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牢记足够的单词固然是取得托福考试高分的重要条件,掌握足够的英语习语亦同样重要。本书收集了近年来托福考试英语习语 300 条。为了帮助托福应试者学习并进一步提高考试成绩,本书对每个习语加注了中文解释并附以必要的英语例句。此书对 GRE、EPT 应试者亦大有裨益。

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前 言

近年来许多有关托福考试词汇(主要为单词)方面的参考书不断问世。为了满足广大应试者的需要,笔者收集了近年来托福试题中出现的习语 300 条。如果考生在掌握托福试题单词的基础上再把握住这些习语的意义和用法,他们取得高分的基础必定会更加牢固。

本书的特点是收集了近年来托福试题中出现的、将来还会出现的英语习语。一般说来英语习语较单词难于掌握。为了便于考生学习和运用这些习语,我们在每个条目后加注了中文解释,并参考多部国内外新版辞书,为每个习语提供了英文例句。习语后附有 1992 年 1、5、8、10 月份的托福全真试题及详解和答案。

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abide by v. 服从；遵守

1. All the players should abide by the referee's decision.
2. The members agree to abide by the rules of the Society.

about time n. phr. 该,最后,终于(但比期待的时间晚些)

1. "It's about time you left, Tom." (Tom should have left earlier.)
2. "Our team won yesterday. About time." (It has been a long time since the team won a contest.)

above all or above all else adv. phr. 最重要地,尤其

1. Relax, and above all don't panic.
2. Children need many things, but above all they need love.

above suspicion or beyond suspicion adj. phr. 不容怀疑

The teacher must be above suspicion of supporting one student over another.

according as conj. 随……而定;依照

1. They move into the next class, according as they pass or fail the examination.
2. You can take a linguistic or literary course according as you prefer.

across the board adv. phr. or adj. phr. 全盘地(的),全面地(的)

1. The new President wants taxes raised across the board.
2. It is an across the board pay rise.

act out v. 用表情、手势、动作表达

He tried to act out a tale that he had read before.

act one's age or be one's age v. phr. 以年龄而行

"Bob, you are a big boy now. Act your age."
(Bob was told to act like a big boy.)

add fuel to the flame (or fire) v. 火上浇油;使感觉、情绪更甚

1. She was greatly upset and he added fuel to the fire by laughing at her.
2. By avoiding seeing the girl, the young man added fuel to the flame of his love for her.

add insult to injury v. phr. 辱上加辱,落井下石;更糟

1. To add insult to injury, the penalty was given to our side.
2. It's bad enough being caught in the rain. But if the car breaks down it simply adds insult to injury.

after a fashion adv. phr. 不很好,不高明,差劲地

1. John speaks Russian after a fashion, but Jean speaks it much better.
2. The tent kept the rain out after a fashion.

after all adv. phr. 还是,虽然……终于;毕竟

1. Robert thought he couldn't go to the movie because he had too much homework to do, but he went after all.
2. They did not expect heavy losses in the business, after all, they had rich experience.

after hours adv. or adj. phr. 下班后;规定时间后

1. The shop was cleaned after hours.
2. The children had a secret after hours party when they were supposed to be in bed.

against time or against the clock adv. phr. 量时间;抢时间;拖时间

1. John ran around the track against time, because there was no one to race against.
2. The rescue team was racing against the clock to get to the

accident soon enough to save the wounded.

3. The prisoner talked against time with the guard, hoping that someone would come to help them.

air one's dirty linen in public or wash one's dirty linen in public

v. phr. 家丑外扬, 揭人隐私

Everybody knew it would be difficult for the two candidates to be elected because they aired their dirty linen in public.

all better adj. phr. 完全康复; 不再疼了

"All better now," the doctor kept repeating to the patient.

all ears adj. phr. 倾听, 全神贯注地听

When the old man told the story, the boys were all ears.

all eyes adj. phr. 凝眸

At the circus the children were all eyes.

all hours n. phr. 非既定时间; 深夜

1. The mother said to his son, "you can't go to sleep at all hours. It'll ruin your health."
2. She often stays up till all hours of the night to finish her home assignment.

all in all adv. phr. 总之, 概括而言; 合计

1. All in all, it was a pleasant party.
2. Counting the books on the shelf, all in all we have borrowed ten textbooks.

all manner of adj. phr. 各式各样的

You can buy all manner of things in this department store.

allow for v. 顾及; 把……算在内

1. Allowing for the train being late, we should be back by

11 : 30.

2. Has everything been allowed for in your plan?

all right for you interj. 一刀两断;算了吧

All right for you! I am not going to do any more business with you.

all systems go n. phr. 一切就绪,万事皆妥

After they wrote out notice, it was all systems go for the dance party.

all the way or the whole way adv. phr.

1. 自始至终,一直

Jack had played the piano all the way at the performance and it was almost over.

2. 完全同意,完全顺应

The bank was willing to lend money to the company to expand its business, but it wasn't willing to go all the way with its plan to set up a new branch in the next city.

along in years or on in years adj. phr. 趋于年老,上了年纪

As he got on in years, she had to stay at home most of her time and look after him.

apple of one's eye n. phr. 掌上明珠,心肝宝贝

Though Helen was his adopted daughter, she was the apple of his eye.

apropos of prep. 关于,至于

Apropos of John's new job, did he tell you how much he is earning?

around the clock adv. phr. 昼夜(地),二十四小时(地)

That factory always operates around the clock.

around the corner adv. phr. 即将来临;近在咫尺

1. Hoover was saying that prosperity was just around the corner.
2. Diana and Dick lived just around the corner.

as good as adv. phr. 几乎等于,差不多

1. Without her glasses she was as good as blind.
2. He had as good as given up his attempt.

as good as one's word adj. phr. 可依赖的,一诺千金

1. We know she is always as good as her word, so we trust her.
2. The chairman said he would award the members generously if they won, and he was as good as his word.

as it were adv. phr. 可以说,可谓;似乎

1. That was as it were part of the job.
2. The sunlight on the icy branches made, as it were, delicate lacy cobwebs from tree to tree.

as luck would have it adv. clause 刚巧,凑巧(幸或不幸)

1. As luck would have it, no one was there when the building collapsed.
2. As luck would have it, there was rain on the day of the sportsmeeting.

at a blow or at a stroke or at one stroke adv. phr. 一下子,突然,
闪电般

1. He changed things at a stroke.
2. They seized the enemy's stronghold at a blow.
3. All prisoners escaped at one stroke.

at bay adv. or adj. phr. 作困兽斗,陷于穷途

1. A dog at bay may attack people fiercely.
2. The police held the criminal at bay for nearly three hours and waited for him to surrender.

at cross purposes adv. phr. 背道而驰,以相互矛盾的目的、效果、结果

Tom's parents acted at cross purposes in advising him; his father wanted him to become a doctor, but his mother wanted him to become a priest.

at fault adj. phr. 归咎,对过失负责

1. Which of the two drivers was at fault in the car crash?
2. If my memory was not at fault, it was Thursday.

at home adv. or adj. phr. 熟悉;舒服

1. Would you be at home driving a truck?
2. Make the newcomers feel at home in your school.

at one's beck and call adj. phr. 听人命令,受人指挥

1. He is at my beck and call.
2. She had a large household of servants at her beck and call.

at one's feet adv. phr. 拜倒在足下

She had a dozen men at her feet.

at one's wit's end adj. phr. 计穷力竭,手足无措

Nobody would like to help him and now he was at his wit's end.

at sixes and sevens adj. phr. 乱七八糟,一团糟

1. As the hostess was away from home, the whole house was at sixes and sevens.
2. The leader was captured and his followers were at sixes and sevens.

at stake adj. phr. 濒于险境;成败未定;得失攸关

1. He admits that his political life is at stake.
2. The team played hard because the championship was still at stake.

babe in the woods or babe in arms n. phr. 乳臭未干,不谙世故者

He was a babe in the woods when it came into negotiations.

back to the wall or back against the wall adv. phr. 陷入绝境,束手无策

1. The soldiers had their backs to the wall.
2. He was in debt and could not get any help; his back was against the wall.

backward and forward or backwards and forwards adv. phr.

(对某事)滚瓜烂熟,彻底了解

1. He knows the traffic rules backward and forward.
2. It's incredible that she understood motorcycle engines backwards and forwards.

bad actor n. phr. 桀骜不驯,撒野

The boy was a bad actor and nobody liked him.

ball game n. phr. 事态,情况

You said we can get a second mortgage for the house?! Wow!
That's a whole new ball game.

bear watching v. phr. 1. 值得注意;前途可观 2. 有危险

1. That young actress will bear watching.
2. The car trembles badly; it will bear watching.

beat a retreat v. phr. 鸣鼓收兵

They beat a retreat when they saw there was no hope to win.

beat one's head against a wall v. phr. 徒劳无益,白费功夫

Trying to persuade him is just beating your head against a wall.

beauty sleep n. 美容小睡

If you take a beauty sleep, your appearance will be greatly improved.

beg the question v. phr. 言之过早, 视为当然, 用未经证明的假定来辩论

She asked all of us to believe her because she said she was correct. We all said that she was begging the question.

behind bars adv. phr. 坐牢, 入狱

He never learned his lessons. No wonder he ended up behind bars.

behind one's back adv. phr. 背地里

It is not right to criticize a person behind his back.

behind the scenes adv. phr. 幕后, 私下

Most of the bargaining was done behind the scenes.

below the belt adv. phr. 不公平, 违背规则

That comment was a bit below the belt.

beside oneself adj. phr. 若狂, 发狂

She was beside herself with joy (anger, fear).

When she heard of her son's death, she was beside herself.

beside the point or beside the question adv. or adj. phr. 离题, 风马牛不相及

Don't waste time. What you said is beside the point.

bet on the wrong horse v. phr. 估计错误

We expected Team A to win but, as it happened, we bet on

the wrong horse.

beyond one's depth adj. or adv. phr. 难于理解,无法胜任

His stream of consciousness is beyond my depth.

It's beyond Bill's depth to beat the champion in the chess contest.

big as life or large as life adj. phr. 有如真人真物一样大

The characters on this TV screen are big as life.

big wheel n. phr. 大人物,红人

He is a big wheel in the local government, maybe he can offer you some help.

bite off more than one can chew v. phr. 好高骛远,力不从心

He bit off more than he could chew when he agreed to shoulder the responsibility alone.

bite someone's head off v. phr. 严厉斥责

His father bit his head off for he played truant.

bite the dust v. phr. 死;一败涂地

1. He raised his gun, and bang, another enemy bit the dust.
2. Our football team bit the dust again.

black and white n. phr. 白纸黑字

"You've got to believe it. There it is in black and white.

black-and-white adj. 黑白分明,非此即彼

It's foolish to think that everything is black-and-white.

blow hot and cold v. phr. 反复无常

The management blew now hot, now cold, now fierce, now conciliatory.

born with a silver spoon in one's mouth adj. phr. 生来富贵

The girl behaved as if she had been born with a silver spoon in her mouth.

brain drain n. phr. 人材外流

At present many developing countries are suffering a considerable brain drain to developed nations.

bread and butter n. phr. or adj. phr. or interj. 生计;例行道谢;
老天保佑

1. He doesn't just write for fun; writing is his bread and butter.
2. After spending the weekend as a guest in Puterbaugh's house, he wrote a bread-butter letter to his host.
3. "Bread and butter!", we all said while passing the Church.

break ground v. phr. 破土;打破常规

1. Our school is going to break ground for the new library tomorrow.
2. The firm broke new ground with a set of regulations that encouraged its employees to work even harder.

break one's neck v. phr. 拼命努力

We nearly broke our neck to reach there before dark.

bred in the bone adj. phr. 天生的

She is a bred-in-the-bone singer.

bring home v. phr. 使……十分明了

We should bring home the value of education to both parents and children in the rural areas.

bring to light v. phr. 发现,揭示

I will bring to light the truth.