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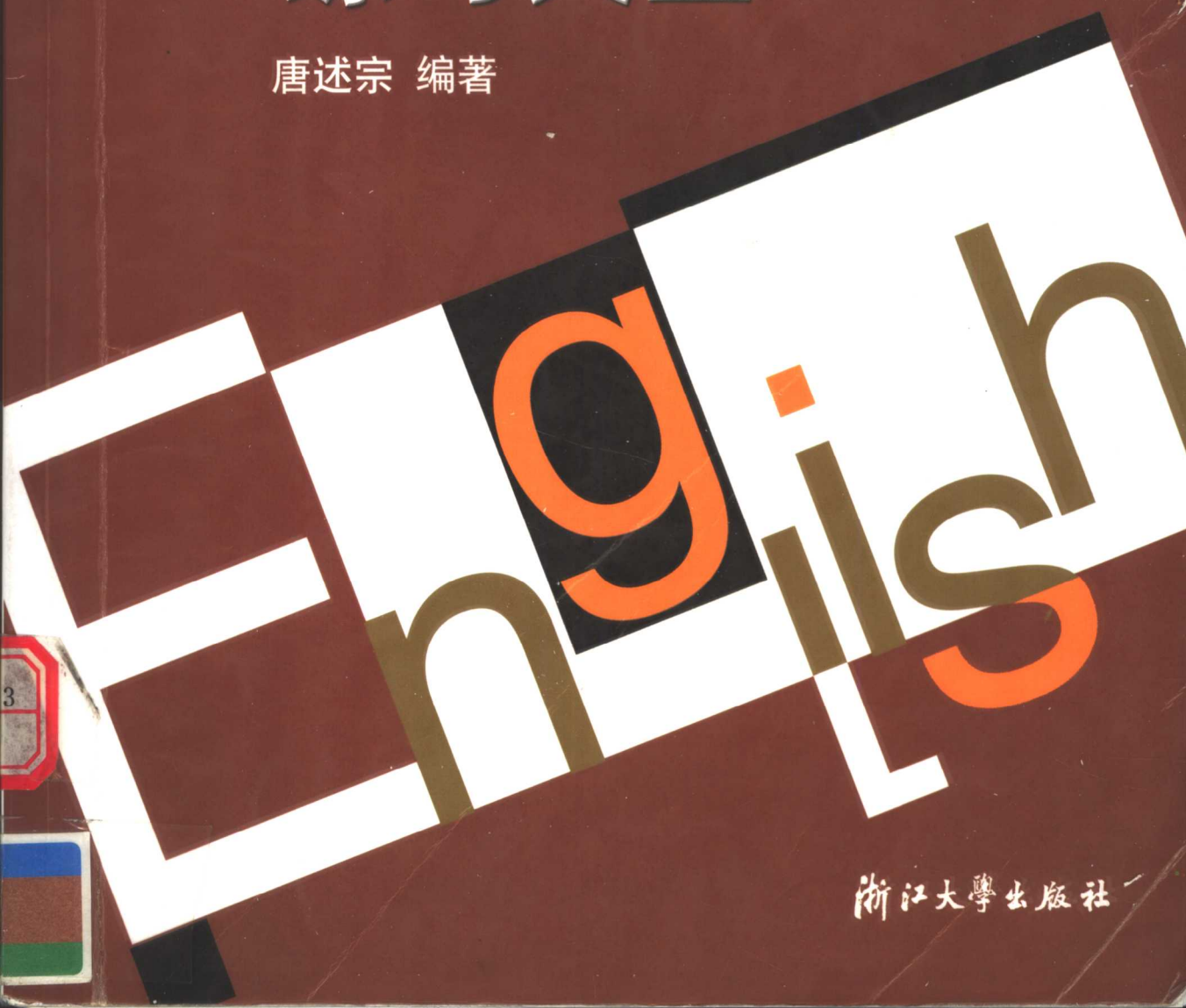
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前 言

随着改革开放的进一步深入,我国和国际上的学术交流和经贸往来日益增多。但无论是出国求学深造还是到外国公司就职,都离不开外语这个不可缺少的工具和武器。外语既是工具和武器,更是敲开外国学府和外资公司大门的敲门砖。到美国和加拿大需要考 TOEFL, GRE 或 GMAT; 到英国或欧洲大陆需要考 FCE, PCE 或 IELTS; 如果是国家教育部公派出国,则需要考 PETS (WSK)。同时还有目前风靡我国的剑桥商务证书考试(Business English Certificate Examination, 简称 BEC)。

TOEFL 是 Test of English as a Foreign Language 的缩写,是前往美国、加拿大等国的签证考试,也是这些国家大多数院校的入学资格证书考试之一。

GRE (Graduate Record Examination) 是美国大学的研究生入学考试, GRE 考试成绩良好已成为境外学生获得赴美入学资格及奖学金的重要条件。

GMAT 的全称是 the Graduate Management Admission Test, 是经济与管理类专业研究生入学考试,也是这类院校对考生进行的能力倾向测试 (aptitude test)。

FCE 和 PCE 分别是 First Certificate Examination (一级证书英语考试) 和 Proficiency Certificate Examination (熟练证书英语考试) 的缩写。前者为前往英国或欧洲大陆国家工作的英语资格证书考试,后者也是前往这些国家深造所必须通过的考试。除此之外,越来越多的人正在准备参加剑桥大学地方考试委员会和英国文化委员会 (British Council) 每年联合在世界各地举行的 ELTS (English Language Testing Service) 考试,或是他们与澳大利亚合作举行的 IELTS (International English Language Testing System) 考试。参加这两种考试的考生,可以学习剑桥大学出版社为 FCE 或 PCE 考试编纂的有关教材和测试练习。

为我国公派出国考生举行的 PETS (Public English Testing System) 共分八个等级,而 WSK (外语水平考试) 则是原来的 EPT 考试 English Proficiency Test (英语水平测试) 的缩写,都是采用当今国际上通行的外语标准化考试形式。因而学习上述任何一种考试,都有助于参加其他类型的出国考试。

惯用短语贯穿于整个出国考试的试题中 (包括听力、语法、词汇和阅读理解部分)。许多考生在考试中不能取得满意的成绩,并不是因为他们听的能力差、语法概念不清楚、词汇量小或阅读技巧缺乏,而是因为他们对现代英语中的常用搭配规律、成语、俚语、口语、谚语、典故、专业术语和组织机构名称等掌握得不够。

试以听力考试为例:经常可以碰到考生把一个句子的所有词汇的读音都听出来了,但仍然听不懂其意思。例如 I am dead beat today, so I must turn in right away. (我今天累极了,必须马上去睡觉。)或 That name just doesn't ring a bell with me. (这名字我听起来不太熟悉。)

这类句子,稍有一点听力基础的考生都能知道它们是由哪些单词组成的,然而仍难以断定其确切句意,所以无法选择正确答案。

编者曾在一些出国考试训练班中从事语法课教学,发现绝大多数的学员经过中学、大学和研究生阶段的英语学习,基本语法概念是相当清楚的,但对结构与写作表达(Structure and Written Expression)部分的动词短语、形容词短语、副词短语和介词短语的掌握,却不能令人满意。有一次,编者有意选择了40道有关英语惯用法知识的语法题,结果考生的命中率都较低,不到20%。

惯用短语是英语阅读的最大障碍,这更是有目共睹的。因为,根据现代语言学的观点,文章和句子的意思毕竟不是单词意思的总和。不同的文体有不同的句型结构,不同的学科有不同的术语和习惯表达方式。人们常常会见到有的考生考试前临时抱佛脚,孤立地记住成千上万个单词对应的汉语意思,但考试成绩并不理想,对此是不难解释的。

英语惯用短语的数量很大,一个简单的动词或名词往往可以和其他词构成几十条甚至上百条短语,而且越是常用的单词,其可能构成的短语就越多。在学习过程中,如果我们不能很好地理解和掌握这些短语的用法,就有可能产生理解错误,甚至贻笑大方。例如, Milky Way(天河, 银河)曾被人译为“牛奶路”;“胸有成竹”被人误译为“*There is a bamboo in one's stomach.*”(肚子里有根竹子)。又如:我们不能把“*man of letters*”(文学家, 文人), “*man of war*”(军舰), “*bad conscience*”(惭愧, 内疚), “*game theory*”(运筹学), “*as per*”(根据, 按照)分别理解为:“写信的人”、“战犯”、“坏心肠”、“游戏理论”和“像每一个”。

惯用短语不但在试题中占有较大比例,而且还特别难记。这是因为这些短语的意思通常和构成短语的任何单词都没有关系;在记忆过程中还容易受到这些单词原意的干扰,从而产生错误联想。

鉴于斯,编者广泛收集了近年来各类出国试题中的成语、俚语、口语、谚语、典故、组织机构名称以及其他习惯搭配使用的短语数千条,既包括一些传统的常用短语,也包括大量现代英语中出现的富有生命力的新表达方式。为了便于理解和记忆,短语后均配有准确的中文释义和考试例句。短语被科学地分为动词、名词、介词、形容词、副词和连接词短语等六大类型,便于学习、掌握。各节后均配有辨义、填空、选择填空和画线置换等形式多样的速记练习题及其答案,它们都是现代考试的主要形式,因而特别有助于提高应试者的实战能力。

最后提一下本书的短语分类问题:首先,我们把某个短语归为副词短语、形容词短语或连词短语,并非这个短语中有副词、形容词或连词,而是因为它们在中起这些词的作用;其次,有些短语(如 *a little*)既可起副词作用作状语,也可起形容词作用作定语,因而在两章中皆能找到。更有甚者,有些短语的分类可能会引起争议,但这并不妨碍同学通过例句和练习来掌握其意思与用法。*Practice makes perfect.* (熟能生巧。)学习外语应通过大量实践来掌握其规律,而不必过分注重术语。

另外,本书的设计目的不仅是帮助读者速记这些短语,更希望读者通过做题和熟悉词条下的实例,接触各类出国考试中所有的句型,从而提高阅读和写作能力,达到一箭双雕(*kill two birds with one stone*)的目的。果真如此,编者的目的也就达到了。

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第一章 动词短语

动词短语 A - F

abandon sth to wind or weeds 抛荒, 抛荒, 使荒芜

Hundreds of thousands of acres of previously irrigated cropland have been abandoned to wind or weeds. (GRE)

abide by 遵守, 信守; 承受, 承担……后果

The effectiveness of government depends on the willingness of the governed to give up some degree of freedom and abide by the laws in return for the assurance of an orderly existence. (GRE)

abolish slavery 废除奴隶制

Some of the newly independent American states had begun to make progress toward abolishing slavery. (GRE)

abound in/with 大量存在; 充满, 富于

The state of New Jersey abounds in colonial architecture, battle fields of the revolution and other historical sites important in the early history of this country. (TOEFL)

abuse one's authority over 对……滥用权威, 虐待

She was easily intimidated by her employer, who made a practice of abusing his authority over her. (GRE)

accommodated to, be 适应, 顺应, 适合

I have considered the structure of all volant animals, and find the folding continuity of the bat's wings most easily accommodated to the human form. (WSK)

account for 说明, 解释; 对……负责; 占(……数量)

The clamosaur, a giant prehistoric sea reptile with fierce-looking jaws and flippers, had a muscular neck that accounted for more than half its length. (TOEFL)

But these factors do not account for the interesting question of how there came to be such a concentration of pregnant ichthyosaurs in a particular place very close to their time of birth. (TOEFL)

By mid-twentieth century, conventions accounted for over a third of the yearly room occupancy of all hotels in the nation; about eighteen thousand different conventions were held annually with a total attendance of about ten million persons. (TOEFL)

accrete to 增长, 促进, 推动

Two key concepts that kept accreting to that prediction are "manipulation" and "control". (GRE)

accuse sb of 指控/控告/指责/谴责某人……

One of the great evolutionary philosophers of our day, Father Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, has been accused of writing often as a poet. (GMAT)

The old man could not have been accused of stinting his affection; his conduct toward the child betrayed his adoration of her. (GRE)

achieve one's ends 实现目标, 达到目的

Lenin himself, the supreme technician of policy, knew he could not achieve his ends simply by playing up discontents, master as he was at that game. (GRE)

acquire a taste for 对……产生兴趣/爱好/审美情趣

I really like those abstract paintings we saw in our history today. What did you think?

I guess it's something I haven't acquired a taste for. (TOEFL)

act against 违反, 违背, 对……起反作用

Natural selection tends to eliminate the genes that cause inherited diseases, acting most strongly against most severe diseases. (GRE)

act as 担任, 充当, 扮演; 起……作用

The second possible benefit of communal roosts is that they act as "information centers". (TOEFL)

These documents have acted as "a point of entry into the mental world of the poor". (GRE)

Until the end of nineteenth century, the movement of water in trees and other tall plants was a mystery. So botanists hypothesized that the living cells of plants acted as pumps. (TOEFL) /kɑ: 'p>0: sɔ: 12/

act counter to 违反, 违背, 与……背道而驰

Individuals should not feel guilty about fulfilling their own needs and desires as long as they do not act counter to the needs of society. (GRE)

act out of 出于……目的/动机而采取行动

It denies to the past an integrity and will of its own, in which people acted out of a variety of motives and in which events had a multiplicity of causes and effects. (GRE)

act up 调皮, 任性, 出毛病, 发病

Are your allergies acting up again? I thought your doctor gave you medication for that last week.

He did. But so far it is not helping much. (TOEFL)

adapt to 适应, 适合……

As preeminent generalists, members of this species

ingeniously exploit a great range of habitats and resources, and they can quickly adapt to changes in their circumstances. (TOEFL)

Certain species such as salmonberry and sword ferns have adapted to the limited sunlight dappling through the canopy, but few evergreen trees will survive there; still fewer can compete with the early prodigious growth of alders. (TOEFL)

The species had already adapted to the dry steppe climate and would otherwise have been expected to flourish in Tibet. (GRE)

adapt...to... 使……适应/适合……

Most Bluestockings did not wish to mirror the salonnières; they simply desired to adapt a proven formula to their own purpose — the elevation of women's status through moral and intellectual training. (GRE)

adapted for, be 被改编成……; 适应, 适合……

Arna Wendell Bontemps' novel *God Sends Sunday* was adapted for the stage in 1947 as a musical play entitled *St. Lois Women*. (TOEFL)

add dimension to 扩大……范围, 提高……重要性; 促进, 有助于

He hopes that new revelations will add dimension to his studies but not change its lineaments appreciably. (GRE)

add to 增加; 给……增加/增添, 把……加入……

In contrast, the vapor above the liquid surface becomes denser as the evaporated molecules are added to it. (TOEFL)

In shallow western rivers the weight of vessel and engine was important; a heavy engine added to the problem of navigation. (TOEFL)

add up right 加起来正确, 符合预期的数目

These figures still don't add up right. Let's do the calculation over again. (TOEFL)

added to this 除此之外

Added to this the timidity with which unschooled artisans — originally trained as stonemasons, carpenters, cabinetmakers — attacked the medium from which they were to make their images, and one understands more fully the development of sculpture in the United States in the late eighteenth century. (TOEFL)

address oneself to 对……致辞/发言/说话; 致力于……

Great literature must address itself to fundamental philosophical truths rather than to material progress. (GRE)

The comic community to which artists address themselves is a community of reasoning, loving, joyful, compassionate beings. (GRE)

adhere to 坚持, 遵循, 追随, 依附

Faced with a discontinuance of weight loss, or even

a weight gain, while still adhering to a previously successful diet tends to lead dieters to suffer depression, hunger and weakness. (GRE)

Others were awed by Napoleon, believed that a single man could change the destinies of nations, adhered to meaningless rituals and formed their tastes on established canons of art. (GRE)

Truly creative screenwriters are too temperamental to adhere to page limits set for their work. (GRE)

✓ **adjust for** 适应, 适合……

Adjusting for these, profits were ahead by 12.8% on turnover up by 7.3%. (BEC)

adjust to 适应, 适合……

But the cells increase in size and synthesize enzymes as they become adjusted to the new medium. (GRE)

Climatic conditions are delicately adjusted to the composition of the Earth's atmosphere. (GRE)

Industries had to adjust to peacetime conditions; factories had to be restored for civilian needs. (TOEFL)

administer justice 实施司法公正, 执法

Historians such as Le Roy Ladurie have used the documents to extract case histories, which have illuminated the attitudes of different social groups and have revealed how the authorities administered justice. (GRE)

admit of 容许, 有……可能/余地

Whether a case lies within the confines of simplicity is not always clear but no solicitor should mind being consulted on the question of whether given circumstances might admit of personal action. (IELTS)

admitted to the bar, be 【法律】取得律师资格

Sophonisba P. Breckinridge, the first woman admitted to the bar in Kentucky, eventually gave up her legal career and became a social worker. (TOEFL)

adorn...with... 用……装饰/装潢, 佩带

In the past, as today, men, women, and children adorned themselves with beads. In some cultures still, certain beads are often worn from birth until death, and then are buried with their owners for the after-life. (TOEFL)

adorned with, be 装饰有……, 装潢有……; 佩戴着……

As late as 1890, it had a population of some 40,000 living in wooden houses of similar architecture, adorned with wooden scrolls. (WSK)

advance a claim 提出要求

Although most of these claims are not supported by scientific evidence, the preponderance of written material advancing such claims makes it difficult for the general public to separate fact from fiction. (TOEFL)

advance an argument 提出论点

She needed to be as attentive to detail as possible in

her novels in order to support the arguments she advanced in them. (GRE)

advertise for 登广告征求/招聘……

✓ If we want to fill the post, we'll have to advertise for a qualified technician. (BEC)

advise sb on 就……向某人提供忠告/建议/咨询

I should be glad to hear from other readers who have had similar problems and might be able to advise us on what action we should now take. (IELTS)

agitate about 为……焦虑/不安; 对……坐立不安

The more women burst out of the kitchen and the typing pool and start agitating about seats on the board, the more interesting they become and the more justification there is for having a page about them. (IELTS)

agree on/upon 在……意见一致, 商定……

— Bill Smith has volunteered to write a summary of the proposals we have agreed on.

— Will I have a chance to review it? (TOEFL)

Today, largely on the strength of evidence gathered during the *Challenger's* voyages, nearly all earth scientists agree on the theories of plate tectonics and continental drift that explain many of the geological processes that shape the Earth. (TOEFL)

Subsequent theorists divided the general factor into two or more subfactors, the two most generally agreed upon being verbal-educational and practical-mechanical abilities. (GRE)

agree to 同意, 答应, 赞同

✓ We may have to put pressure on him to agree to our demands. (BEC)

— I'm glad you finally decided to go skiing with us next week.

— I still have to get my supervisor to agree to it. (TOEFL)

agree with 同意, 赞同, 与……一致, 符合

Six months ago, before I became editor of this tentatively titled page, I would have agreed with you all. (IELTS)

The officer never listens to any suggestion that does not agree with his own scheme. (WSK)

Nevertheless, with a total disregard of the principles of democratic fair play, the average citizen is apt to hurl rash accusations in an attempt to silence anyone who may not agree with him. (GRE)

aid in 在……方面提供帮助; 有助于……

The many interviews carried on during the year as well as new ways of reporting pupils' progress, can significantly aid in achieving a harmonious interplay between school and home. (GRE)

aim at 对……瞄准, 以……为目标, 旨在, 目的在于

It sponsored an inquiry into energy uses and endorsed a series of measures aimed at reducing energy

consumption by as much as one half. (GRE)

Rural dwellers who hold conventional values may, at times, be altogether uncritical of various federal programs aimed at the regulation and subsidization of agriculture. (GRE)

While vigorous attempts to reduce obesity in America should be aimed at all affected, the most successful efforts are likely to be those directed toward children. (GRE)

air one's views /opinions 发表己见, 表明看法

The chance has come for you to air your views. (WSK)

alienated from, be/feel 与……疏远/不和, 脱离……

When an individual enters a strange culture, he or she is like a fish out of water. Newcomers feel at times that they do not belong (to this culture) and consequently may feel alienated from the native members of the culture. (WSK)

alight on 栖息在……上面, 飞落; 在……下车

Although pathogenic organisms constantly alight on the skin, they find it a very unfavorable environment and, in the absence of injury, have great difficulty colonizing it. (GRE)

align oneself with 和……结盟, 站在……一边

This leads to retrospective arrogance: by aligning ourselves with the victorious doctrine, we disdain those who opposed it. (GRE)

allow for 考虑到, 估计到, 体谅, 容许

To give themselves a fair chance, many of the athletes had to sacrifice even more of their time to allow for special high-altitude training. (IELTS)

✓ We must allow for the 1984 review of chemist's labour and overhead costs, as well as the net impact of currency fluctuations. (BEC)

The mechanical nature of classical physics does not allow for creative reasoning, the very ability that had made the formulation of classical principles possible. (GRE)

amount to 合计, 等于, 相当于; 意思是

In 1987 the sales of ice cream in the United States amounted to fifteen quarts per year for every person in the country. (TOEFL)

Although it is possible that additional deposits of copper will be found, geological considerations strongly indicate that they will not amount to more than a fifty-year supply. (GRE)

The derivative endings effective in the vocabulary and the construction of sentences or sentence-like words amount to at least 250. (GRE)

apologize for 因……而道歉/赔不是; 为……辩解

✓ I apologize for the misunderstanding and for your lack of success in getting in touch with me: both of these are due to an epidemic of flu that has left us short-staffed and which kept me in bed for ten days.

(BEC)

The salesman apologized for arriving late for the meeting. (BEC)

appeal to 向……上诉; 呼吁, 要求; 诉诸; 对……有吸引力; 起因于, 引证……

The cause for which men live and fight cannot appeal to their pocketbook alone, but must also appeal to their hearts. (GRE)

Even its irregular shape must have appealed to Laurent as a break with a long-standing tradition that required a sculptor to work within a perfect rectangle or square. (TOEFL)

Great comic artists assume that truth may bear all lights, and thus they seek to accentuate contradictions in social action, not gloss over or transcend them by appeals to extrasocial symbols of divine ends. (GRE)

apply for 申请, 请求……

I thought there was still time for me to apply for student loan. But someone just told me that the closing date was last Wednesday. (TOFEL)

— The only problem is that the White Stone College's tuition is really high and I'm not sure I can afford it.

— You could still apply for a student loan or sign up for a work-study program.

— Yeah. I think I'll look into that. (TOEFL)

To apply for a Dark Days Fellowship, a student must see the Dean of Students, fill out a financial statement, and obtain a thesis approval from either Professor Fansler or Professor Cross. (GRE)

apply pressure to 对……施加压力

The pressure of the gases being breathed must equal the external pressure applied to the body; otherwise breathing is very difficult. (TOEFL)

apply sth to 把某事运用于……

Instead of applying their insights and analyses to the problems of these groups, they leave the debate to the politicians. (GRE)

Roger Rosenblatt's book *Black Fiction*, in attempting to apply literary rather than sociological criteria to its subject, successfully alters the approach taken by most previous studies. (GRE)

apply to 向……申请; 适用于; 与……有关

When an individual or a party is wronged in the U.S., to whom can he apply for redress? (GRE)

Everything that can be said about prose fiction, in general, applies to science fiction. (GRE)

It can be inferred from the passage that the term "genre painting" would most likely apply to a portrayal of a servant engaged in his work. (GRE)

appropriate funds for 为……拨款/划拨资金

The number of CIA agents is determined by the congress each year when they appropriate funds for the agency. (GRE)

approve of 赞成, 同意, 认可, 批准

Similarly to assert that Webster's Duchess deserved torture and death because chose to marry the man she loved and to bear their children is, in effect, to join forces with her tyrannical brothers and so to confound the operation of poetic justice, of which readers should approve. (GMAT)

The managing director was very satisfied: he approved of my recommendations. (BEC)

The author of the passage is least likely to approve of a literary study of Black poetry that apprises the merits of poems according to the political acceptability of their themes. (GRE)

argue against 和……争论/辩论; 提出反对……的理由, 驳斥

The other side argued against imprisonment because it would only discourage future insurrectionists from surrendering. (GRE)

arise from 由……造成/引起/产生

The main evil of the present democratic institutions of the United States does not arise, as is often asserted in Europe, from their weakness, but from their overpowering strength. (GRE)

Their radio emission arises from the synchrotron process, in which electrons accelerated to nearly the speed of light move through magnetic fields. (TOEFL)

These conflicting ideas arise from a fundamental uneasiness on the part of both photographers and viewers of photographs toward the aggressive component in taking a picture. (GRE)

arise out of 由……造成/引起/产生

The obviously suitable case is that of the aggrieved consumer who is involved in a claim arising out of the sale or hire-purchase of goods. (IELTS)

armed with, be 武装着……, 装备着……

Until the recent law, he could keep the bat problem within manageable proportions by sending his children down on a bat hunt every three months armed with tennis rackets. (IELTS)

Armed with survey information, the City Council drew up a building construction code which greatly reduces the cost of winter heating and eliminates the need for airconditioning even on Davis' hottest days. (GRE)

arouse courage 鼓起/激起/唤起勇气

Without invoking gods or demons, great comic art arouses courage in reason, courage which grows out of trust in what human beings can do as humans. (GRE)

arrive at 到达, 达到; 达成, 得出……

Please inform us when the cargo arrives at its destination. (BEC)

arrive at a/one's conclusion 得出结论

As a result, I became estranged from the Quakers

who, though believing in the same moral and ethncal values as I do, had arrived at these conclusions from a premise which I could not accept. (GRE)

Redi was not satisfied with doing just one experiment. Rather, he performed this experiment many times before arriving at his conclusion. (GRE)

And they are judgments not at all unlike those involved in interpretation, in which reporter and editor, calling upon their research resources, their general background, and their "news neutralism," arrive at a conclusion as to the significance of the news. (WSK)

arrive at a consensus on 对……达成一致意见

It is not easy to arrive at a consensus on how to deal with situations in which humans compete with endangered species for habitat and other resources, especially when cost is a factor. (GRE)

arrive at one's determination 下定决心,作出决断

By the help of further reasoning, which, if drawn out, would have to be exhibited in two or three other syllogisms, you arrive at your final determination. (GRE)

arrogate to oneself 擅取,冒称,把……归自己所有

Eventually he may identify so completely that he arrogates to himself the responsibility to purge others of their individualism. (GRE)

as compared to 与……相比/相对/对照

This service role has various applications. Most common are programs to meet the demands of regional employment markets, to provide opportunities for upward social and economic mobility, or more generally to produce "productivity" as compared to "educated graduates". (GMAT)

Amorphous materials have disordered atomic structure as compared to crystalline materials, that is, they have only short-range order rather than the long-range periodicity of crystals. (GRE)

as compared with 与……相比/比较

If caloric expenditure exceeds intake by 500 calories, only 62 grams of adipose tissue can be lost as compared with 620 grams of protein and associated water. (GRE)

as far as I know 就我所知

As far as I know, this machine doesn't operate automatically. (BEC)

as follows 如下,如次

Many biologists believe the pattern to have been as follows: bacteria emerged first and from them branched viruses, red algae, blue-green algae, and green flagellates. (GRE)

The tests available to the researchers and the results the tests produce are as follows. (GRE)

as is/was the case with 与……的情形一样

So far, the supply of air has not been deficient as

was the case with water, and the dimensions of the air-shed are so vast that a number of people still hold the opinion that air need not be economized. (GMAT)

as one puts it 如某人所言,正如某人所评论的那样

As one screenwriter puts it, "That gives those in charge of the movie a chance to be creative when they get the script: at the very least, they can cut 15 pages." (GRE)

As she put it, it is safe to say that not a single law has been framed or one stone set upon another because of anything Chaucer said or wrote. (GRE)

ascribe...to... 把……归因于/归功于/归咎于……

The role those anthropologists ascribe to evolution is not of dictating the details of human behavior but one of imposing constraints. (GRE)

ask about 询问,打听

Good morning! I'm just calling to ask about the second quarter shipment. Has it arrived yet? (BEC)

ask for 请求,要求,寻求,需要

Mr Dark complained about the attitude of the office services staff and asked for an official description of their responsibilities. (BEC)

Defense department experts are asking for sizable budgetary increases for research and development, citing the relationship between our military capability and that of our potential enemies. (GRE)

ask for a refund 要求退还/归还/偿还

— I thought this shirt was a great deal. But I washed it once and it shrank so much that I can't wear.

— Some bargain. You should ask for a refund. (TOEFL)

ask for a rise 要求加薪/提工资

Tomorrow, I'm going to ask the boss for a rise and that's definite. (BEC)

assimilate...into... 把……吸收进/消化成/同化为……

Instead of respecting the particularity of the past, it assimilates all events, past and present, into a single deterministic schema that is presumed to be true at all times and in all circumstances. (GRE)

assist in 在……方面帮助,有助于……

The author would most approve of which of the following parental activities to assist in the learning of composition and writing skills. (GRE)

assist sb with sth 帮助某人做某事

This week he is assisting the Personnel Director with the interviews. (BEC)

associated with, be 与……联系在一起,和……联想到一起;与……交往/合伙

Rene sighed. Even this velvet glade could not make the Sid forget the perils associated with sitting on damp grass. (IELTS)

It was in the cities that the elements that can be associated with modern capitalism first appeared — the use of money and commercial paper in place of barter, open competition in place of social deference and hierarchy, with an attendant rise in social disorder, and the appearance of factories using coal or water power in place of independent craftspeople working with hand tools. (TOEFL)

Near the end of this era, research studies demonstrated that rapid weight loss was associated with nitrogen imbalance and could only be rectified by providing adequate dietary protein associated with certain foods. (TOEFL)

assume a risk 冒险, 承担风险

The comic community to which artists address themselves is a community of reasoning, loving, joyful, compassionate beings, who are willing to assume the human risks of acting rationally. (GRE)

assume a role in 在……中起作用/扮演角色

The achievements of the colonial artists, particular those of Copley, West, and Peale, lent credence to the boast that the new nation was capable of encouraging genius and that political liberty was congenial to the development of taste — a necessary step before art could assume an important role in the new republic. (TOEFL)

assume the task 承担任务

In addition, there were performers, and, since considerable importance was attached to avoiding mistakes in the enactment of rites, religious leaders usually assumed that task. (TOEFL)

attach importance to 重视……

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attached to, be 被系在/缚在……, 附属于; 与……联系在一起, 归因于; 喜欢/爱慕, 依恋

At each stop we fanned out with large pails to collect the sap from the bucket attached to each tree. (IELTS)

It's adaptable enough to live attached to rocks by its tube feet, under rocks in shallow water, or on the surface of mud flats. (TOEFL)

— I'm amazed that you are still driving that old car of yours. I thought you would have gotten rid of it years ago.

— It runs well and I've actually grown quite attached to it. (TOEFL)

attend to 注意, 留意, 专心, 关心; 照料, 照顾

Often when her mother was too busy or too irritated to attend to her, she would sit and gaze on a page that might as well have been printed in Hebrew for all she could make of it. (IELTS)

attribute...to... 把……归因于/归咎/归功于……

Some of their animus can be attributed to sharp political differences between them and the writers of so-called proletarian literature. (GRE)

Stock market analysts always attribute a sudden drop in the market to some domestic or international political crisis. (GRE)

The National Academy of Sciences committee attributes these differences to chemical or other environmental causes, rather than radiation. (GRE)

attune...to... 使……和……协调/合拍

For both, arousal attunes the animal to what is ahead. (GRE)

audition for 试演/试唱/试奏……, 为……参加试听面试

— I heard you auditioned for the chorus. How did it go?

— Oh, well. The director is pretty high standards. I guess I just didn't measure up. (TOEFL)

avail oneself of 利用……, 趁……(机会)

They also availed themselves of other forms of expression with metaphorical meaning, some probably original, some derived from Toltec coinages. (GRE)

avenge oneself on 报复, 向……报仇

The muses are vindictive deities; they avenge themselves without mercy on those who weary of their charms. (GRE)

awed into silence, be (被吓得)哑然失色/瞠目结舌

The travelers were awed into silence by the sight of distant mountains. (WSK)

back up 支持, 援助; 证实; 后退, 倒车; (使)阻塞

Well, I was going to come down on Elm Street, but the traffic was really backed up. There was some kind of construction going on. I turned onto a side street and ended up there. Give me a break. I am nervous enough as it is. (TOEFL)

bark at 对……狂吠

He concluded that the best way to keep a dog from barking at strangers is not to punish the dogs physically. (GRE)

base...on... 把……建立在……的基础之上, 以……作为……的根据

Grandma Moses based her simple but realistic paintings of rural life on memories of her youth in the late 1800's. (TOEFL)

We did not base our system on property but opportunity — which meant we based it not on stability but on mobility. (GMAT)

based in, be 以……为基地/根据地

The IB Office based in Geneva, with regional offices in Buenos Aires, London, New York and Southampton and representatives in Jamaica and Singapore, is a foundation under Swiss law governed by

an international Council. (IELTS)

We are a well-known international manufacturer based in the UK, and we are expanding our export marketing activities in our European headquarters in London. (BEC)

based on, be 建立在……基础之上,以……为根据

— Joe, I thought your article on the school newspaper was right on target. You certainly convinced me anyway.

— Thanks, Mary. Unfortunately, based on the general response, you and I are certainly in the minority. (TOEFL)

Therefore, for women in the military, the search for equality will still be based on functional equivalence, not identity or even similarity of task. (GRE)

Other explanations for the movement of water in plants have been based on root pressure, a push on the water from the roots at the bottom of the plant. (TOEFL)

bathed in, be 沐浴在/浸泡在……

It is one of nature's great ironies that the availability of nitrogen in the soil frequently sets an upper limit on plant growth even though the plants' leaves are bathed in a sea of nitrogen gas. (GRE)

battle for the favors of 为赢得……的宠爱而搏斗

Bronte produced a more realistic narrative portraying a world where men battle for the favors of apparently high-spirited, independent women. (GRE)

be able to 能够,有能力……

By concentrating, I was able to see the outlines of lots of different plankton plants and animals. In fact, our professor even took photographs of gastropods, which are small oceanic snails. (TOEFL)

I should be glad to hear from other readers who have had similar problems and might be able to advise us on what action we should now take. (IELTS)

They produce this kind of material on a large scale so they should be able to supply us quickly. (BEC)

be about to 准备,将要,正打算……

We were just about to abandon the system and revert to our old procedures for processing orders when a new version of the software was supplied. (BEC)

Agrarian depressions struck several nations whose internal frontiers had not vanished or were not about to vanish. (GRE)

— Dan's talking about getting a cat from one of his relatives.

— Yeah. I hear his apartment building is about to lift a ban on pets. (TOEFL)

be adapted to 适应/适合……

Bloodhounds are biologically adapted to trailing their prey. (TOEFL)

be arranged by groups 分类摆放

— Could you please tell where I can find the CD by

the Beetle?

— Sure. It will be over there with all the CDs and pop rock. They are arranged alphabetically, by groups. (TOEFL)

be assembled into 装配成/组装成……

There they were assembled into stoves and sold from Rhode Island to Maryland as the "Hopewell stove." By the time the last fires burned out at Hopewell Ironworks in 1883, the community had produced some 80,000 cast-iron stoves. (TOEFL)

be backed up for blocks 因为路障/堵塞而被耽搁

— 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, we will just have dinner near the theater. (TOEFL)

be booked up 被预定/预订一空

— I think I'll take my mother to that French restaurant on Main Street for her birthday.

— I hope it's not any time soon. They are usually booked up weeks in advance. (TOEFL)

be bound to 受……约束/束缚;必定,肯定,注定……

Like many eighteenth-century scholars who lived by cultivating those in power, Wincklemann neglected to neutralize, by some propitiatory gesture of comradeship, the resentment his peers were bound to feel because of his involvement with the high and mighty. (GRE)

No matter which fuels are used by industry, there is bound to be an increase in the total amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and a consequent unwelcome warming effect on climate. (GRE)

The movement of any normal sort of mass is bound to produce a field effect that we call positive time. (GRE)

be characterized by 有……的特点,特点是……

Rousseau assumed that human beings in the state of nature are characterized by a feeling of sympathy toward their fellow humans and other living creatures. (GRE)

be charged with 被指控……,受到……指控;充满,填充有……

The Supreme Court, in striking down the state law, ruled that the statute had been enacted in an atmosphere charged with religious convictions. (GRE)

be committed to 承诺,对……尽义务,受……约束

In the face of an uncooperative Congress, the Chief Executive may find himself important to accomplish the political program to which he is committed. (GRE)

They should not agree to serve as mediators unless they are committed to maintaining a stance of impar-

tiality. (GRE)

be composed of 由……组成/构成

It would be composed of the children of the high birth rate prior to 1957. (TOEFL)

The nervous system is composed of many millions of nerve and glial cells(神经胶质细胞), together with blood vessels and a small amount of connective tissue. (TOEFL)

be confined to 局限于, 囿于……

Most of the new coinages are confined to special discussions and seldom get into general literature or conversation. (GRE)

be covered with 为……所覆盖, 覆盖着……

Some of their baskets were completely covered with shell pendants, others with feathers that made the baskets' surface as soft as the breasts of birds. (TOEFL)

be credited with 有……荣誉, 因……而增光/增色

The painter or master who is credited with having created the painting may have designed the work and overseen its production, but it is highly unlikely that the artist's hand applied every stroke of the brush. (TOEFL)

be crossed in love 爱情受挫, 失恋

If it will serve to make my meaning a little clearer, we will suppose that a poet has been crossed in love, or has suffered some real sorrow, like the loss of a wife or child. (GMAT)

be devoted to 忠于……, 献身于……, 专注于……

Too often, however, teachers' conferences with parents are devoted to petty accounts of children's misdemeanors, complaints about laziness and poor work habits, and suggestions for penalties and rewards at home. (GRE)

be equated with 等同于……, 和……划等号

It would be an error to assume that the monopolistic producer should be equated with bountiful expenditures for research. (GRE)

be exposed to 暴露于, 接触……

Even the most mundane beads may have traveled great distances and been exposed to many human experiences. (TOEFL)

be faced with 面临着, 面对……

In addition to having to be a generalist while specializing in what may seem to be a narrow field, the researcher is faced with the problem of primary materials that have little or no documentation. (TOEFL)

be formed from/out of 由……形成/组成/构成

A single experiment in which a substance is decomposed into two or more other substances or is alone formed from them proves that it is a compound. (GRE)

The amino acids became polymerized (chemically

joined) into proteins, including enzymes, and lipids were formed from fatty acids and glyceryl-like molecules. (GRE)

The heritage was not formed out of the experiences of only a single generation of slaves. (GRE)

be given to 喜爱, 嗜好, 热衷于……

The Gibbons were little given to conformism in any form: not one of them was afraid of singularity, of being and seeming unlike their neighbors. (GRE)

be going to 准备, 将要, 计划, 打算……

— Excuse me, can you tell me where the student association is meeting?

— It was going to meet in room 110, but was changed to the auditorium for more space. (TOEFL)

The whole company is going to benefit from the South American order. (BEC)

I was going to get something to eat at the cafeteria, but it seems to be closed. (TOEFL)

be hard put to 做……有困难, 难以……

But we are hard put to find poets who make creative use of evolutionary insights comparable with Teilhard's. (GMAT)

The men who write TV westerns would be hard put to create a character as fabulous as Charles Marion Russel. (WSK)

be left to sb 留给某人去做/处置

Since architecture was not yet a specialized profession in the colonies, the design of building was left either to amateur designers or to carpenters who undertook to interpret architectural manuals imported from England. (TOEFL)

be likely to 很可能……, 有希望……, 也许, 大概

Bearing in mind the difficulties you are having with obtaining components, we were wondering whether we might expect delivery of the goods during the next two weeks or whether there is likely to be still further delay. (BEC)

be limited to 局限于, 受到……限制

He is not cut off from the world and we can know him through the knowledge which we are limited to. (GRE)

Mycorrhizal benefits are not limited to improved phosphate uptake in host plants. (GRE)

be meaning to do sth 打算/意欲做某事

— Jane, didn't you get my messages? I left two on your answering machine.

— Ah? Sorry, Tom. I've been meaning to get back in touch with you. It just slipped my mind. (TOEFL)

be obliged to 被迫, 不得不, 必须; 感激……

There is also the added disadvantage of being obliged to spend your holiday with a group of people you have never met before, may not like and have no

reasonable excuse for getting away from. (IELTS)

Unfortunately, we were obliged to resell the goods at a loss. (BEC)

be overwhelmed with 为……压倒/制服,被……弄得不知所措

— I haven't seen you at the student center all week. Have you been sick?

— I've been overwhelmed with my history paper. (TOEFL)

These new urbanites, already convinced that cities were overwhelmed with great problems, eagerly embraced the progressive reforms that promised to bring order out of the chaos of the city. (TOEFL)

be packed with 装满/塞满/挤满……

— The subway is packed with people every morning.

— Yeah. It's pain, but if we all drove every day, we wouldn't be able to breathe in this city. (TOEFL)

be pitted against 和……针锋相对

Does this technique provided a counterpoint to the prevalent theme that portrays the fate against which Black heroes are pitted, a theme usually conveyed by more naturalistic modes of expression. (GRE)

The simple is always pitted against the elaborate, knowledge gained from observation against assertions of borrowed faiths. (GRE)

be produced from 用……制造/生产

Hydrogen is the fundamental element of the universe in that it provides the building blocks from which the other elements are produced. (GRE)

be put out with sb 对某人感到烦恼/困扰

— I hope you are not too put out with me for stopping by Fred's on the way over here. I had to pick up an assignment.

— Well, that's not a big deal. But you might at least phone if you know you are going to keep someone waiting. (TOEFL)

be reduced to 被贬低为/降格为……, 沦落为……

Biologists prize isolated oceanic islands like the Galapagos, because, in such small, laboratory-like settings, the rich hurly-burly of continental plant and animal communities is reduced to a scientifically tractable complexity. (GRE)

be relegated to 被归入……, 被降格为……

Such phenomena as a brilliant diamond and a nesting bird are relegated to the role of data, serving as the means for formulating or testing a new theory. (GRE)

be relegated to obscurity 被贬为无名之卒, 湮没无闻

In the British theatre young people under thirty-five have not had much trouble getting recognition on-stage, but offstage — in the ranks of playwrights, directors, designers, administrators — they have mostly been relegated to relative obscurity. (GRE)

be resigned to 听从/屈从/顺从……

Seasoned screenwriters are resigned to, and make allowance for, draft scripts being altered by those evaluating them. (GRE)

be rid of 免除/摆脱/去除……

It is one of the permanent gains of the aesthetic revolution of the twentieth century that we are rid of this type of aesthetics. (GRE)

be rooted in 植根于/扎根于……

Most of her novels are rooted in a realistically rendered social setting and in a precise historical time. (GRE)

be satisfied with 对……满意/满足

Neither the farmers of the west nor the merchants of the east were completely satisfied with this pattern of trade. (TOEFL)

Redi was satisfied with doing just one experiment. (GRE)

be saturated with 浸透……, 为……所饱和

Within about a millimeter of the water, air temperature is close to that of the surface water, and the air is nearly saturated with water vapor. (GRE)

be scheduled for 预定……, 计划……

The meeting was scheduled for 3 o'clock. (BEC)

be scheduled to 预定……, 计划……

If your flight is scheduled to take off at 5 p.m., it will probably be delayed because too many flights are scheduled to take off around the time. (BEC)

be soaked from the rain 被雨淋得透湿

— I'm so soaked from the rain I'd go back to my room to change my clothes if there were more time before the performance.

— I could use drying off too. But I hate the idea of missing a few minutes of this concert. (TOEFL)

be stuck for 被困在某地度过……

I think the worst parts of a trip are having to travel overnight or get up at 3 a.m. to catch an early flight, or being stuck for a weekend in some dreadful industrial city. (BEC)

be stuck in a rut 陷在车辙里; 老是停留在同一工作岗位上

An ambitious young manager who is held back or stuck in a rut is likely to become restless and will start to look around to find a more challenging job elsewhere. (BEC)

be subjected to 遭受……, 受到……折磨

The traditional view supposes that the upper mantle of the earth behaves as a liquid when it is subjected to small forces for long periods. (GMAT)

The conditions in the Earth's core make it a far more alien world than space. Its solid iron heart is subjected to unimaginable pressure and has a temperature of about 9,000°F. (TOEFL)

be supposed to 被认为, 据信……; 应该/应当……

One economist who opposed the suggestion asked, "Are we supposed to help out in New York City every time it gets into financial problems?" (GRE)

— What's Laura doing here today? I thought she was supposed to be out of the office on Mondays.

— She decided she would rather have Friday off instead. (TOEFL)

be taken aback 吓了一跳, 大吃一惊

We were taken aback when we learned of his defection, never having suspected that he was anything but loyal, so credible had been his dissimulation of fidelity and devotion to the cause. (GRE)

be tied up in 忙于……, 束缚于……, 在……中脱不开身子

— Professor, have you graded my term paper yet?

— To tell you the truth, I've been tied up in committee meetings all week. (TOEFL)

be to do sth 准备/计划/打算做某事; 能够/必须/应该做某事; 注定要做某事

Six products are to be placed in the display window of a vending machine with six compartments. (GRE)

Exactly four young wood-carvers are to attend a wood-carving workshop. The four are to be chosen from a group of seven eligible wood-carvers: three boys and four girls. (GRE)

be used to 习惯于……, 适应了……

Because the residents were not used to rural life, they had mistakenly identified as a barnyard odor the smell of the town's new leaf-composting pile, located on a site adjacent to the farm. (GRE)

be willing to 愿意, 乐意……

The supervisor is never able to find somebody who is willing to stay behind to take the late overseas orders. (BEC)

We are willing to subdivide the labour between the two countries. We do the basics, you finish the goods. (BEC)

bear in mind 记住, 牢记; 考虑

Bearing in mind the difficulties you are having with obtaining components, we were wondering whether we might expect delivery of the goods during the next two weeks or whether there is likely to be still further delay. (BEC)

Please bear in mind that the power requirements of each unit are of particular importance. (BEC)

bear offspring 生育后代

Why do human females live long lives after menopause has marked the end of their ability to bear further offspring. (GRE)

bear out 证明/证实……

Other studies conducted in the armed forces bear out the findings that men accused of brutality toward

those they command feel little or no sense of remorse. (GRE)

bear relation to 和……有关/有联系

You also know that the number of indictments in preindustrial Europe bears little relation to the number of actual crime acts. (GRE)

bear the brunt of 首当其冲, 首先遭受……

Top presidential appointees, about 500 of them, bear the brunt of translating the philosophy and aims of the current administration into practical programs. (GMAT)

bear the cost 支付费用, 承担费用

When a villainous man willfully and without provocation strikes and injures another, the appropriate party to bear the cost is the one who inflicted the injury. (GRE)

bear witness 证明, 作证

As a moralist, Woolf works by indirection, subtly undermining officially accepted mores, mocking, suggesting, calling into question, rather than asserting, advocating, bearing witness: hers is the satirist's art. (GRE)

become of 发生于, 使遭遇, 怎么啦

The driver returned the next spring to see what had become of his cargo. Instead of the skeleton he had expected to find, he saw his oxen, living, fat, and healthy. (TOEFL)

begin by 以……开始

If one begins by examining why ancients refer to Amazons, it becomes clear that Ancient Greek descriptions of such societies were meant not so much to represent observed fact but rather to offer moral lessons. (GRE)

begin on 着手, 动手, 从……开始

Just as Laura was beginning on words of one syllable, she was sent away to work on a distant job, only coming home at week-ends. (IELTS)

begin with 以……开始; 首先, 起初

The artist usually begins with a preconceived message or attitude which is then transmitted through the use of carefully selected details of action described in words intended to provoke associations and emotional reactions in the reader. (GMAT)

A decision-making worksheet begins with a succinct statement of the problem that will also help to narrow it. (TOEFL)

A study of illusionistic painting inevitably begins with the Greek painter Zeuxis. (GRE)

believe in 相信, 信任, 信仰, 信奉……

Just as astrology was for centuries an underground faith, countering the strength of established churches, so today believing in astrology is an act of defiance against the professional sciences. (GRE)

They say they don't believe in getting married and that's the reason why they are living together. (IELTS)

— You don't believe in diets, do you?

— There is nothing wrong with them per se. But they have to be combined with exercise to do any good. (TOEFL)

belong against 应该放在靠……的位置

— Phil, could you give me a hand with this file cabinet? It belongs against the wall next to the bulletin board.

— At your service. (TOEFL)

belong to 属于……, 为……所拥有, 是……的组成部分

For the most part, the literature in which the railroad plays an important role belong to popular culture rather than to the realm of serious art. (TOEFL)

— I'm sorry, sir. But you're allowed only one piece of luggage on the plane. You'll have to check one of your suitcases at the baggage counter.

— Actually, one of these belongs to the woman up ahead. I'm just giving a hand. (TOEFL)

Women owned the rooms in the pueblo and the crops, once they were harvested. While still growing, crops belonged to the men who, in contrast to most other Native American groups, planted them. (TOEFL)

benefit from 从……获利/受益, 得益于……

There is no limit to the extent which human beings may benefit from their own inventive genius. (TOEFL)

United States culture has benefited from exposure to foreign ideas. (GRE)

When an individual benefits personally from a government program, it is only because she or he is one member of a larger beneficiary class, e.g., a farmer. (GRE)

bestow sth on sb 把某物授予某人, 给予某人某物

Famous among job-seekers for its largesse, the company, quite apart from generous salaries, bestowed on its executives annual bonuses and such perquisites as low-interest home mortgages and company cars. (GRE)

bid for 出价竞买, 投标承包……

Our agent bid \$500 for the fire-damaged merchandise. (BEC)

billow off (浓烟、巨浪等) 翻滚, 翻腾, 滚滚涛涛, 汹涌澎湃

Then hour after hour the white steam billowed off into the black night or, on occasion, rolled into the shed as a special reward. (IELTS)

bind to 粘在/捆在……上面; 受……约束/束缚

He and other biologists studying a wide variety of organisms have found that these RNA's direct, in

large part, the synthesis of histones, a class of proteins that bind to DNA. (GMAT)

blame sb for 因……而责备某人, 责怪某人……, 把……归咎于某人

The authorities blamed the multinationals for the inflated prices. (BEC)

If Adam is regarded as a particular human being it would make no sense at all to blame his descendants for the mistakes that he made. (GRE)

The temptations are there through no fault of his own but yielding to these temptations is another matter and one for which he can justly be blamed. (GRE)

blame sth on sb 把某事归咎某人, 因某事责备某人

The report blamed this differential on the overcrowding in the classrooms of city schools. (GRE)

blast toward 轰炸, 冲击, 猛烈攻击/抨击……

Outside the magnetosphere, blasting toward the Earth is the solar wind, a swiftly moving plasma of ionized gases. Charged particles in this solar wind speed earthward along the solar wind's magnetic lines of force with a spiraling motion. (TOEFL)

blend with 与……混合/融合; 和……协调

Since flounders have markings that blend with their surroundings, they can lie camouflaged on the bottom of the ocean. (TOEFL)

blow off 吹走, 刮掉; 喷出, 放出……

The gravitational energy released during this implosion of the core blows off the remainder of the star in a gigantic explosion, or a supernova. (GRE)

blow up 爆炸, 炸毁, 炸掉; 充气, 吹捧; 夸张, 夸大

Paid for and maintained by "light dues" levied on ships, the original beacon was blown up in 1774. (TOEFL)

blunder over 跌跌撞撞地越过; 撞上, 因……而铸成大错

When I watch drivers routinely slam their cars to a halt, habitually take corners on two wheels, and blunder wildly over construction potholes and railroad crossings, I consider it a tribute to automotive design that cars don't shake apart far sooner. (GRE)

boil down 熬浓, 煮浓, 压缩

Logs were piled up and burned in the open, and the ashes collected. The ashes were placed in a barrel with holes in the bottom, and water was poured over them. The solution draining from the barrel was boiled down in iron kettles. (TOEFL)

book accommodation 预订旅馆房间, 预订膳宿

Accommodation will be booked that is central, comfortable and secure. This will not normally be the most expensive hotel in the town. (BEC)

boost sales 促销, 促进销售

Comparatively few rock musicians are willing to laugh at themselves, although a hint of self-depreca-