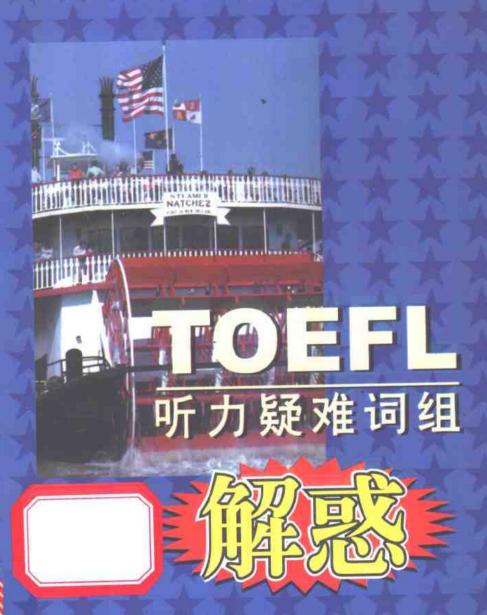
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前言

"你好不厉害!"——大凡以汉语为母语的中国人都能准确理解为"你太厉害了!"

然而外国人却未必,他们通常会根据词面的含义歧解为"你很不厉害!"这是可以理解的。因为任何一种语言,你都不能仅仅从孤立的单词层面上去领略句子的意思。

例如,在TOEFL全真试题中曾出现过这样的考题:

play by ear: 指随时应变;视情形而定

ring a bell: 听起来耳熟

如果从单词本义上去理解, 意思便太相轻庭, 让人忍俊不禁。

TOEFL考试分三个部分,其中听力部分占总分的三分之一。由于现在的 TOEFL 听力考试,取消了原来脱离语境的单句理解,增加了简短对话;结构和表达部分题型与题量没有变化,但句子长度增加,用词更加艰深,词义难度增大,题目更加隐晦。可见对考生而言,精确的理解句子中的疑难词组便更加重要。

本书分四个部分。第一部分收录了 1989 年 1 月~1997年10月全真试题中含有疑难词组的听力原文,并对疑难词组进行了解释。所选词组按字母顺序进行了排列,并在收入的每道试题后注明了考试的年月。第二部分精选了 1989 年以前

考题的词组。亦按字母顺序进行了排列,并省去了与第一部分重复的词组。第三部分收集了前两部分以外的常月词组并给出例句,其难易程度与TOEFL 听力词组相当,因此考生应该掌握。第四部分为索引,将前三部分词组汇集起来,进行总的排序,以方便考生查找。

如上所述,本书成书目的就是助你解 TOEFL 听力疑难之惑,让"很不厉害"的你成为"太厉害的你"!

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再版序言

承蒙读者厚爱,本书第一版业已告罄。自本书出版半年多以来,我们收到了全国各地热心读者的来信,应广大读者的要求,我们邀请了口语纯正的外籍专家,为本书录制了四盒音带,由上海海文音像出版社出版。

在此,我们向关心本书的朋友表示深深的谢意,读者若有需要,请与我们联系。

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第一部分

1989年1月—1997年10月 全真试题听力疑难词组解释



A

a while back	不久以前,刚才 ——a short time ago (例) ——Sam won't be able to play in the basketball game this week.		
	 Yah, he hurt his knee pretty badly a while back, I don't know why he didn't quit right away. (91.1) 山姆这周不能参加篮球赛了。 是的,他的膝盖不久前受了重伤,我不明白他为什么不立刻退出。 		
about to	正要;正准备 ——close to; ready to (例) I'm about to go swimming. (93.8) 我正要去游泳。		
according to	按照;根据 ——as stated or shown by; in a way that agrees with		

(例) There are big sales going on in the department stores downtown this week, according to Charlie. (90.8)
听春理说这周城里的百货商店大减价。

account for

说明:解释

----to be or give a reason for something; explain

(例) How do you account for it? (89.5) 你怎么解释议事?

and how

(用于强调同意)对;当然;那是自然

yes; that is certainly right

(例) ——The concert pianist is fantastic.

----And how! (97.1)

----音乐会的钢琴家太棒了。

as a rule '

通常

-usually, generally

(例) ——I'm not surprised you didn't like that movie. I found it really frightening myself.

—I did too. I don't care much for horror movies as a rule. (90.5)

一你不喜欢那部电影一点也不奇怪。 我自己也觉得它太恐怖了。

——我也是。通常我不喜欢恐怖片。

at	one's	service	随时效劳
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--- be ready to help sb.

- (例) ——Phil, could you give me a hand with this file cabinet? It belongs against the wall, next to the bulletin board.
 - ---At your service. (92.8)
 - 一一菲尔,能帮我搬一下这个文件柜吗? 把它靠墙放,在招帖栏旁边。
 - ——随时效劳。

at the most 至多、最多

---no more than

- (例) ——Has Sandy ever missed coming to one of our parties?
 - Only once or twice at the most. (91.10)
 - ——山迪每次都参加我们的晚会吗?
 - ---至多有一两次没参加过。

B

back and forth

来回,往返

----backwords and forwards

(例) 1) Most fish can do this by wigging back and forth in snake-like motion.

(95.8)

大多数鱼能象蛇一样扭来扭去。

2) I don't want a racer or a touring bike or anything. Mostly I'll just be using it, a bike to get me back and forth from work. (97.10) 我不要赛车或山地车。我只要一辆能

back op

挡住,堵住

----to be checked, stop

骑着上下班的车。

(例) 1) Well, I was going to come down Elm Street but the traffic was really backed up. (94.5) 我要穿过榆树街,可车堵得厉害。

- The subway is running behind schedule, and traffic is backed up for blocks. I don't know if we'll make the 7:15 show.
 - It's a beautiful night. Let's try to get there on foot. And if we don't make it, let's just have dinner near the theater. (96.5)
 - ——地铁晚点了。车也堵了几个街 区。我不知道能不能赶上 7:15 的表演。
 - 一一夜色多美,我们步行去吧。如果 赶不上,就干脆在剧院旁边的餐 馆吃晚饭吧。

be anything but 绝不

--not a little of

(例) Susan is anything but poor. (95.1) 苏珊很有钱(绝不穷)。

be beyond

太难以致不能做到或理解

- --- be too difficult to do or understand.
- (例) ——I think Tom left his umbrella on the bus.
 - ---Why he's so irresponsible is beyond me. (92.8)
 - ——我想汤姆把伞丢在公共汽车上了。

---我不懂他为什么这样不负责任。

be broke

破了产的;身无分文

- -----to be bankrupt; use up all one's money
- (例) Carl was broke after his vacation. (93.8) 卡尔度完假后身无分文。

be hard on

对……要求严厉

----to be strict

- (例) ——Larry certainly made a mess of that plain job.
 - ----Don't be too hard on him, he was only trying to help. (94.1)
 - ——拉里显然把简单的事搞砸了。
 - ——别对他太严厉, 他只不过想帮忙而 已。

be in another world

精神恍惚;魂不守舍

(例) ——Pete's really out of it these days.

---Yeah. I know. Ever since he met Ann, he's been in another world. (96.1)

- ——彼得这几天有些心不在焉。
- 一一嗯,自从遇见安,他就魂不守舍了。

be onto

发现;理解、懂得

something

----to find out; understand something

(例)——How's your work going? ——I think this time I am really onto something. (92.10) ——你的工作进展如何? ——我想这次我真的理解了一些东西。
平局 (例) The game was tied until John scored the winning point. (92.8) 约翰嬴得至胜一分前,比赛一直是平局。
有的印象;以为 ——to have an impression of (例) ——I heard there are a few seats left for tonight show. ——Really? I was under the impression that they were sold out a long time ago. (93.8) ——我听说今晚的演出还有空位。 ——真的?我还以为票早卖光了呢。
 熬夜 ─do not go to sleep (例) — I'm going to be up all night studying for my exam. — Do you really think that's wise?

(91.1)

be tied

be under

be up

the impression

----我要整夜准备考试。

-----你真的认为这样做明智吗?

before long

不久以后;很快

----soon; after a short period of time

(例) Before long, we'd all gotten to know one another. (89.8)
很快,我们都互相认识了。

beyond the reach

超出……的能力之外

οf

----too difficult to do for sb.

- (例) ——They just built some new apartments near campus, but a one-bed-room rents for five hundred dollars a month.
 - —That's a bit beyond the reach of most students. (93.3)
 - ——校园里新建了一些新公寓,但是单间 月积要 500 美元。
 - ——那有点儿超过大多数学生的承受力 了。

boil down

变成;基本上是或简要的是

- to come down to; be briefly or basically
- (例) They said the train won't arrive until nine.
 - ---Well, what that boils down to is yet another delay in our schedule.