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前言

英语中最常用的一类词是介词。介词是固定短语的重要构成部分，也是广大学生较难掌握的一类词。如：一个介词可以有很多不同的含义；而更让人困惑的是，不同的介词可以含义相同，却又不能互换。

本书提供了所有常用介词用法的详细说明，且覆盖了义务教育课程标准所要求掌握的介词词汇，是中学生学习介词的必备用书。

本书的编排简单明了。介词按字母顺序排列，其不同的用法和含义以序号标出，并注明中英文释义。释义后面是针对该用法的例句，这些例句形象、生动并且富有时代感。

人们一般认为介词就是一个单词，如：from, to, on, off, 但实际上很多介词是由两个或两个以上的单词构成的，如：in spite of, instead of, up to, down to, as for 等等。这类介词在本书中均有说明，并根据其第一个单词的首字母排序。

本书中的许多词条还提供了由该介词构成的常用短语 (common phrase(s))，如：由介词 after 构成的常用短语有：after all, be after someone, day after day/week after week 和 one after another。

“Language Help”贯穿全书，是对含义相同、用法相近或用法上有重大区别的介词的用法指导。“Grammar Help”则列出了相关的语法点。

本书最后还附有十四套分级练习，方便学生自测。

熟悉每个介词的不同用法对学生而言大有好处，可以让他们理解英语中这一重要方面，也可以帮助他们更自信地说出、写出地道的英语。希望本书能对学生朋友们有所帮助。

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A

aboard

on or on to a large vehicle such as a ship, plane, bus or train: 在(船、飞机、汽车或火车)上; 登上(船、飞机、汽车或火车)

- There were 600 passengers **aboard** the aircraft.
- We were not allowed **aboard** the liner until our passports had been checked.
- Strangely enough, those **aboard** the stranded train began to make friends and enjoy the experience.

Language Help

近似用法: **on board**

- There were 600 passengers **on board** the aircraft.
- We were not allowed **on board** the liner until our passports had been checked.

about

1 on the subject of: 关于……

- I was just telling them **about** our holiday.
- What were you laughing **about**?
- She's written a book **about** cooking with spices.

2 concerning: 关于……

- Can anything be done **about** this mistake in the timetable?
- There was something odd **about** the way he spoke.
- The nice thing **about** Jenny is that she never gets angry.

3 approximately; roughly: 大约

- We arrived **about** 5 o'clock.
- They've lived in France for **about** a year.
- The audience numbered

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近似用法: **around** (尤用于美式英语)

- The accident occurred at **around** 5 o'clock.
- The audience numbered **around** 250.

about 250.

4 to or at different points in an area:

在各处，四处

- He spends his time wandering **about** the office.

- There were books scattered **about** the room.

Language Help

近似用法: **around/round**

- He spends his time wandering **around** (or **round**) the office.

common phrases

how about ... ? or what about ... ?

used informally for making a suggestion: 在非正式用语中用于提建议

- **How about** a walk in the park?
- **What about** staying in and watching TV?
- **How about** going on a diet?

what about ... ?

used for reminding someone about something: 用于提醒某人某事

- You can't go out tonight – **what about** your essay?

be about to do something

just going to do something: 刚要 (做某事)

- I was **about to** put my hand in the bowl when I noticed there was a spider in it.
- Come and sit down – I'm **about to** serve dinner!
- You just caught me in time – I was **about to** go out.

Language Help

非正式用语中表示决心不做某事可以用 **be not about to**:

- I'm **not about to** lend him any of my hard-earned money.

above

Language Help

一般来说, **above** 是 **below** 的反义词, **over** 是 **under** 的反义词。

1 at a higher level than: 在……上

- The plane was flying well **above** the clouds.

Language Help

表示从一处到另一处的运动时, 用 **over**, 而不用 **above**:

- I looked out of the window as we flew **over** Istanbul.

- **Above** them the sky was bright with stars.

2 directly over: 在……正上方

- A notice **above** the door told us to remove our shoes.
- The people in the flat **above** ours make a lot of noise.
- She recognized the signature **above** her own.

Language Help

近似用法: **over**

- A notice **over** the door told us to remove our shoes.

3 higher than a certain standard on a scale: (数目、数量、水平、年龄等) 高于; 大于; 多于

- The village is 2,000 metres **above** sea level.
- When you have a fever your body temperature is **above** normal.
- Even in summer the temperature rarely rises **above** freezing.
- The rainfall has been **above** average this year.

Language Help

over 常用于说明具体的计量单位或数量:

- Children **over** 12 pay the full fare.

但是 **above** 可用于说明温度:

- In the summer, the temperature is often **over** 30 degrees.

4 senior to: 胜过

- A colonel is **above** a captain in the army.
- Helen is in the class **above** mine.

Language Help

over 用于说明某人掌管着另一个人, 而不仅仅是地位更高:

- The workers in each team have an assistant manager **over** them.

common phrases

above all

used to introduce the most important point: 首先, 首要

- Work hard, be honest, but **above all** enjoy yourself!
- **Above all**, make sure of your facts.
- The scheme was silly, irresponsible and, **above all**, dangerous.

above average

noticeably good: 在平均水平之上

- His written work is **above average**.
- Children of **above-average** musical ability were encouraged to play an instrument.

according to

1 used to quote someone else's opinion or another source of information: 根据

- **According to my mum**, we should be paid more for our work.
- There isn't another train until 4 o'clock, **according to the timetable**.
- It's five-thirty already, **according to that clock**.
- The weather's going to improve, **according to the forecast**.

Language Help

给出自己的意见时, 不能说 **according to me**, 要说 **in my view**, **in my opinion** 或 **as far as I know**:

- The bus service is still running, **as far as I know**.

2 following a certain system: 按照

- Children are put into different groups **according to their age**.
- If you build the machine **according to the instructions**, you shouldn't have any problems.
- I hoped to have a free weekend but things did not go **according to plan**.

across

1 from one side to the other of: 横过, 穿过

- We walked **across the road** to our hotel.
- A tree had fallen and was lying **across the path**.
- Rain will spread from the west **across the whole country**.

Language Help

over 常用于表示从障碍物的一端向另一端的移动:

- We climbed **over the wall** and into the garden.
- The horse got **over all the jumps** easily.
- I leapt **over the stream**.

2 on the other side of: 在……的另一面 (对面)

- There's a post office **across the street**.

Language Help

近似用法: **over**

- There's a post office **over the street**.

- **Across** the river new skyscrapers were rising.
- The sculptures were discovered on an island far **across** the ocean.

after

1 later in time than: (表示时间) 在……之后

- I'll finish my essay **after** dinner.
- **After** putting his book down, he switched off the light.
- I don't like you going out alone **after** dark.
- She didn't get home till **after** midnight.

2 next to; following in order or arrangement: (表示位置) 在……后面; (表示顺序) 随……之后

- Y comes **after** X in the alphabet.
- A degree **after** your name always looks impressive!
- Art is my favourite subject; I like maths best **after** that.

3 as a result of: 由于

- We won't be using that airline again, **after** all the trouble they have caused us!
- **After** a win like that she should be able to relax a bit.

common phrases

after all

1 used for saying that, although something was expected, it did not happen or it was not true: 毕竟, 终究

- The computer wasn't broken **after all**.

2 used for giving an extra piece of information that supports what you have just said: (解释或说明) 别忘了, 到底

- The company can afford a pay rise. **After all**, they made a profit of \$6 million last year.

be after someone

to be chasing someone, usually to get revenge or punish them: 追赶(或搜寻、纠缠)某人

- *In a day or two the police would be **after** him.*

day after day, week after week and so on

repeatedly every day, every week, and so on: 日复一日 / 周又一周等

- ***Day after day** they waited in vain for news.*
- ***Year after year** he taught the same things to a new group of students.*
- *We went to **shop after shop** looking for the right kind of hammer.*

one after another

coming in large numbers, the next one quickly following the previous one: 一个接一个

- ***One after another** guests arrived with presents.*
- *We've had **one** problem **after another** with our computer.*
- *It has been a bad morning, with **one** interruption **after another**.*

against**1 pressing on another surface: 倚着, 紧靠着**

- *Her bike was leaning **against** the railings.*
- *I leant the ladder **against** the wall.*
- *Everyone was pushing **against** one another in the crowded lift.*

2 opposed to: 反对

- *We are **against** carrying out experiments on animals.*
- *I voted **against** the proposed changes.*
- *Are you for or **against** smacking children?*

3 in competition with: 以……为竞争对手

- *He found himself playing **against** Ben in the semi-finals.*

- Who have you been drawn **against** in the ping-pong tournament?
 - We are losing the fight **against** global warming.
- 4** disobeying (a rule or law): 违反 (规定或法律)
- It's **against** the law to use music you have taped for a public performance.
 - Taking body-building drugs is **against** the rules.
- 5** so as to give a disadvantage to: 对……不利
- The policy discriminates **against** older people.
 - My age is **against** me in the job market.
- 6** in contrast to (e.g. a different background): 以……为背景
- The white lilies looked lovely **against** the dark blue wall.
 - I saw two figures outlined **against** the sky.
- 7** in comparison with: 和……对比
- This year they made a profit of \$4 million, as **against** \$3 million last year.
- 8** providing protection from or treatment for: 防御
- This cream is effective **against** most insect bites.
 - You must be immunized **against** certain tropical diseases before you travel.
 - Are you properly insured **against** fire?

common phrase

have something against someone or something
to dislike someone or something for some reason: (由于某种原因) 不喜欢 (某人或某物)

- He's always making difficulties for me – I don't know what he has **against** me.

ahead of

- 1** further forward than: 在……之前

- She kept a few yards **ahead of** the other runners throughout the race.
- The queue of vehicles **ahead of** us looked endless.
- **Ahead of** them lay the mountains and the winding road through the pass.

Language Help

近似用法: **in front of**

- The green van was now about 100 metres **in front of** them.

2 more advanced than; doing better than: 领先; 占优势

- Sam is well **ahead of** the other pupils in mathematics.
- Our school remains **ahead of** the rest in its exam results.
- We finished the work **ahead of** schedule.
- We're **ahead of** time; we can take a short rest.

Language Help

ahead of 用于说明时区之间的差异:

- Singapore is eight hours **ahead of** Britain.

反义词: **behind**

- New York is several hours **behind** Britain.

3 waiting for you in the future:

在……前面

- We've got a lot of work **ahead of** us.
- The most difficult part of the journey still lay **ahead of** them.

Language Help

近似用法: **in front of**

- We've got a major task **in front of** us.

4 in readiness for: 为……做准备

- Last-minute preparations are being made **ahead of** next week's dance championships.
- Delegates have been arriving in large numbers **ahead of** the world summit on the environment.

common phrase

ahead of its time

more advanced than other things of the same type: 领先于同类 (其他事物)

- The voice-recognition technology that they had developed was years **ahead of its time**.

along

positioned or moving on something long, such as a road or river: 沿着, 顺着

- We walked **along** a narrow path that led through the woods.
- You see all sorts of craft sailing **along** the river.
- I ran my finger **along** the edge of the knife.
- You'll find beautiful wild flowers growing **along** the side of the road.

alongside

1 along the side of: 沿着……的边

- The strip **alongside** the motorway is called the hard shoulder.
- We often took a walk **alongside** the canal.
- The footpath takes you **alongside** the playing fields.

2 next to: 在……旁边

- They've built a car park **alongside** the hotel.
- A delivery van was parked **alongside** the kerb.
- The ferry was already waiting **alongside** the quay.

Language Help

近似用法: **beside**

- The ferry was already waiting **beside** the quay.

3 in association or combination with: 和……在一起

- They work **alongside** each other and make a great team.
- Alan is a great doubles partner, as I know from having played **alongside** him in many matches.

along with

1 in company with: 和……一起

- Ken arrived **along with** a couple of other students.

- I've been picked for the swimming team **along with** Jenny and Pam.
- **Along with** other members of the government, he has openly criticized the Prime Minister's decision.

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近似用法: **together with**

- **Together with** other members of the government, he has openly criticized the Prime Minister's decision.

2 in combination or association

with: 连同; 还有

- He returned the borrowed books **along with** my lecture notes.
- **Along with** the education reforms, the government will introduce new legislation on discipline.

3 as well as: 也, 还

- The service gives you Internet access and online shopping, **along with** five email addresses.
- We'll give you a complete dental check-up free, **along with** a set of vouchers for dental treatment.

Language Help

近似用法: **together with**

- Write now and we shall supply this beautiful tweed-covered sofa at cost price, **together with** matching cushions.

amid or amidst

1 in the middle of and surrounded by: 在……中间; 在……之中

- **Amidst** the trees stood a small cottage.
- I caught a glimpse of Peter **amidst** the sea of faces.
- **Amidst** all the preparations for the wedding it's easy to forget to eat properly.

2 at the same time as and because of: 在……同时; 由于

- The minister resigned **amid** rumours of corruption.
- The Cabinet is meeting this morning **amid** calls for an emergency debate.

among or amongst

1 in the middle of and surrounded by: 在……中间，在……之中

- **Among** the trees was a small clearing.
- He was chosen from **among** hundreds of applicants for the part of Oliver.
- Relax! You're **among** friends!

2 used after verbs of sharing or dividing: 在……中（分配或选择）

- The money was divided **among** the three surviving children.
- Share the sweets out **amongst** yourselves.

3 occurring in or affecting a certain type or class: 在（某类特定群体）中

- The disease is common **amongst** poorly nourished children.
- Working mothers were rarely found **among** middle-class families.

4 included in; one of: ……之一

- Heart disease is **amongst** the country's biggest health problems.
- I was **among** those insisting on a special inquiry.
- Naturally she's delighted to be **among** the finalists.

Language Help

在表达第二个含义时，如果这群人或这组事物只包含两个人或事物或仅指代特定的个体时，不用**among**或**amongst**，要用**between**：

- The money was divided **between** Tom and Paul.
- The money was divided **between** the two brothers.
- The money was divided **between** Tom, Paul and their sister Marie.

common phrases

among others or other things

used for saying that the person or thing you refer to is not the only one: 还有别的（用于说明所指人或事不是唯一）

- I must mark all these exam papers, **among other things**.
- She is, **among other things**, a keen sailor.
- 'I believe you called for his resignation?' 'Amongst