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本书从英语学习者在学习经常遇到的实际问题出发,对九百多个常用词语的基本用法作了精练的说明,并附有简明例句;对常用的、易混易错的词语进行了辨析,指出其错误之所在,提出了改正的办法。为便于读者查阅,书后附有检词索引。

本书可以帮助初、中级英语读者解决英语学习和实践中遇到的疑难问题,也可供一般英语工作者及大、中学生阅读。

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前 言

《英语常用词语用法手册》是从英语学习者经常遇到的实际问题出发,为满足广大英语读者的需要而编写的。

本书对九百多个常用的、易混的同义词、近义词、形近异义词的基本用法作了举例说明和正误(误句前标有*号)比较。为了使读者易于掌握其用法,还对一些易用错的短语和习惯表达法的正误用法进行了辨析,指出其错误之所在及改正的办法。本书参考了近几年来国内外的英语书刊,吸收了韦博斯特(Webster)、福勒(Fowler)等英语学者的研究成果。

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由于我们水平有限,书中一定有错误与疏漏之处,敬请指正。

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1. 正确选择 *a*, *an*, 应当根据其后续单词词首的读音, 而不根据词首的字母。辅音打头的单词前面用冠词 *a* (*a* man, *a* giant); 元音打头的单词前面用冠词 *an* (*an* eggplant); 在不发音的 *h* 打头的单词前用冠词 *an* (*an* hour, *an* honor)。由于人们对减缓语言速度反感, 为了加快语言表达速度, 目前出现了把冠词 *an* 写成 *a* 的趋势。在英国说 “*an* hotel” 不会引起人们的非议。可是在美国, 一个作家如果使用 “*an* historic document” 会被人认为是语言拖沓。现在美国人说 “*a* hotel”, “*a* hero”, “*a* hospital”, “*a* historic document” 已成为优势。以 “*u*” 打头的单词前的冠词现在也成了 *a*, 因为第一个音节读 [ju:]。但有些人在以 *u* 打头的单词前仍用冠词 *an*, 现在听来是不舒服的。

Dr. McNeill is *an* (*a*) historian with *a* quest for adventure. (麦克尼尔先生是位乐于探险的历史学家。)

Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy has purchased *an* (*a*) historic 169-year-old Georgetown house with 14 rooms. (杰奎琳肯尼迪太太购置了一栋十四室的有 169 年悠久历史的乔治敦房宅。)

2. 缩写词前的不定冠词。下面这些句子哪一个正确?
He received *a* M.A. degree. (他获得了文学硕士。)

He received *an* M.A. degree.

He is *a* N.Y. central spokesman. (他是纽约主要发言人。)

He is *an* N.Y. central spokesman.

冠词的用法取决于缩写词的说法和读法。大多数人认为 M.A. 是字母, 不读成 “Master of Arts”。所以他们认为 “*an* M.A. degree” 是正确的。而一些人把 N.Y. central” 读成 “New York central”, 不读成 “[en] [wai] central,” 所以他们认为用 “*a* N.Y. central spokesman” 是正确的。缩写词的读法决定了其前的不定冠词是用 *a* 还是用 *an*。

3. 一些好象辅音打头实际是元音打头的词前面要用 *an*, 如:

“*an* \$8 billion- *a* -year business” (年值 80 亿的生意)

4. 冠词 *a* 后接 few, very few, good many 或者 great many, 后面可接复数名词。韦博斯特 (Webster) 对这种现象作了这样的解释: 在这种结构中, few, many 原来接所属格 (*a* few of boys), 尽管 few, many 是复数, 但前面用单数冠词的形式也就沿袭下来了。

5. 复数名词与单数冠词可以不协调地合并使用, 惯用法允许这种不合逻辑的形式:

an estimated 40,000 troops and police (人数大约为四万名的士兵和警察部队)

an additional fifteen Senators (增补的十五名议员)

6. 有时以复数出现的形式被视为单数: *a* round \$150 (一笔大约 150 美元的款子) 中的 150 美元可视为整体, 而不看作多个个体, 复数前用单数冠词也是允许的。这种词组作主语时, 其谓语用单数: