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致 读 者

英语词汇,浩若烟海。我们常用的《新英汉词典》收词达5万个,更毋论卷帙浩大的《韦氏大词典》之类大型辞书了。然而,一般人在日常交往中究竟需要掌握多少词汇呢?英国大文豪莎士比亚在其作品中用到了两万左右单词,他是英语文学泰斗,而普通人用不了这么多词汇。1920年,英国学者奥格登(C. K. Ogden)和理查兹(I. A. Richards)倡议一种基本英语(Basic English),其词汇只要850个(其中包括600个名词、150个形容词和18个动词等),就可让人们表达思想,进行交际。虽然这种试验性的英语没有被人们普遍接受,但说明了一个事实,即人们仅靠有限的词汇量是能够进行语言交际的。事实上,人们的日常交际,包括阅读,并不需要太多的词汇量,有几千单词也就可以了,关键在于你要熟练掌握它们,用起来得心应手。国家教委在《大学英语教学大纲》中为大学生们列举了4000个左右单词,这些词汇应该说基本上是常用的。

但是,大学生们在学习这些常见词的过程中,是不是应一视同仁,花同样的精力去背诵记忆呢?我们认为,大可不必。对这些常见词,我们还应具体分析,挑出那些最应该记诵的单词。有些词太“基本(basic)”了,你不必费心也已熟悉了;有些词“眼熟”即可,在具体语言情境中,你可以回忆出它们的意思来;有些词你不太熟,也不必着急,你可以通过句子上下文大体上“估出”它们的意义来。只有那些出现频率高、意义多义且使用范围广的词才最需要你用心记诵。

基于上述思想,我们精心编写了《大学英语常见活跃词用法》一书,此书收词约1800个,其中包括动词、形容词、名词、连词、副词和介词等。读者在阅读此书时,应注意了解以下情况:

1. 本书所收的单词都是历届四级统考试题和大学英语教材中反复出现的词汇,我们在选择这些词汇时,对历届四级统考试卷和大学英语教材作了深入的研究,确信这些词汇是常用、常考的,希望读者予以高度重视。

2. 对这些词汇的学习,我们认为应从三个方面着手:词性、词义和常见搭配。切忌只记词义,而不记词性;切忌只记相应的词性、词义,而不记常见的固定搭配,尤其是它后跟的小品词。只有三个方面都掌握了,才能说基本上掌握了这个词。本书每个词条都配有相应例句,请结合例句学习。

3. 本书所收的一些词,像 about、above 等,读者您可能认为太简单,已经熟悉了。不过,且慢,您应扪心自问一下,您虽然知道它的词义,您是否知道它的词性以及它的常见搭配呢?您知道它某一词义,是否知道它的其它意义呢?一些看似简单的词,我们往往不完全熟悉。为此,本书提醒您,切不可麻痹大意!

由于我们学识有限,书中难免有不足之处,诚望读者提出宝贵意见。谢谢!

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A

abandon <i>vt.</i> 放弃, 抛弃	The young man has abandoned smoking. 这位年轻人已经戒烟了。 The woman abandoned her newborn baby for some reason. 这位妇女由于某种原因抛弃了她的新生儿。
abide <i>vi.</i> 遵守, 坚持(<i>by</i>)	Both of us must abide by the agreement. 我们双方都必须遵守这项协议。 Everybody should abide by laws and discipline. 每个人都必须遵纪守法。
ability <i>n.</i> 能力, 智能, 才能, 技能	He has the ability to make musical instruments. 他有制造乐器的技能。 She is a girl of manifold abilities. 她是一个有多方面才能的女孩。
able <i>a.</i> 有能力的, 能干的	They are able to complete the task within one week. 他们能在一周内完成这项任务。 Are you able to move this heavy box? 你能搬动这只重箱子吗?
aboard <i>ad. / prep.</i> 在(船、火车、飞机、公共汽车)上	The bus is ready to leave. All aboard! 车快开啦! 请大家上车。 The driver is not aboard 司机不在车上。 The travellers went aboard the ship. 旅客们上船了。
abolish <i>vt.</i> 废除, 取消	Many bad customs and habits ought to be abolished. 许多陈规陋习应该被废除。 The slave system was abolished long ago. 奴隶

	制早就被废除了。
about	My brother showed me about. 我哥哥带我去各处看了看。
ad. 在周围, 附近; 大约, 差不多	Don't drop pieces of papers about. 不要乱扔纸屑。
prep. 关于, 对于; 在……周围, 在……附近	We had walked about 10 miles before we got to the station. 到达车站前我们大约走了 10 英里路。 An interpreter took the foreign guests about the campus. 一位翻译带外宾参观了校园。 Tell me something about UFO. 请告诉我关于飞碟的事。
above	They flew above the clouds. 他们在云层上面飞行。
prep. 在……上面, 超过	Nothing is above 10 yuan in this shop. 在这家商店没有任何东西超过 10 元钱。
a. 上面的, 上述的	The above sentences explain this meaning clearly. 上述句子将此意解释得很清楚。
ad. 在上面	The manager's office is just above. 经理办公室就在楼上。
常见词组: above all 首先, 尤其是	
abroad	She went abroad a few years ago. 几年前她出国了。
ad. 国外, 海外; 到处, 传开	The old overseas Chinese lived abroad for thirty years. 这位老华侨在国外住了 30 年。 The news she got three gold medals at the Olympic Games soon spread abroad. 她在奥运会上夺得 3 枚金牌的消息很快传开了。
absence	Her neighbour looked after her baby during her absence in hospital. 在她住院期间, 邻居照看她的孩子。
n. 缺席, 不在场	Can you explain your absence from the meeting? 你能解释一下你缺席会议的原因吗?

absent a. 缺席, 不在场; 漫不经心, 心不在焉	Nobody is absent today. 今天无人缺席。 The boy has an absent look on his face. 这个男孩脸上显出心不在焉的神色。
absorb vt. 吸收; 吸引, 使专心	Salt absorbs moisture from the air. 盐吸收空气中的湿气。 We should absorb knowledge as sponge absorbs water. 我们应像海绵吸水一样吸收知识。 He was deeply absorbed in scientific research. 他全神贯注地进行科学研究。
abuse vt. 滥用, 虐待; 谩骂	He's abused his power since he became the chairman of the board. 自从他当上董事长后就滥用职权。 Abusing old people should be punished according to law. 虐待老人应受到法律制裁。 Abusing him can not solve the problem. 骂他是解决不了问题的。
academic a. 学院的, 学术的	There will be an academic discussion in our university this year. 今年我们学院有一个学术讨论会。 We have ten courses in this academic year. 这一学年我们开 10 门课程。
accept vt. 接受, 认可	They accepted our invitation to the party. 他们接受我们的邀请来参加聚会。 Their proposal was accepted by the committee. 他们的提议被委员会认可了。
accident n. 事故; 意外的事, 偶然的事	There was a traffic accident on the expressway a few days ago. 几天前在高速公路上发生了一起交通事故。 I saw it by accident. 我是偶然看见的。
accompany vt. 陪伴, 伴随; 伴奏	A group of young pioneers always accompany the disabled girl to the school. 一群少先队员常常

accomplish

vt. 完成

送那位残疾女孩上学。

The famous singer will be accompanied by Mr. Smith at the piano. 这位著名歌唱家将由史密斯先生钢琴伴奏。

We'll do our best to accomplish the great task. 我们将尽最大努力来完成这项重大任务。

It is impossible to accomplish the task within one week. 在一周内完成这项任务是不可能的。

according

ad. 只用在下列习语中:

He gets the bachelor degree according as he passes or fails the paper reply. 他取得学士学位要根据他能否通过论文答辩而定。

according as conj.
依照, 根据

According to the military discipline a soldier should be punished for disobeying orders. 根据军纪违抗命令的士兵要受到惩罚。

according to prep.
根据; 视……而定

account

n. 账, 账目

Please charge this sum to my account. 请把这笔钱记在我账上。

vi. 说明, 解释
常用词组:

The result of checking accounts shows he is innocent. 查账的结果表明他是清白的。

on account of 因
为, 由于

He could not account for his absence. 他不能解释他缺席的原因。

take into account
考虑

Lack of money accounts for her discontinuing her studies. 缺钱是她辍学的原因。

accumulate

vt. & vi. 积累, 积蓄

He quickly accumulated a large fortune after going abroad. 出国后他很快积蓄了一大笔财富。

Snow accumulated to a knee-deep depth. 积雪达齐膝深。

accurate

a. 精确的, 准确的

This calculation is very accurate. 这次计算是非常精确的。

Accurate calculation is very important for a

accuse

vt. 指控, 告发

cashier. 准确计算对出纳员是很重要的。

He was accused of murder. 他被指控犯谋杀罪。

The company accused her of embezzlement. 公司指控她盗用公款。

accustomed

a. 惯常的, 习惯的, 习惯于

She wears her accustomed smile. 她面带惯有的笑容。

Army men are accustomed to the strict discipline. 军人习惯于遵守严格的纪律。

achieve

vt. 完成; 达到, 达成, 获得

You will achieve nothing if you don't work harder. 如果你不努力工作你将一事无成。

Mr. White has achieved all his aims at last. 怀特先生终于达到了他所有的目的。

achievement

n. 完成, 成就

The Chinese people have made great achievements in socialist construction in the past four decades. 在过去的 40 年间中国人民在社会主义建设方面取得了伟大的成就。

She has got the achievement of her object at last. 她终于达到了她的目的。

acknowledge

vt. 承认; 致谢

The American player acknowledged that he was defeated. 那位美国运动员承认他被打败了。

It is a moral excellence to acknowledge mistakes bravely. 敢于承认错误是一种美德。

Please remember not to fail to acknowledge his help to us. 请记住, 不要忘记感谢他对我们的帮助。

acquire

vt. 取得, 获得

How do you acquire so much knowledge of buying and selling of stocks in such a short time? 你是怎样在这么短的时间内获得这么多有关股票交易知识的?

The couple acquire a good reputation in art cir-

	cles. 这对夫妇在文艺界获得美名。
across	The river is ten meters across. 河宽 10 米。
<i>ad. / prep.</i> 横越, 横断	Can you swim across? 你能游过去吗?
	Three bridges were built across the river. 这条河上建了 3 座桥梁。
act	It is an act of kindness to contribute money to an orphan asylum. 给孤儿院捐款是一种慈善行为。
<i>n.</i> 行为, 动作; (一) 幕; 法令, 条例	She plays an unimportant part in a play in three acts. 她在一部三幕剧里扮演了一个次要角色。
<i>vi.</i> 行动, 举动; 起作用; 表演	You should think carefully before you act. 在行动前你应该仔细想一想。
	This drug acts on cancer cells 这种药对癌细胞起作用。
action	Actions speak louder than words. 行动比语言更响亮。
<i>n.</i> 行动, 动作; 作用	Time is up. Let's take action. 时间已到, 我们采取行动吧!
active	Although he's over 90, he has an active brain. 虽然他 90 多岁了, 但是他头脑灵敏。
<i>a.</i> 惯于做事的, 精力充沛的, 活跃的, 活动的	He takes an active part in social activities. 他积极参加社会活动。
activity	Outdoor activities are good for your health. 户外活动对你的健康有好处。
<i>n.</i> 所做的事情, 活动	The retired people should take part in some social activities. 退休的人应该参加一些社会活动。
adapt	You must learn to adapt yourself to a new environment wherever you go. 不论你走到哪里, 你必须学会使自己适应新环境。
<i>vt.</i> 使适应, 使适合; 改编, 改写	One must adapt one's thinking to the new situation. 一个人必须使自己的思想适应新的形势。
<i>vi.</i> 适应	

addition <i>n.</i> 加法, 增加	The addition to the money is not enough. 增加的钱是不够的。 He wrote a composition in addition to the oral work. 除了口语作业外, 他还写了一篇作文。
address <i>n.</i> 地址, 致词 <i>vt.</i> 致词, 致函; 写地址	I'll let you know if I change my address. 如果我变更通讯处, 我会通知你的。 The man who is addressing at the meeting is our manager. 正在会上讲话的那个人是我们经理。 The parcel hasn't arrived yet, perhaps it was wrongly addressed. 包裹还没有到, 也许是地址写错了。
adequate <i>a.</i> 足够的, 恰当的	Please take adequate food and water for the journey 请为这次旅行带上足够的食物和水。 Are you adequate to the job? 你做这工作恰当吗?
adjust <i>vt.</i> 调节, 调整	She will have to adjust herself to the high-speed rhythm of life. 她得使自己适应快节奏的生活。 Please adjust the revolving chair to make it more comfortable. 请把转椅调整一下, 使它坐起来更舒服一些。
admire <i>vt.</i> 羡慕, 赞赏, 钦佩	Visitors to Jinan usually admire the traffic police there. 去济南的游客常常赞叹那里的交警。 I admire her for her courage to overcome difficulties. 我钦佩她克服困难的勇气。
admit <i>vt.</i> 允许进入, 接纳; 承认	Children are not admitted into it. 儿童不许入内。 He was admitted into the Party. 他被接纳入党。 My little daughter had to admit that she had broken the mirror. 我的小女儿不得不承认是她打破了镜子。

adopt

vt. 收养; 采用, 采纳,
通过

The childless couple adopted an abandoned baby. 这对无子女夫妇收养了一个弃婴。

The U.N. Assembly adopted a resolution about environment protection. 联合国大会通过一项有关环境保护方面的决议。

Computer Aided Instruction is widely adopted to improve teaching effects. 计算机辅助教学被广泛采用以提高教学效果。

adore

vt. 崇拜, 敬慕

There is a number of youngsters who adore some famous singers and film stars from Hong Kong. 有很多年轻人崇拜香港著名歌星和影星。

The patriotic hero will always be adored by the people. 这位爱国主义英雄将永远受到人民的敬慕。

advance

vt. 推进, 促进

vi. / *n.* 前进, 发展

n. 预付, 预支

The wide use of computers has advanced the modernization of handling official business. 计算机的广泛应用促进了办公现代化。

Our great forces began to advance against the enemy. 我们强大的军队开始向敌人进攻。

The newcomer asked for an advance on his salary. 这个新来者要求预付薪水。

advantage

n. 优点, 优势; 利益,
好处

常见词组:

gain/have an advantage over 胜过, 优于

take advantage of 利用, 趁……之机

This computer has more advantages than the previous one. 这台计算机比原先那一台优点多。

This person always likes to take advantage of others. 这人老爱占别人的便宜。

In Talent Plaza postgraduates have an advantage over graduates. 在人才市场上, 研究生比大学毕业生占优势。

adventure

The novel *The Adventure of Tom Sawyer* was written by Mark Twain. 小说《汤姆·索耶历险记》

n. 冒险, 冒险活动

是马克·吐温写的。

The old sailor is telling the children his adventures in Cape Horn. 这位老海员在给孩子们讲述他在合恩角的冒险经历。

advise

vt. 忠告, 劝告; 通知

I advised him not to go too far. 我劝告他不要做得太过火。

The messenger advised the Mexican woman of her son's death. 送电报的人把她儿子的死讯通知了那位墨西哥妇女。

affect

vt. 影响; 感动

His poor health has affected his work. 他不良的身体状况影响了工作。

What he said deeply affected the people present. 他说的话深深地感动了在场的人。

affection

n. 爱, 感情

He has deep affection for the people who rear him. 他深深爱着养育他的人民。

He hoped to win Susan's affection and he did it. 他希望赢得苏珊的爱, 他做到了。

afford

vt. 担负得起, 买得起, 花得起; 提供, 给予

I can hardly afford a flat at present. 我现在还买不起一套房子。

The elderly gentleman had been forced to buy a pudding which he could not possibly afford. 这位老先生被迫买了 he 买不起的布丁。

afraid

a. 害怕的, 惟恐的; 担心的

Pickpockets are afraid of policemen. 扒手怕警察。

The wife is afraid of waking her husband. 妻子怕弄醒她的丈夫。

I'm afraid we shall miss the plane. 恐怕我们要误机了。

after

prep. / conj. 在 …… 以后

He worked as a staff officer after graduation from a military academy. 从军事学院毕业后, 他就当了参谋。

adv. 在后, 后来

常见词组:

after all 毕竟, 终究

against

prep. 对(着), 逆; 反对, 违反; 靠, 靠近

age

n. 年龄; 时代

vt. & vi. 变老

aggressive

a. 爱寻衅的, 侵略的; 有进取心的

ago

ad. 以前, ……前

agree

vi. & vt. 赞同; 一致,

I lost touch with her after she went abroad. 在她出国后我就和她失去了联系。

She appeared in court as a witness that day and died three days after. 那天她出庭作证, 3天后就死了。

A boat sailing against the current must forge ahead or it will be driven back. 逆水行舟, 不进则退。

The whole society is fighting against corruption and waste. 全社会都在反对贪污浪费。

The aged woman was too tired to walk and leaned against the wall for a rest. 这位年迈的妇女太累了走不动, 靠着墙休息。

He entered a university at the age of sixteen. 他16岁就上了大学。

People could only make tools with stones at the Stone Age. 在石器时代, 人们只会用石头制作工具。

She is aging fast because of her overwork all the year round. 由于终年操劳过度, 她老得很快。

All aggressive acts are doomed to failure. 一切侵略行径是注定要失败的。

You must be aggressive if you attempt something and accomplish something. 如果你想有所作为, 就必须有进取心。

A certain Smith came to look for you an hour ago. 一小时前, 一位姓史密斯的人来找过你。

It happened many years ago. 事情发生在很多年前。

Their leader quite agreed with his proposal. 他们领导很赞同他的建议。