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前 言

翻譯困難,不在實字,而在虚字。實字指具體的 東西,容易了解,易於記憶;虚字却没有一定的意 義。那些不是動詞,不是形容詞的虚字,又更捉摸不 定。有些虚字在一個句子中表達一個含義,在第二個 句子裏可能具有另一種意思。這類的字,從事翻譯者 一不小心,就會理解錯誤,而造成"差之毫釐,謬以 千里"的弊病。

漢語中的一些虚字,翻譯成英語可能會有多種來源。例如"儘管"一詞,英語中具有相當含義的字和詞便有 "as...may", "for all", "however", "in spite of", "while"等等。同樣,英語中的虚字,譯成漢語後也會有多種意思,如 "for" 一字,在不同場合中可表達: "向"、 "經歷"、 "交換"、 "逐一"、 "到"、 "主張"及 "給"等意思。

爲了方便讀者了解和查閱這一類虚字,《新編翻 譯手册》"英一漢"部分收錄了常用虚字近千條,按字 母順序排列,並附有實例説明。"漢一英"部分則以漢字筆劃序排列,然後再按"横、豎、撤、點、曲"順排。這樣,讀者無論從"英"找"漢",或從"漢"找"英",都一樣方便了。此外,書末還附有英、漢索引,全書內容更一目了然。

《新編翻譯手册》的前身是本館出版的《翻譯手册》,由於《翻譯手册》的出版年份太早,雖曾修訂,仍存在着不少錯誤,且部分內容已嫌過時。編訂《新編翻譯手册》時,編者作了大幅度的修改和增删。原書六百五十六條內容中,修改過的例句共達二百多條,删去的條目一百五十條,新增條目近五百句,使全書內容更覺充實。然而,由於虚字的研究是一門專門學問,涉及面很廣,而本手册收錄的僅是常見常用的虚字虚詞罷了。此外,在編寫過程中,難免仍有錯漏之處,尚希讀者們不吝賜教,俾便改正。

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Part I

From English into Chinese





a 在, 同一

The ship was dashed aground in the tempest.

這船是暴風雨中衝上岸的。(在岸上)

We are of a mind.

我們意見一致。

a few 少數

There are a few foreigners in this town.

這鎮上有少數外國人。

(比較: There are few foreigners in this town.

這鎮上外國人不多。)

a flood of 大量的

The moon came up from behind the hills and bathed the city in a flood of moonlight.

月亮從山背後升起來,全城沐浴在一片月光之中。

a good deal of; a great deal of 很多

They have obtained a good deal of experience.

他們取得很多經驗。

a great many 很多

The pear tree in the yard bore a great many pears last year.

院子裏的梨樹去年結了很多梨子。

a handful of 少數

This tremendous job cannot be done by a handful of experts.

這件鉅大的任務,少數專家是不能完成的。

a host of 大量, 許多

He has a host of friends.

他有許多朋友。

We are faced with a host of difficulties.

我們面臨着大量的困難。

a little 有些, 少許

He is not much better, but there is a little hope.

他的身體没有多大好轉, 但有點希望。

比較: He grows worse; there is *little* hope of his recovery.

他的身體逐漸變壞; 恢復的希望不大。

Please move a little to the right.

請向右移動一點。

a lot of 并多

Daily physical exercise does us a lot of good. 每天體育鍛煉對我們很有好處。

a most 非常,很

This is a most interesting story.

這是一個非常有趣的故事。

a multitude of 許多

There are *a multitude of* problems to be solved. 有許多難題尚待解决。

a number of 若干, 好多

The police arrested a number of suspects.

警方拘捕了若干疑犯。

a piece (bit, word, few words) of 一點

Let me give you a piece of advice.

讓我給你一點忠告吧。

a round of 一番, 一場

Success means a round of struggle.

成功是要經過一番努力。

a series of 一連串, 一系列

We have won a series of victories in football matches.

我們在足球賽中贏得一連串的勝利。

a trifle 有點

He seemed a trifle unhappy because they did not take his advice.

他有點不高興, 因爲他們不聽他的忠告。

a world of 極多,極大

It makes a world of difference if you look at the question from another point of view.

如果你從另外一個觀點看這一問題,那就大大不同了。

aboard 在(船,車,飛機)上

All the passengers went aboard the hydrofoil.

所有旅客都上了水翼船。

Just before the train started, the conductor called

out, "All aboard!"

火車開之前,驗票員喊道:"都上車呀!"

about 將近,關於,近於

The hovercraft is about to leave for Macao.

氣墊船將開往澳門。

It is unnecessary for you to be anxious about me.

你無需掛念我。

They have spoken about that affair.

他們曾提及那件事。

We left there about six o'clock.

我們約於六時離開那裏。

above 以上,以外,前面

This mountain is 1.000 metres above sea level.

這座山海拔一千公尺。

It weighs above ten tons.

它重谕十噸。

No one is above criticism.

没有人是不可批評的。

Everything I have to say is mentioned above.

我要説的前面已說過了。

above all 尤其是

He is well-known for speech-making, but above all, for argumentation.

他的演説很有名,尤其是辯論。

according as (followed by a clause) 隨着, 按着

The thermometer rises or falls according as air is

hot or cold.

寒暑表隨着空氣的寒暖而升降。

You will be praised or criticized according as your work is satisfactory or not.

按工作的好壞, 你將得到表揚或批評。

according to (followed by word or phrase) 按照

You must behave according to the circumstances. 你一定要隨機應變。

The tailor cuts our coats according to our measurements.

裁縫按照我們身裁替我們做衣服。

account for 説明(理由或原因)

Lack of education accounts for juvenile deliquency.

缺乏教育造成了少年犯罪行爲。

Science can now account for many mysterious things. 現時科學可以説明許多神秘的事。

accredit...with... 說…是…的

They all accredit him with the authorship of this book.

他們都說這本書是他著的。

accustomed to 習慣於

This old man is accustomed to taking a cold bath every morning.

這位老人習慣於每日早晨洗冷水浴。

across 横過, 横穿, 在…另一邊

This railway goes across Canada.

這條鐵路橫過加拿大。

The hunters went across the field.

獵人在田地裏横穿過去。

The post office is just across the street.

郵局就在街的對面。

act as 充當

Many students acted as interpreters during the convention.

在會議期間,很多學生充當翻譯員。

act on (upon) 遵行, 起作用

He acted on the advice of the doctor.

他遵照醫生的屬咐。

Alcohol acts upon the brain.

酒精影響神經。

adapt from 改編自

The film "Jaws" is *adapted from* the well-known novel of the same title.

電影"大白鯊"改編自著名的同名小説。

admit of 容許有

This matter admits of no delay.

此事不容拖延。

after 在後, 仿照, 適合, 探求

The reinforcements arrived after the enemy had been beaten back.

在敵人被打退後,援軍才趕至。

This coat is made after the French fashion.

這衣服是仿照法式做的。

Mr. Chen has at last found an assistant after his heart.

陳先生終於找到了一個合他心意的助手。

What are you after?

你追求什麽(找什麽)?

after a fashion 稍微

He knows English after a fashion.

他總算懂得一點英文。

after all 到底, 畢竟

He cannot tolerate this insult. He is human, after all.

他不能忍受這種侮辱。他到底也是人。

After all his labors, he has failed.

他雖用盡氣力, 畢竟都失敗了。

again and again 再三

Don't lose heart. You must try again and again until you succeed.

不要灰心。你要再三嘗試直至成功。

against 與…對比,反對,防備

The proceeds of this year amount to three million, against two last year.

今年盈利三百萬, 去年僅二百萬。

This step must be taken though it will be against the rules.

這步驟雖然違反定例, 也必須採行。

All precautionary measures must be taken against an emergency.

一切預防辦法必須採行,以備急變。

ahead of 在…前面,超過

Mr. Li was a quick walker, so he soon got ahead of the others.

李君步履敏捷, 很快就走到别人前面去了。

Mr. Wang was ahead of his class in reading.

王君在閱讀方面走在全班之前。

alight 從…下來, 飛落

He alighted from the Boeing 747 jumbo jet.

他從波音 747 噴射客機走下來。

The sparrow alighted on the branch.

麻雀飛落在樹枝上。

■ 整個的,總共,盡,只

In south China we have warm weather all the year round.

華南的天氣整年都是和暖的。

How much do they all amount to?

總共有多少?

I will help you all that I can.

我决盡力援助你。

All that you have to do is to try hard.

你只要努力去做好了。

all along 一直

I knew that he was ill all along.