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内 容 简 介

本书针对英语学习中常见的疑难问题,容易混淆的用词、语法问题进行了分析及答疑。每个问题后还附有自测试练习题及答案以巩固讲解的概念。本书适合于英语自学者、中学英语教师、大中学生使用。

前 言

编写这本《英语学习难点200则》是想为社会上及大中学校研读英语的青年同志解决一些疑难问题,也想为中学英语教师提供一些备课资料。一般语法书以概述为主,内容面面俱到,难以动用较大篇幅对难点细节进行深入的阐释。然而英语知识有易有难,认真的青年同志在学习中遇到难点,不肯放过,总想深研细究,非要弄个明白不可。笔者有幸,接近这样的同志,他们不时提出各种问题,在研讨和答疑过程中,我感觉有些问题比较重要。同志们建议我将答疑材料整理成册,以便广为利用,经考虑后,欣然命笔,终于编就此书。但愿它在语法、词汇方面对读者有所助益。

本书第一部分“语法问题”,例解了语法难点99则;第二部分“词语辨析”,辨析了词语难点106则。所有难点的选定和解答,都力求抓住要害,搔在痒处,避免无的放矢。解答的方式不拘一格,或叙述或列表,话宜长则长,宜短则短,宜剖析者剖析之,宜比较者比较之。而且条条左以充分的例证(举例近四千句),逐项编有应用测试题(约两千句),书后附有“参考答案”,目的在使读者透彻理解,印象深刻,通过实践达到熟练掌握的程度。

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第一部分 语法问题

I 名词

1. 集体名词有哪些？单、复数怎么算？

语法书谈到名词种类时，对集体名词一般讲得简单，读者难以知道集体名词约有多少，其中哪些算作复数（后接复数动词），哪些既算作单数又算作复数，依情况而定。还有哪些常用作单数。下面就这些问题加以例述。

A. 算作复数的，有 people（人，人民），police（警察），militia（民兵），rest（其余的人），cattle（牛），poultry（家禽），crew（船员），clergy（牧师），vermin（害虫、害兽）等。

- 1) There are five people in my family.

我家有五口人。

- 2) Only some police are on duty on the street that moment in the night.

夜间，街上只有几个警察在值勤。

- 3) The militia are trained as strictly as soldiers.

民兵所受训练同士兵一样严格。

- 4) Three of us will go, the rest are staying at home.

我们有三个人去，其余的人留在家里。

- 5) The cattle are grazing.

牛在吃草。

- 6) The poultry are kept in the farm.

家禽养在饲养场里。

- 7) The ship's crew have been paid off.

船上的水手都被解雇了。

- 8) Many clergy were present.

许多牧师都到了。

- 9) The vermin do much harm.

这些害虫危害极大。

B. 既可算作复数又可算作单数的有 army(军队), press(新闻界), public(公众), committee(委员会), crowd(人群), class(班级), family(家庭), team(队), audience(观众), government(政府), flock(群), party(政党), club(俱乐部), jury(陪审团), cabinet(内阁), enemy(敌人), company(一伙人), couple(一对), board(委员会), peasantry(农民), majority(过半数的人), minority(少数的人), aristocracy(贵族、贵族政府), herd(牛群、马群)等。

- 1) The Red Army was one fighting for the people.

红军是一支为人民而战的军队。

An army of workers on strike are fighting with the police in the street.

一大群罢工工人正在街上和警察搏斗。

- 2) "My public wants me to sing the new songs" he said.

他说：“我的听众要我唱些新歌”。

The reading public are all interested in the book.

广大读者都对这本书感兴趣。

- 3) The committee of Public Safety is to deal with the matter.

公共安全委员会该处理这一问题。