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前 言

在高度信息化的二十一世纪,英语不再单纯是汲取人类文明成果和国际交流的工具,更是日常生活中不可或缺的基本技能,是每个人都必备的一种文化素养。

随着中学生英语学习内容的扩大,相应的词性、读音、词义、用法相近的词语数量也不断扩大,学生经常面对易混词语犹豫不决、举棋不定。而清晰准确地掌握和轻松地运用词语,直接关系到听力、阅读、翻译、写作等各项能力的发展。因此,广大高中生迫切需要一本针对所学词汇,易混词语辨析的工具书,适应高中范围并有所扩展,以便能更好地配合课堂学习,在考试中取得好成绩,在高考中金榜题名,为今后的英语学习打下坚实的基础。

笔者总结了自己几十年高中英语的教学经验,根据国家高中英语新课程标准,紧扣人教社课本,从学生的学习实际出发,精心编撰了这本《魔法英语高中易混词》,本书读者对象以高中学生及同等水平的自学者为主,对英语教师来说也一本颇有参考价值的工具书。

本书的特点有三:

一是覆盖面广,查找方便。

此书紧扣教材,覆盖了全部高中英语教材到高考所涉及的同义词、近义词、形近词、同音词等常考词语及易混句

型。同时此书按照字母顺序分别进行讲解,方便查找。

二是突出主要区别,不求面面俱到。

讲解有轻有重,例证丰富,点拨误区,精心讲解易混原因,精心设计自我测试,不仅指出意义上的异同,而且说明用法上的差别,同时力求文字浅显流畅,同时又注意内容清新,让大家轻松地掌握词语的用法和差异。

三是选择经典例句,辨析简洁明了。

例句选自英美原文词典或国内外出版的较有影响的英汉词典或其它语法书,以保证语言的纯正。将这些典型例句与简练的解析两相对照,细加揣摩,这样词与词的细微差别就了然在胸了。我们相信它会成为你的指导老师。

但限于水平,加之时间仓促,疏漏之处在所难免,敬请读者和同行批评指正。

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1 a great deal, a great deal of, a great many

这三个词组都有“大量”、“许多”的意思,但用法有所不同。

 **a great deal** 是一个副词性词组,作“大量”、“许多”解,用来修饰动词、形容词或副词,作状语,表示数量或程度;作“……得多”解时,修饰形容词或副词的比较级。

She seemed to have suffered **a great deal**. 她好像受过许多苦。

The sun is **a great deal** nearer to us than the other stars.

太阳比其他星球离我们近得多。

 **a great deal of** 是形容词词组,作“大量”、“许多”解,修饰不可数名词作定语,与其搭配的谓语动词用单数形式。

They have spent **a great deal of** money on this project.

他们在这一项工程上花费了大量资金。

There is **a great deal of** oxygen in the air. 空气中有大量氧气。

 **a great many** 是形容词词组,作“大量”、“很多”解,修饰可数名词复数,与其搭配的谓语动词用复数形式。

He asked me **a great many** questions. 他问了我很多问题。

A great many stars were shining in the indigo blue sky.

繁星在靛蓝色的天空闪烁着。

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根据句意,用 **a great deal**, **a great deal of** 和 **a great many** 填空。

1. My father smokes _____.

2. He spent _____ money on doctors.

3. _____ doctors and nurses took an active part in the fight against SARS.

(Keys 1. a great deal 2. a great deal of 3. A great many)



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2 a number of, the number of

这两个词组只是一个冠词之差,但意思和用法都不相同。

a number of 意为“若干”“许多”,相当于 some 或 many,是一个固定词组,用作定语,其后接复数名词或代词;a number of 在句子中作主语时,谓语动词一般用复数形式。

I have been to Beijing **a number of** times . 我去过北京多次。

A number of books have been stolen from the library .

图书馆里的很多图书被窃走了。

the number of 意为“……的数目 / 数字”,其后常接复数名词,用作句子主语时,谓语动词用单数形式。

The number of students absent is five . 缺席的学生人数是 5 人。

What 's **the number of** your car ? 你的车牌号码是多少 ?



注意

在 number 前面,可以加 **large, great, small** 表示“大量的”或“少量的”的意思。

A great part of the city was destroyed and **a large number of** buildings were burnt down . 这个城市大部分被毁掉,许多建筑物被烧掉。

A small number of students didn 't pass the exam .

这次考试只有少数学生不及格。

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根据句意,用 a number of 和 the number of 填空。

1 . _____ my friends think I should take a holiday .

2 . Scientists explain that the outside of the earth is made of _____ different plates .

3 . _____ students in our school has been increasing .

(Keys 1 . A number of 2 . a number of 3 . The number of)

3 above, beyond

beyond, above 都有“超出”的意思,**above** 表示高于一般标准之上,**beyond**



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表示超出本身所能达到的能力。

This is **beyond** (=above) my comprehension .

这真让我不能理解。

The car is **beyond** repair .

这车坏得不能修了。(车本身已不具备修的价值了。)

Her skill as a musician is **beyond** praise .

作为音乐家,她的演技极为高超,令人赞叹不已。(水平超出赞扬所能及的范围,令人叫绝。)



注意

beyond 还有以下用法:

- 1 **beyond** “在……那边”,指“在……较远的一边”。

What lies **beyond** the mountains ? 山那边是什么地方?

The mountains **beyond** were covered in snow . 远处的群山被积雪覆盖。

- 2 **beyond** 表时间,作 later than (晚于,超过) 解。

She carried on teaching well **beyond** retirement age .

她已大大超过退休年龄,却还在从事教学工作。

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根据句意,用 above 和 beyond 填空。

1 .The plane flew _____ the clouds .

2 .Li Hong is _____ me in the class .

3 .Is your house _____ the river or by the side of it ?

(Keys 1 .above 2 .above 3 beyond)

4 accident, incident, event

这三个名词都有“事件”的意思,但各自的含义有所不同。

accident 指偶然发生的事件或意外事故。

Your meeting us was a mere **accident** . 你们遇见我们纯属偶然。

She was killed in a car **accident** . 她在一次车祸中丧生。

incident 的含义较广,可以指相对不太重要的事情、小事件,也可以指政治事件、社会骚乱、暴力事件,还可以指国际争端、敌对军事活动等。

There was a strange **incident** in the supermarket today .



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今天超级商场里发生了一件怪事。

The demonstration proceeded without **incident** .

示威游行过程中未发生暴力事件。

event 指发生的事情、事件,尤其指重大的、值得注意的事件。

I prefer to forget the **events** of the past few days .

我宁愿忘掉这几天发生的事情。

It was quite an **event** when a woman first became prime minister .

妇女首次当上了首相,的确是一件大事。

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根据句意,用 **accident**, **incident** 和 **event** 填空。

1 . There was a motor-car _____ on the road yesterday .

2 . Frontier _____ have been common on the border .

3 . What were the chief _____ of last year ?

(Keys 1 .accident 2 .incidents 3 .events)

5 according to, according as

according to 是介词词组,意为“根据……”,后跟名词性结构。

According to the weather report, we 'll have snow again tomorrow .

根据天气预报,明天还会下雪。

Retell the story in your own **according to** the key words given .

根据所提供的关键词用自己的话复述这个故事。

according as 从属连词,意为“随……而定”,后接从句。

According as the demand decreases, prices will go down .

随着需求的减少,价格会降低。

The thermometer rises or falls **according as** the air is hot or cold .

温度计的指示是随天气冷热而升降的。

自我测试



根据句意,用 **according to** 和 **according as** 填空。

1 . _____ John you were in Beijing last week .

2 . You have been in prison six times _____ our records .



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3. Everyone contributes _____ he is able in China .

(Keys 1. According to 2 according to 3 according as)

6 act, action, deed

这三个名词都有“行动”、“行为”的意思,但各自的含义和用法有所不同。

👉 **act** 一般用作可数名词,表示具体的、短暂的、简单的行为或行为过程。

Acts, not words, are what we need. 我们需要的是行动而不是空谈。

The thief was caught in the **act** of stealing my purse .

小偷在偷我的钱包时被当场捉住。

👉 **action** 一般多用作不可数名词,表示抽象的、连续的、复杂的行为或过程。

但有时也可以用作可数名词,含义与 act 相似。

His heroic **action/ act** was long remembered .

他的英勇行为长久地留在人们的记忆里。

We need less talk and more **action** .我们要少说多干。

👉 **deed** 为可数名词,属于正式用语,常常指在智慧、力量、技能、勇气或品德等方面达到一定境界时产生的行为。

Comrade Lei Feng spent his whole life doing good **deeds** .

雷锋同志一生都在做好事。

The better the day, the better the **deed** .日子愈吉利,干事愈如意。

自我测试



根据句意,用 act, action 和 deed 的适当形式填空。

1. The robbers were caught in the _____ of robbing the bank of money .

2. _____ speak louder than words .

3. Good _____ should be rewarded and evil _____ punished .

(Keys 1. act 2. Actions 3. deeds, deeds)

7 actual, real, true

这三个形容词都有“真实的”的意思,但各自的含义和用法有所不同。

👉 **actual** 指确实存在而不是想像中的事物,常作“实际上的”、“确实的”解。