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内 容 提 要

本词典汇集了约 1800 个英语常用同义词和片语。分别编组后，通过辨义和注释，说明其本词义及它们之间在用法上的区别。文中配有例句供参阅。这些例句大都简明易懂，并附中译文，在每组同义词后还列举了相当的反义词作对照之用。本词典收入少量容易混淆的非同义词进行辨析，因而实用性强，有助于读者选用恰当的词汇确切地表达思想，是一本较为实用的工具书。

本词典是编者在原作《英语常用同义词手册》基础上作了较大修订、增补而成的。是大、中学生和英语自修者必备的工具书。

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Preface

前　　言

编者在多年英语教学实践中，深感中国学生在分辨与使用英语同义词方面有较大的困难。本书就是通过辨义、注释和举例，说明各词（或片语）本身的意义及它们之间在用法上的区别。本书汇集了常用的英语单词和片语约 1800 个，分编成 568 组，近 6000 个例句。可供大学生、中学生、自修者学习参考。

英语有极其丰富的同义词，它们的涵义似乎差别不大，有些甚至可以互用，但严格来说，仍有其特有的用法。譬如说：little room 和 small room，little 和 small 两词汉语都译成“小”。但 little room 虽然是小房间，却含有小巧、可爱之意；而 small room 仅指面积小而言。因此要选用恰当的词才能表达确切的意思。

本书所选的词均为常用同义词。也选入了个别非同义词，如 both, either, neither，这三个词意思不同，但放在一起比较一下，对学生很有好处。为了加深理解和扩大词汇量，还相应地列出了部分反义词，供参照使用。

为便于查找，本书正文前编有同义词目录；每组的第二个词起按字母顺序排列。有些词有不止一个意思，则分别列在两组或三组中，并在该词右上角标上(1)、(2)等符号。书后附有单词索引。

本书是编者在原作《英语常用同义词手册》基础上，重新

编写的。查找和参阅了国内外许多有关的词典和资料，并得到了许多专家、教师的帮助。特此致谢。郭世明、沈伟红二位老师参加了部分编写工作，并得到沈雯华同志的协助。

由于编者水平有限，时间仓促，书中难免有错误和不妥之处。欢迎读者批评指正。

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| able, capable, competent, <i>a.</i> | (4) |
| abolish, cancel, do away with, eliminate, exterminate, repeal, <i>vt.</i> | (5) |
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| case, circumstance, condition, situation ⁽¹⁾ , | |
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| cunning, artful, sly, <i>a</i> | (142) |
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damp, moist, wet, *a*.

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| danger, hazard, peril, <i>n.</i> | | (144) |
| dark, obscure, <i>a.</i> | | (145) |
| day, date, <i>n.</i> | | (146) |
| deadly, fatal, mortal, <i>a.</i> | | (146) |
| decide, determine, <i>vt.</i> | | (147) |
| decorate, adorn, furnish, ornament, <i>vt.</i> | | (148) |
| decrease, diminish, lessen, reduce, <i>v.</i> | | (149) |
| deep, profound, <i>a.</i> | | (151) |
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| definite, definitive, <i>a.</i> | | (153) |
| delay, defer, postpone, put off, <i>v.</i> | | (153) |
| delegate, deputy, representative, <i>n.</i> | | (154) |
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| diligent, assiduous, hard-working, industrious, <i>a.</i> | | (166) |

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| discover, find, invent, look for, <i>v.</i> | (169) |
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| divide, separate, <i>vt.</i> | (172) |
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| draw, attract, drag, pull, <i>vt.</i> | (175) |
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| dumb, mute, <i>a.</i> | (179) |
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| duty, obligation, responsibility, <i>n.</i> | (181) |

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| earth ⁽¹⁾ , globe, world, <i>n.</i> | (183) |
| economic, economical, financial, <i>a.</i> | (184) |
| edge, border ⁽²⁾ , brink, fringe, margin, rim, verge, <i>n.</i> | (184) |

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| edition, issue⁽¹⁾, number, version, <i>n.</i> | | (186) |
| effect⁽²⁾, consequence, outcome, result, <i>n.</i> | | (187) |
| efficient, effective, <i>a.</i> | | (188) |
| elevate, lift, <i>vt.</i> | | (189) |
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| emphasize, stress⁽¹⁾, <i>vt.</i> | | (190) |
| empty, vacant, <i>a.</i> | | (191) |
| endeavour⁽¹⁾, effort, exertion, <i>n.</i> | | (192) |
| enemy, foe, <i>n.</i> | | (192) |
| energy, force⁽¹⁾, power, strength, vigour, <i>n.</i> | | (193) |
| enjoy, appreciate, <i>vt.</i> | | (195) |
| enlarge, multiply, <i>v.</i> | | (195) |
| enough, adequate, sufficient, <i>a.</i> | | (196) |
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| envy, jealousy, <i>n.</i> | | (198) |
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| esteem, regard, respect, <i>n, vt.</i> | | (199) |
| estimate⁽²⁾, value⁽¹⁾, <i>vt.</i> | | (200) |
| event, accident, incident, occurrence, <i>n.</i> | | (201) |
| evident, apparent, clear⁽²⁾, manifest, obvious, | | |
| <i>a.</i> | | (202) |
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| excite, encourage, inspire, stimulate, <i>vt.</i> | | (206) |
| excuse⁽²⁾, pretence, pretext, <i>n.</i> | | (207) |
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| expect, anticipate, look forward to, <i>v.</i> | | (210) |
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| few, a few, little ⁽¹⁾ , a little, <i>a.</i> | | (228) |
| finally, at last, in the end, <i>ad.</i> | | (230) |

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| finish, accomplish, complete, end, terminate, <i>v.</i> | (230) |
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| forward, introduction, preface, <i>n.</i> | (242) |
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