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前 言

随着近年来全国四、六级考试通过率的普遍提高，非英语专业学生的英语水平已有了突破性的进展。然而，一些新问题也随之出现。学生对英语同义词正确理解和准确使用的能力还有待于提高。为此，作者编写了本书，以期帮助学生辨别同义词在不同语言环境中的准确运用，增强语言的交际能力。

所谓英语同义词，就是一些表达同一概念，但彼此之间有细微语义差别或不同文体色彩的词。由于英语本身词汇量大、词义丰富，同义词应用之广、用量之大占有举足轻重的地位。因此，正确地理解和准确地使用同义词，不仅可以准确表达思想内涵，而且还能提高阅读和写作能力。

本书编者根据多年的教学实践，分析了近十年来大学英语四、六级考试以及 TOFEL 和 GRE 考试中同义词的使用范围和频度，从大学英语教学大纲中筛选出 209 组同义词，总计 780 词，对其逐一进行释义、辨析，并配有大量例句供参考，解释简洁明了。为了方便读者，本书按名词、动词、形容词三部分进行分类编写，书前有目录，书后附有单词索引，均按字母顺序排列，查用非常方便。本书不仅是在校大学生、研究生和广大英语学习者的实用工具书，也可供大、中学英语教师教学中参考，并为其提供了规范的例句。

本书不仅参考了国内外权威辞书，也借鉴了近几年国内外英语专家和学者所发表的最新研究成果。全书由何文静同志主编，参加编写的还有周春宇、金哲（名词部分），杨靖、李玮、关英楠（动词部分），曲婧华（形容词部分）。

鉴于编者水平有限，时间仓促，错误和不当之处在所难免，
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编 者
2000 年 2 月

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常用名词辨析

ability capability capacity

这组词都表示“能力”的意思。

ability 指天赋或后天获得的实际应用能力，尤指思考、行动、创造等方面的能力。主要用于人，后接动词不定式或由介词 in/for 引导的短语。

The boy shows remarkable ability in music.

这男孩显示出非凡的音乐才能。

I do not doubt your ability to do the work.

我不怀疑你从事这项工作的能力。

capability 常表示天生的潜在的能力。既可以指人，也可以指物，后常接介词 of / for 引导的短语。

He has the capability of solving practical problems.

他有解决实际问题的才能。

The workers in this company are promoted according to their capabilities.

这家公司的工人是根据他们的能力提升的。

Atomic energy has many unexplored capabilities.

原子能尚有许多未被探测出来的潜在性能。

capacity 主要指理解能力、对事物的忍耐力或宽容力，强调非生理方面的品质。表示一种潜在的能力，而非实际表现出来的能力。后常接由介词 for/ of 引导的短语。

This book is beyond the capacity of young readers.

这本书非少年读者所能理解。

He has the capacity for great achievement.

他能成大器。

He has the capacity of learning English.

他有学习英语的能力。

abstract digest outline summary

这组词都表示“提要、提纲”的意思。

abstract 主要用于指学术论文或专著的提要，多由作者自己撰写，目的在于使读者先了解论文的要点，然后决定是否详读。

Please write an abstract of this scientific article.

请写一份这篇科学论文的摘要。

Every month we should make an abstract of official reports.

每个月我们都要作一份公报摘要。

digest 指浓缩原文，既要重新创作，又不失原意和原文的风格。

They are making a digest of the week's news.

他们正在编写一周新闻摘要。

Our task is to give a comprehensive digest of information.

我们的任务是进行资料的综合汇编。

The President started reading the press digest over breakfast.

总统边用早餐边开始阅读新闻简报。

outline 指根据原作的层次将主要思想和事实归纳，列出大纲或提纲。

You'd better make an outline before trying to write a composition.

你在写一篇作文之前最好先列个提纲。

One good way to master the ideas of an article is to make an outline of it.

写概要是掌握文章内容的好方法。

summary 指对较长的文字材料的主要内容，进行提纲式
的重述，但要概括原作所涉及的各个方面，使读者有一个系统的了
解。

The history book had a summary at the end of each chapter.

这本历史书的每一章的结尾都附有提要。

A summary of this speech was printed in the newspaper.

这次演讲的提要发表在报纸上。

academy college institute university

这组词都表示“大学、学院”的意思。

academy 指培养专门技能的专科学校或学院，也指科学院。

They built a military academy in the western part of the city last
year.

去年他们在这座城市的西部建了一所军校。

She graduated from an academy of music four years ago.

四年前她毕业于音乐学院。

His brother works in the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

他哥哥在中国科学院工作。

college 指一般大学内部的学院或规模较小、学科单一的学
院。

There are many colleges at Harvard and Yale.

哈佛大学和耶鲁大学有许多学院。

She is a teacher at the Normal Training College.

她是师范学院的一位教师。

They were classmates at college.

他们在大学是同班同学。

institute 通常指专科性的学院。

They plan to establish an institute for research in English teaching.