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## 前 言

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# A

a big shot 要人；具有影响力的人；大人物；大亨

syn: an important or influential person

例: Anyone who is a **big shot** has his own extraordinary story.

【译文】: 任何一位大人物都有他自己不同寻常的故事。

a blind alley 前途暗淡；前途不乐观

syn: an activity, situation, etc that does not lead to any success  
or advantage

例: I think Ralph should switch careers. His present job seems to be a **blind alley**.

【译文】: 我看 Ralph 该换个工作。他目前的工作没什么前途。

above all 尤其重要的是；特别地

syn: most important of all; especially

例: He is trustworthy and practical, but, **above all**, very hard working.

【译文】: 他可靠，也实际，尤其重要的是，他工作非常勤奋。

a breath of fresh air 令人愉快；使人耳目一新的人

syn: someone or something different and fresh that makes people feel happier

例: When Nora and Emily moved in, they were like a **breath of fresh air** to us, and we soon became good friends.

【译文】: 当Nora和Emily搬进来的时候，他们就象一股清风，令人心神舒畅，我们很快就成了好朋友。

all told 全算上

syn: including everything or everybody

例: When I counted the books I found that, **all told**, there were 50 on the shelf, including paperbacks.

【译文】: 当我数这些书的时候，我发现书架上总共有50本书，包括平装书在内。

answer a/the call of nature 洗手间

syn: to go to the toilet

例: Excuse me for a minute, I must **answer a call of nature** before we leave.

【译文】: 很抱歉，等我一会儿，在我们走之前我要先上一次洗手间。

all along 一直，始终，从开始就

syn: all the time

例: I knew the truth **all along**.

【译文】: 我打从头就知道实情。

all and sundry 每个人；大众

syn: every person without exception; anyone and everyone

例: He did not like his private life being made known to **all and sundry** in the newspaper.

【译文】: 他不喜欢在报纸上向大众公开他的私生活。

all ears 侧耳倾听；竖耳倾听

syn: keen to listen to what is about to be said

例:When Henry said he had exciting news, we were **all ears**.

【译文】:当Henry说他有令人兴奋的消息时，我们都竖起了耳朵。

all eyes 目不转睛地注视

syn: watching keenly and attentively

例:We were **all eyes** as the professor wrote the answer on the board.

【译文】:当教授在黑板上写下答案时，我们全都目不转睛地看着。

as a result (of) 因为…，因此

syn: because (of); therefore

例:He was late **as a result of** the snow.

【译文】:因为下雪，他迟到了。

例:He lost his sight **as a result of** trauma in a terrible accident.

【译文】:他因为在一次严重的车祸中受伤而失明了。

at the wheel 驾驶汽车

syn: driving or guiding (a car)

例:Don't fall asleep **at the wheel**; it can be very dangerous.

【译文】:开车时可别睡着了；那可是很危险的。

at the right time 准时

syn: on time

例:If the train is **at the right time**, it should arrive at three o'clock exactly.

【译文】:要是火车准时的话，就会在3点整抵达。

(as) steady as a rock 毫不颤抖；稳若磐石

syn: very steady; not shaking or trembling at all

例:As he aimed his gun, his hand was **as steady as a rock**.

【译文】:当他拿枪瞄准的时候，他的手纹丝不动。

along with 一道

syn: together with

例:There was a bill **along with** the package.

【译文】:跟包裹一道来的，还有一张账单。

as good as 差不多；几乎就是

syn: almost (the same thing as)

例:He **as good as** refused.

【译文】:他几乎是拒绝了。

例:I can repair it, and make it **as good as new**.

【译文】:我可以把它修好，而且弄得跟新的一样。

a shoulder to cry on 患难时可依靠的有同情心的人

syn: a person who offers kindness and sincere sympathy in times of trouble

例: Bob is a real pal; he's really **a shoulder to cry on**.

【译文】: Bob真是个够朋友的人 ; 他是个在患难时可依靠的人。

as soon as 一…就…

syn: hardly when

例: **As soon as** he saw the signal, he pulled up the anchor.

【译文】: 他一看见信号就起锚了。

as well 也 ; 同样的

syn: in addition; also; too

例: I'm going to London and my sister's coming **as well**.

【译文】: 我要去伦敦, 我妹妹也要去。

as long as 只要 ; 当…的时候

例: He will continue to work **as long as** he is able to do so.

【译文】: 只要他能做他就将继续工作。

(as+) dry as a bone 非常干燥

syn: very dry

例: "How about your vacation?"

"We went camping in the Lakes. Though it rained very hard, we had a good tent and stayed **as dry as a bone**."

【译文】: “假期过得怎么样?”

“我们去了湖区露营。虽然雨下得很大, 不过我们有个好帐篷, 没有被淋湿。”

as dry as dust 枯燥无味的

syn: (of a person, book, etc) very dull or uninteresting, boring

例: You won't find any exciting books on those shelves, they're all **as dry as dust**.

【译文】: 你在这些架子上找不着什么有趣的书的, 它们全都是些枯燥无味的。

add insult to injury 伤害别人之后再加以侮辱

syn: cause offence to someone after one has already caused harm to him in some other way

例: How could you **add insult to injury** to her when you've already broken her heart by keeping her waiting so long!

【译文】: 你怎么可以在害她等了这么久、让她的心都碎了的时候, 又去侮辱她呢!

avoid sb./sth. like the plague 避之惟恐不及

syn: to do everything possible to keep away from (someone) or not become concerned

例: After he came out of prison, many of his former friends **avoided him like the plague**.

【译文】: 他出狱之后, 许多他以前的朋友都对他避之惟恐不及。

afford to 买得起 ; 力足以…

例: My parents saved money so they can **afford to** buy a new house.

【译文】:我父母存了一些钱因而他们买得起新房子。

abound in 有很多

syn: be full of

例:Canada **abounds in** jobs for computer programmers.

【译文】:加拿大为计算机程序员提供了许多就业机会。

abound with 充满, 有很多

syn: be full of

例:The lake **abounded with** fish.

【译文】:这湖里有很多鱼。

adhere to 坚持, 遵守

例:In the classroom we must **adhere to** the school rules.

【译文】:在教室我们必须遵守学校规章制度。

assent to 同意

例:The chairman finally **assented to** the board's decision.

【译文】:主席最后同意了委员会的决定。

airs and graces 盛气凌人

syn: proud behavior, esp. in order to impress other people

例:Anna has lost many friends because of her **airs and graces**.

【译文】:因为 Anna 盛气凌人的态度, 她已经失去了许多朋友。

(as+)alike as two peas(+in a pod) 酷似, 几乎一模一样

syn: very or exactly alike

例:Peter and Paul are so much alike that you won't be able to know which is the older brother and which the younger.

They are **as alike as two peas in a pod**.

【译文】:Peter和 Paul两人真像, 你简直分不出哪个是哥哥, 哪个是弟弟, 他们真的就是一模一样。

at times 有时

syn: now and then, occasionally

例:**At times** it is really difficult to understand maths.

【译文】:有时数学真的很难懂。

at one time or another 时常

syn: at all times

例:The Professor will correct you at **one time or another**, if you are wrong.

【译文】:如果你错了, 教授会时常纠正你的。

at loose ends 没事可做

syn: having nothing to do

例:Can I help you? I'm **at loose ends** this morning.

【译文】:你需要帮忙吗?今天早上我没事做。

at it 明知故犯

syn: doing something that the speaker disapproves of, esp. something one has done before

例:"Eric is late again. It's 8:45, and he is still not here."

"so he is **at it** again, isn't he? I'm afraid he won't be able to keep the job for long."

【译文】:“Eric又迟到了。现在已经8点45分了,他还没有到这儿呢!”

“所以他又明知故犯了,对不对?我看他的这份工作是保不了多久了。”

at the moment 这时;那时

例:I have too many classes **at the moment** to go with you.

【译文】:这时我有太多的课要上不能和你一起去。

at large 未被逮到;一般而言;详细地

例:The wild bear was **at large** in the city.

【译文】:在这座城市里,在逃的野熊未被逮到。

at will 随意地

例:We must be able to control ourselves **at will**.

【译文】:我们必须能够随意地控制自己。

a heap of 一大堆

例:I have **a heap of** books to study for the TOEFL.

【译文】:为了托福考试,我有一大堆书要学习。

a world of 很多

例:There is **a world of** difference between Jack and Harry.

【译文】:Jack和Harry有很大差别。

a host of 一大群

syn: a number of, a lot of

例:Despite Helen's shyness, she has **a host of** friends.

【译文】:尽管Helen羞怯,她还是有许多朋友。

ahead of 预先;在...之前

syn: in advance

例:Columbus was **ahead of** his times in his belief that the world was round.

【译文】:哥伦布相信地球是圆的,他这种观念走在了时代的前列。

all well and good 也不错;还好

syn: fine; quite acceptable (often used when one has a reason for finding the thing mentioned unsatisfactory)

例:My grandmother says that washing machines are **all well and good**, but she prefers to wash by hand.

【译文】:我祖母说洗衣机固然也不错,可是她还是宁可用手洗。

例:I'd prefer that you come and stay with us for a few days, but if you can only come for dinner, **all well and good**.

【译文】:我希望你能来我们这里逗留几天,但是,如果你只能来吃顿晚餐,也不错啦。

(as+) cheap as dirt 非常便宜

syn: costing very little; very cheap

例:These apples are **as cheap as dirt** during the summer.

【译文】:这些苹果在夏季的时候非常便宜。

act/be one's age 举止适合身份、年龄; 不要太幼稚

syn: to behave in the expected of anyone of one's age, esp. not to behave in a childish or foolish way

例:Hearing the news, Fanny suddenly burst into tears. Then her husband told her to stop it and **act her age**.

【译文】:听到这个消息, Fanny突然大哭起来。她丈夫告诉她不要哭,要注意身份。

add fuel to the flames / fire 火上浇油

syn: to make an already difficult situation worse by one's actions or words

例:Nothing can help her when she gets worried. Words of encouragement just **add fuel to the flames**.

【译文】:当她烦恼起来的时候,什么事也帮不了她。鼓励她也只是给她火上加油。

argue the toss 反对或抗议一些已经无法挽回的

syn: to oppose or argue with a decision that has already been taken and that can not be changed

例:There's nothing to be gained by **arguing the toss**. You'll just have to accept that the job's been given to someone else.

【译文】:既然决定已是如此,争之无益。你还是好好接受事实,这工作已给别人了。

ask for it 自找麻烦; 自找的

syn: to behave in a way that causes trouble, anger, etc that causes another person to be violent

例:You're really **asking for it** if you come to school so late when the teacher has already warned you not to.

【译文】:当老师已经警告过你不要迟到了,如果你还是这么晚到学校的话,那你真的是在自找麻烦。

appeal against 上诉

syn: appeal from

例:The lawyer will file an **appeal against** the decision.

【译文】:律师不服判决而将提出上诉。

across the board 人人有份; 全面的

syn: from or to everyone or everywhere equally

例:They asked for a pay increase of 5% **across the board**.

【译文】:他们要求每个人加薪5%。

against (+all) the odds 尽管形势不利

syn: in spite of the difficulties that would usually make something impossible

例:**Against all the odds**, I finished my term paper before the deadline.

【译文】:尽管有种种困难,我还是在截止日期前完成了学期论文。

all over the place 到处

syn: everywhere

例:I've been looking for a new pair of shoes **all over the place**; but I just couldn't find a pair I take to.

【译文】:我一直到处在找,想买双新鞋,可是就是找不着一双我喜欢的。

all/other things being equal 在其他事项都没有特殊差别的时候

syn: if all other facts, having been taken into consideration, make no difference

例:**All things being equal**, I would certainly choose the job that pays more.

【译文】:别的有关事项没有什么太大差别的时候,我当然要选择薪水高的工作。

at someone's request 依...所请(请求);在...的要求下

例:I bought the book **at your request**.

【译文】:我是在你的要求下才买这本书的。

at the height of 顶点;最高点

syn: at the highest degree

例:The ship sank **at the height of** the storm.

【译文】:船在暴风雨最凶猛的时候沉没了。

at the mercy of(at sb's mercy) 受制于

syn: power less against

例:They were lost at sea, **at the mercy of** wind and weather.

【译文】:他们迷失在海上,任凭风与气候的摆布。

例:They're **at our mercy** now.

【译文】:他们现在是受制于我们了。

(as+) clear as a bell 非常清楚;易于明了

syn: very clear; very easy to hear or understand

例:The whole thing was **as clear as a bell**. I had no doubts about what to do.

【译文】:整个事情非常清楚,我非常清楚该去做什么。

as clear as mud 毫不清楚;让人迷惑

syn: not clear at all; confusing

例:The instructions were badly written. They were about **as clear as mud**.

【译文】:这些指示写得真差,简直叫人一点也看不懂。

at the bar 在法庭

syn: in court

例:Chery passed the examination, so she could practice law **at the bar**.

【译文】:Chery通过了考试,因此她能在法庭上做律师。

at cross-purposes 相反的目的

syn: with opposing aims, with opposing effect

例:My parent's wishes and my rock music were **at cross-purposes**.

【译文】:我父母一点也不希望我搞摇滚。

at full blast 尽全力；（活动）达最高潮时

例:The stuntman drove the car **at full blast** over the mountain road.

【译文】:替身演员在山路上尽全力开车。

at a breath 一口气地

例:You'd better finish your homework **at a breath**.

【译文】:你最好一口气做完家庭作业。

at the first blush 乍一看

syn: at a glance

例:**At the first blush**, it didn't seem as if the team could win the race.

【译文】:乍一看，并不象这个队能在这场赛跑中获胜。

at the sacrifice of 牺牲

syn: at the expense of, at the cost of

例:**At the sacrifice of** many parents, their children get to university.

【译文】:许多孩子上大学得靠他们的父母作出牺牲。

a scandal to 耻辱

syn: disgrace, shame, dishonor

例:The embezzler caused **a scandal to** the Export Company.

【译文】:贪污者使出口公司蒙受耻辱。

## B

band together 集结；结合

syn: to unite with some special purpose

例:The hungry farmers **banded together** to fight against the governor.

【译文】:饥饿的农民团结在一起，以与总督抗争。

beat the drum for 热烈支持

syn: to give one's vigorous support to sth. esp. with the hope of gaining further support for it from the public

例:I'd **beat the drum for** a welcome party for the new students.

【译文】:我非常支持为新同学举行一个迎新会。

beg the question 回避问题实质，回答时言不及义

syn: to fail to deal with or answer effectively the point that is being discussed

例:You won't fool anyone by **begging the question**.

【译文】:你言不及义的回答是骗不了人的。

break down 毁坏；故障

syn: stop operating;separate

例:My bicycle **broke down**.

【译文】:我的自行车坏了。

break in 训练 ; 强行闯入

syn: tame; enter by force

例:Mr. Smith will **break in** his new secretary.

【译文】:史密斯先生将培训他的新秘书。

beyond repair 不能修复

syn: not repairable

例:This radio is so seriously damaged, it is **beyond repair**.

【译文】:这台收音机坏得太严重了, 没的修了。

blaze a/the trail 沿小径作记号(以标记道路)

syn: to make marks along a path for others to follow

例:The Indian **blazed a trail** through the forest.

【译文】:印第安人沿路在树上做记号。

blow down 吹倒

syn: blow to the ground

例:Many houses were **blown down** by the high wind.

【译文】:许多房子被疾风吹倒了。

blow off 吹走

syn: blow away

例:The storm **blew off** the school roof.

【译文】:暴风雨吹走了学校的屋顶。

blow over 平息

syn: subside, die down

例:Ignoring problems doesn't always make them **blow over**.

【译文】:忽略问题并不总能解决问题。

blow up 炸毁 ; 表现失常

syn: stop playing well

例:Philip **blew up** the Chemistry lab by accident.

【译文】:Philip 意外地炸毁了化学实验室。

break off 突然中断 ; 停止

syn: stop; quit suddenly

例:She **broke off** the engagement.

【译文】:她中止了婚约。

break out 发生

syn: begin; start

例:Laughter **broke out** when he finished his story.

【译文】:当他讲完了他的故事后,听众爆发出阵阵笑声。

break out in a rash 皮肤过敏; 出疹子

syn:to become covered with small red spots

例:Lucy couldn't wear the wool coat because it made her **break out in a rash**.

【译文】:Lucy不能穿这件毛外套,因为它会使她皮肤过敏。

butter both sides of one's bread 同时获双方之利,左右逢源

syn: to profit from two things at the same time

例:Melvin is **buttering both sides of his bread**.He works for us during the day and has a job with another company during the evening.

【译文】:Melvin同时获得双份收入。他白天替我们工作,晚上在另一家公司里兼职。

break through 突破; 克服

syn: overcome; force a way through

例:There was a **break through** in the AIDS research.

【译文】:爱滋病研究取得了突破。

例:A bear **broke through** the cabin door.

【译文】:一头熊破小屋门而入。

break up 终止; 结束

syn: come to a end; terminate

例:The marriage **broke up** after ten years.

【译文】:十年后婚姻结束了。

bring about 导致

syn: cause, lead to, produce

例:His diligence and hard work **brought about** Mr. Chen's success.

【译文】:陈先生的勤勉和努力工作促使了他的成功。

bring out 出版,发行; 使显现

syn: publish, produce; make clear

例:The new movie was **brought out** in the summer.

【译文】:新电影在夏天放映了。

bring up 提出; 养育

syn: mention, raise

例:Melanie **brought up** the idea for a party.

【译文】:Melanie提出了举行聚会的计划。

bone up on 努力研读

syn: study hard

例:Harold will **bone up on** his French before going to Quebec.

【译文】:Harold在去魁北克之前努力研读法语。

brush up on 温习, 熟练

syn: revise

例:The students needed to **brush up on** their English for the entrance exams.

【译文】:学生们得为高考温习英语。

backroom boys(boys in backroom) 默默耕耘的研究人员

syn: scientists, specialists, etc , who do the actual hard work on a job, esp. without getting any public praise or reward for

例:The doctor performed the operation, but his success depended on the **backroom boys** who had invented the new heart machine.

【译文】:这位医生作了这次手术, 但是, 他是靠那些发明了这种新的心脏器械但却默默无闻的研究人员, 才获得成功的。

bad blood 不愉快的感受

syn: angry feelings

例:All the **bad blood** between them was forgotten when they had to unite against the enemy.

【译文】:当他们不得不联合起来对抗敌人的时候, 他们之间所有的不愉快都被忘记了。

bag and baggage 带着全部财产

syn: with everything a person owns ( used esp. when a person is leaving a place).

例:Percy and Amy had a quarrel last night, and she left this morning, **bag and baggage**.

【译文】:Percy和Amy昨晚吵了一架, 今早她带着她所有的财产走了。

bite one's tongue off 自悔失言

syn: to be immediately sorry for what one has said

例:When I realized that her husband was listening to what I was saying to her, I could have **bitten my tongue off**.

【译文】:我一发觉她丈夫在听我同她说话的时候, 我就后悔自己失言了。

by mistake 出于粗心大意; 一时大意所造成

syn: as a result of being careless, forgetful,

例:She put salt into her coffee **by mistake**.

【译文】:一时大意, 她把盐加到她那杯咖啡里了。

by sea 乘船; 海运

syn: on a ship or using ships

例:He went by air, and sent his heavy boxes **by sea**.

【译文】:他自己乘飞机去, 而把那些沉重的箱子用海运运走。

例:To ship goods **by sea** is cheaper.

【译文】:用海运运货比较便宜。

by the way 顺便一提(某话题)

syn: in addition ( used to introduce a new subject in speech )

例:I saw Jane last night. **By the way**, do you know she's married.

【译文】:昨晚我见到 Jane 了。哦, 对了, 她已经结婚了,你知道吗?

be all in a day's work 习以为常的

syn: all in the day's work

例:Having homework **is all in a day's work** for students.

【译文】:做家庭作业对学生来说是习以为常的。

be big of 大方

syn: to be generous or kind of someone

例:"You can use my car this evening to go there. "

"Your car? Oh, that **is big of** you! Since when did our car become your car?"

【译文】:“今天晚上你可以用我的车。”

“你的车?你真大方!什么时候我们的车变成你的车了?”

be born yesterday 无知小辈 ; 易受骗的人

syn: to be easily deceived

例:This car has a lot of faults. You must think I **was born yesterday** if you expect me to buy it.

【译文】:这辆车有很多毛病。你期望我来买这辆车,一定是认为我是个三岁小孩吧。

be acquainted with 认识 ; 熟知

例:The Professor **was acquainted with** the famous author.

【译文】:教授认识这位著名的作家。

例:To succeed, one must **be acquainted with** the game rules.

【译文】:要成功就必须熟知游戏规则。

be sensitive to 对...敏感

例:Sometimes our teeth **are sensitive to** cold drinks.

【译文】:有时我们的牙齿对冷饮敏感。

be wrong with 有问题, 有毛病

例:The line is always busy, there must be something **wrong with** it.

【译文】:电话总是占线,一定是什么地方出了问题。

be open to 愿接受...的; 开放(给...)

例:We should always **be open to** learning new things.

【译文】:我们应该总是乐意学习新东西。

be likely to 可能

例:In the wintertime, it **is likely to** snow in Harbin.

【译文】:在冬天哈尔滨可能下雪。

be disgusted at/ (by, with) 厌恶

例: Morgan **was disgusted at** the sight of her old boyfriend.

【译文】: 摩根厌恶看见她的旧男友。

be subject to 易受...影响 ; 视...而定

例: I think the boss **is subject to** changes in his mood.

【译文】: 我想老板易受他自己情绪的影响。

例: My father's promotion **is subject to** management's approval.

【译文】: 我父亲的提升得由管理部门批准。

be true of/to 适用于

例: Having good relationships **is true of** happy families.

【译文】: 快乐的家庭内部都有良好的关系。

例: To keep a promise, you must **be true to** your word.

【译文】: 要遵守诺言, 你必须言出必行。

be assured of 确信

syn: be convinced of

例: With a high score Martin can **be assured of** a key university.

【译文】: 由于有高分, Martin确信能上重点大学。

be suitable for 适合

syn: be fit for

例: Mark's girlfriend **was not suitable for** him according to his mother.

【译文】: 在马克的母亲看来他女友不适合他。

be disappointed at 对...感到失望

例: Bill's parents **were disappointed at** the test score, so he must work harder.

【译文】: 比尔的父母对他的测试得分感到失望, 因此他必须更加努力工作。

be available for 有效

例: The special English class **is available to** all employees.

【译文】: 特殊英语课对所有雇员都有用。

be cross with 不高兴

例: I may **be cross with** my children when they misbehave.

【译文】: 当我的孩子们淘气时我会不高兴。

be hard up for 缺乏...

例: When there is no work, we **are hard up for** cash.

【译文】: 当没有工作时, 我们缺乏现金。

be hard on 严厉地对待某人

例: The teacher must **be hard on** the students if they disobey.

【译文】:如果学生违纪, 教师必须严厉对待他们。

be hard of (人) 有点聋的

例:She must **be hard of hearing**.

【译文】:她肯定有点聋。

be known to 为...所知

例:Albert Einstein's theory **is known to** the entire world.

【译文】:阿尔伯特·爱因斯坦的理论为全世界所知。

be responsible for 对...负责 ; 引起

例:The students **are responsible for** cleaning the classroom.

【译文】:学生应负责清洁教室。

例:Too many motorcycles **are responsible for** the air pollution.

【译文】:太多的摩托车引起了空气污染。

be delighted at/with 对...感到高兴

syn: be pleased with

例:Mary **was delighted at** the sight of her long-lost friend.

【译文】:Mary看见她久违的朋友而感到高兴。

be bound for 必定

例:With Joey's hard work, he **is bound for** success.

【译文】:由于Joey努力工作, 他必定成功。

be engaged in 从事

例:Jean and Hal **are engaged in** a special project.

【译文】:Jean和Hal正从事一项特殊工程。

be frank with 对...坦率

例:Mrs. Demure likes her students to **be frank with** their suggestions.

【译文】:Demure太太喜欢她的学生坦率地提出他们的建议。

be relevant to 和...有关联

例:All the data must **be relevant to** the project.

【译文】:所有数据必须和项目相关。

be absorbed in 沉迷于, 专心于

syn: be lost in, be engrossed in

例:Mary **was so absorbed in** the music that she missed her bus.

【译文】:Mary听音乐听得如此入迷以至于她错过了公共汽车。

be dressed in 穿着

例:The students must **be dressed in** their uniforms for school.