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前 言

学语言离不开跟词语打交道。词语好比万丈大厦上的砖石，没有一砖一石的堆砌，大厦耸立不起来。同样，缺少词语，语言就无从说起。学英语也不例外。数量庞大、内容丰富的词语构筑起了英语这一语言大厦。

根据我国中学英语教学的实际，我们依据中学英语教学大纲，从现行中学英语教材中选出了常用的疑难词语近 400 组，共计 800 多条。这些词语包括以下五个方面的内容：同音异形词语（如 always, all ways; already, all ready; greenhouse, green house）、形近意异词语（如 before long, long before; dead, deadly; no more than, not more than, no more ... than, not more ... than）、意近用法不同的词语（如 ago, before; p. m., afternoon; over and over, over again）、形近意近用法不同的词语（如 advice, advise; raise,

rise；turn into, turn…into)、以及搭配用语和习惯用语(如 *apologize for, apologize to; born in, born of; write in, write with*)。书中对每一组词语都作了简明的辨析，并附有例句进一步阐述。为方便查阅，本书在书后附有词条索引。

需要说明的是，本书只涉及词语间读音、意义、用法等方面的异同比较，帮助广大读者更好地了解和掌握这些词语，至于每条词语的意义、用法，本书不作详尽讨论。

由于编者水平有限，错误在所难免，敬请读者不吝赐教。

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编辑赠言

满街的“精品店”、“精品屋”，
时髦得很。

《中学英语精要丛书》绝对不
是赶时髦的玩意儿。

时光匆匆，信息超载；教材更
新，教学方式转移，高考题型翻
样。可基础语言点总是根本，离开
它，一切将无所适从。

此套书企图从中学生所必须
掌握的英语知识中归纳、提炼、精
选出词汇、句型、语法等各要点，
使你尽快记忆、尽快掌握。

一句话，这些东西都是你最

起码要掌握的，无论是为应付考试，抑或是对于将来。

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a, an

不定冠词 (a, an) 的使用是有讲究的，它取决于一个词的首字母发音。一般来说，a 用于以辅音开始的词前，an 用于以元音开始的词前。如：

a girl	an aunt
a university	an umbrella
a hero	an hour
a European	an effort
a one-sided opinion	an orange

另外，在英语26个字母中，b, c, d, g, j, k, p, q, t, u, v, w, y 和 z 如果是以名称出现，那么要用 a，因为它们都是以辅音开始的。余下的字母如果用于名称，则要用 an。如：

The word “girl” begins with a “g”.

单词 girl 是以 g 开头的。

There is an “h” in the word “hero”.

单词 hero 中有个 h 字母。

a/an, one

不定冠词 a/an 和数词 one 意思都是“一；一个”，都可作定语。

在表示一类事物与另一类事物对比时，常常用 a/an。如：

You have a boy. I have a girl.

你有个男孩，我有个女孩。

在连续读数或计数时，习惯上用 one，尤其在明确表示数量或与 another 连用时，则非用 one 不可。如：

I have two brothers but only one sister.

我有两个兄弟，但只有一个妹妹。

有时，两者还可以互用，但有所侧重。a/an 主要表示类别，one 强调数量。试比较：

I bought a radio.

我买了台收音机。（不是其它东西）

I bought one radio.

我买了一台收音机。（不是两台）

a/an, per

这两个词意思都是“每；每一”，用得非常普遍。

per 是拉丁语。因此，过去的语法学家强调它不能放在英语名词前，但随着语言的发展，这种限制已不复存在。因此，无论是在商业、经济上，还是在商业统计中，per 已被广为使用，并在大多数情况下可以和 a/an 替换使用。如：

The car goes seventy miles an hour.

汽车以每小时70英里的速度行驶。