美洲就要退化, 人也包括在内。

- *amount to* 总共达; 相当于; 等于

His father's total worldly possessions incredibly *amounted to* little more than the clothes he stood up in.