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内 容 提 要

王守廉、李秀芹教授主编的《大学英语学习系列丛书》是一套英语系列工具书。本丛书包括6个分册：《大学英语语法要点精编》、《大学英语动词用法精编》、《大学英语连词用法精编》、《大学英语介词用法精编》、《大学英语短语用法精编》及《大学英语词语辨析精编》。

本丛书是依据原国家教委制定的《大学英语教学大纲》的精神编写的，旨在供各类院校的大学生、研究生及有同等英语水平的人自学使用，也可供大中专英语教师教学参考。

《大学英语短语用法精编》是《大学英语学习系列丛书》之一。全书共收各类短语1669条。对每一条短语都加以汉语释义，并对每个义项一般附3个例句。释义力求准确、简明；例句力求语言规范、浅显实用；译文力求准确流畅。

为了便于读者查阅，本书在正文前编有“使用说明”，在正文后编有“索引”。

前 言

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本书是依据原国家教委制定的《大学英语教学大纲》编写的。全书共收短语 1 669 条, 其中包括动词短语、介词短语、名词短语、形容词短语及副词短语。

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如何正确理解和灵活使用短语是学生学习英语的主要困难之一, 也是教师讲授英语的主要任务之一。因此, 本书在处理释义及其例证时, 力求兼顾理解和使用两个方面。本书的主要特色是: 义项较全, 释义准确, 例证充分。每个义项一般附 3 个例句。例句语言规范, 力求浅显、实用。例句选自现代英、美词典、书报杂志及原国家教委推出的现行大学英语教材。每一例句都附有汉译。译文力求准确流畅。

由于时间仓促, 书中错误和不妥之处, 欢迎读者指正。

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使用说明

一、《大学英语短语用法精编》所收短语词条按英语 26 个字母顺序排列，查阅时与使用英文字典的方法相同。

二、词条有不同或多种释义时，前面标有 1、2、3…… 号码。意义大体相同的释义在同一义项内；释义有别用分号隔开。

三、词条中不同词类的短语有不同的表示方法：

1. 动词短语：短语居首，其后用逗号与不定式符号 to 隔开，如 bring about, to; catch up with, to。如果一个动词可组成多个短语，其后的介词或副词按 26 个字母顺序出现，如 break away, break back, break down。

2. 动词短语表示动作及于客体时用 sb., sth.；表示动作返回主体时用 one, one's, oneself。上述代词作为词条的一部分排列出来，如 do sb. a favour (帮助某人)；help oneself to sth. (自由取食进餐)。

3. 只能作表语的短语，其后用逗号与 to be 隔开，如 interested in, to be; bound for, to be。

4. 以冠词开头的名词性短语将定冠词放在短语之后用逗号隔开，如 apple of one's eye, the；以不定冠词开头的某些短语属不可拆开之列，保持其原样，如 a lot of, a number of。

四、其它符号的用法：

1. /表示其前后的动词、介词或副词组成的短语意义相同，如 get / catch hold of; look down on / upon。

2. () 表示其内的词可用可不用，如 cut down (on)。

3. →表示参见某一词条并且不再写出汉语释义和例句，如 come about→bring about。

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ABC, the *án* 基础知识；入门

I know no more than the ABC of physics.

我对物理学仅有基础知识。

Can you tell me something about the ABC of piano playing?

你能给我讲讲弹钢琴的要领吗？

Such glaring mistakes show that you don't know even the ABC of English grammar.

这类错误太显眼了，说明你连最起码的英语语法知识都不懂。

a bit of 一点儿；一些

A bit of water for a man in the desert is much more precious than a bit of gold.

对沙漠上的人来说，一滴水比一块金子还宝贵。

He had a bit of bread for his breakfast.

他早点吃了一小片面包。

I feel a bit of tiredness.

我感觉有点累。

a bit of a *án* 一点；相当（后接名词，常指不愉快的人或事）

He is a bit of a poet.

他偶尔也写几行诗。

They had a bit of a shock.

他们受了点惊。

"That was a bit of a job." he said ruefully.

“那工作相当吃力。”他沮丧地说。

a bunch of 一串；一束；一捆；一伙

She produced a bunch of keys.

她掏出一串钥匙来。

He bought a bunch of bananas for his children.

他给孩子们买了一串香蕉。

The young pioneer presented the hero with a bunch of flowers.

那位少先队员给英雄献上了一束鲜花。

a few 一些；少许

A few of us like to play bridge.

我们中有几个人喜欢打桥牌。

This year there will be a few exhibitions in the city.

今年这个城市将举行几次展览会。

We are going away for a few days.

我们要离开几天。

a good deal a great deal (of)

1. 大量；很多

I'd say you contributed a great deal to the project.

我认为你对这项工程的贡献是很大的。

I'm afraid I've given you a good deal of trouble.

我恐怕给你添了许多麻烦。

Some countries have a great deal of oil, while others have none.

有些国家有大量石油，而有些国家却一点也没有。

2. ...得多

After taking the medicine, he is now a great deal better.

服药后，他现在觉得好多了。

He runs a good deal faster.

他奔跑速度快得多。

Tom likes to swim a good deal.

汤姆非常喜欢游泳。

a good many á great many 很多；许多

Smith rang you up a good many times while you were away.
你外出期间，史密斯给你打了许多次电话。

A good many students attended the lecture last Saturday afternoon.

上星期六下午有许多学生听了演讲。

I have a great many things to do today.

今天我有许多事情要做。

a handful of 一把；少数；一小撮

They constituted but a pitiful handful of the population.
他们仅仅是全体居民中少得可怜的一小撮。

Such a tremendous job could never have been accomplished by a handful of persons.

这样艰巨的任务只靠少数人是决不能完成的。

The child grabbed a handful of jelly beans.

那孩子抓了一把软糖豆。

a little 略微；少许；少量

He knows a little French.

他懂点法文。

A little care would have prevented the accident.

稍微注意一点，意外事故就不会发生了。

The visitors were not a little surprised when they saw the new airplane model designed by some teenagers.

参观者看到由几个十几岁的少年设计的新飞机模型时，都非常惊讶。

a lot 许多；...得多 (用作副词)

The students benefited a lot from participation in productive la-

bour.

学生们从参加生产劳动的过程中获益匪浅。

The patient ate a lot more today.

病人今天吃得多得多了。

He is feeling a lot better today.

他今天感觉好多了。

a lot of / lots of / lots and lots of 许多；大量

Morning exercises can do us a lot of good and should not be neglected.

早操对我们很有好处，不应忽视。

He borrowed a lot of books from the library this morning.

他今天早上从图书馆借了不少书。

Lots and lots of people have visited the agricultural exhibition.

许许多多的人参观了农业展览。

a number of 大量；许多；若干

Very rich oil deposits have been found in a number of areas in China.

在中国许多地区发现了极其丰富的石油矿藏。

Quite a number of students in our department are from the South.

我系有好多学生是南方人。

We knew the Smiths rather well; we had visited them a number of times.

我们和史密斯一家相当熟悉，我们已经拜访过他们好多次了。

a series of 一系列；一个接一个

A series of lectures will be given on this topic.

关于这个题目将要举办一系列的讲座。

This university has produced a series of fine mathematicians.

这所大学培养了一个又一个的优秀数学家。

A series of wet days spoiled our vacation.

连日阴雨毁掉了我们的假日。

abandon oneself to , to 纵情于 (某事) ; 放弃...给...

A true man never abandons himself to despair.

真正的男子汉绝不会陷入悲观失望中。

After being bombarded by our artillery for more than an hour ,
the enemy abandoned their fort to us.

敌人被我们炮轰一个多小时后，放弃了他们的要塞。

He abandoned all his claims to the property.

他放弃了对这份产业的一切要求。

abide by , to

1. 履行；恪守；坚持

They have always abided by their promises.

他们一贯履行自己的诺言。

I had to abide by the consequences.

我不得不承担这后果。

Having made our decision we must abide by it.

一旦作出了决定，我们就必须坚决执行。

2. 接受；遵守

The two men agreed to abide by the referee's decision.

两人都同意接受仲裁人的裁决。

Unless they abide by the rules of the club , they will have to
leave.

他们必须遵守俱乐部的规则，否则就得退出。

We shall continue to abide by what has been agreed upon.

我们将继续遵守已经商定的协议。

(about) time , to be 该...的时候了

"It's about time you got up, Mary." said mother.

妈妈说：“玛丽，你该起床了。”

It's about time the children went to bed.

孩子们该睡觉了。

It's about time somebody taught you to behave yourself.

该有人教你待人接物了。

about to do, to be 即将；正打算（做某事）

We were about to leave when the snow began.

我们正要走时，天下起雪来了。

She wasn't about to give me any advice.

她打算给我提任何意见。

As I was about to say, he interrupted me.

我正要说的时候，他插嘴了。

above all 首先；尤其；最重要

Never waste anything, but above all never waste time.

千万不要浪费任何东西，尤其是不要浪费时间。

Children need many things, but above all they need love.

孩子们需要许多东西，但是他们尤其需要爱。

He, above all, was a first-rate mathematician.

首先，他是一流的数学家。

absorbed in, to be 全神贯注；专心；沉缅于...

He was so absorbed in his work that he often forgot to eat.

他全神贯注地工作，时常忘记吃饭。

He is completely absorbed in his business.

他特别专心于他的业务。

She is absorbed in thought.

她在沉思。

abundant in with, to be 富于...；很丰富

These countries cover vast territories , encompass a large population and are abundant in natural resources.

这些国家地域辽阔，人口众多，资源丰富。

The library is abundant in books on science and technology.

图书馆里有很多科技书籍。

Our country is abundant in oil resources.

我国有丰富的石油资源。

according to 根据；按照；依照

According to the papers , our country is going to have another bumper harvest.

根据报纸的报道，我国今年又将获得大丰收。

These entries are arranged in the dictionary according to alphabetical order.

那本词典里词条是按字母顺序排列的。

According to the Bible , God created the world in six days.

根据圣经记载，上帝在6天之内创造了世界。

account for , to 解释；说明（原因等）

With new scientific discoveries , we can now account for many natural phenomena that seemed inexplicable before.

对于许多从前似乎无法解释的自然现象，我们现在可以根据新的科学发现加以说明了。

His illness accounts for his absence.

他因病缺席。

He has been asked to account for his conduct.

他被要求解释他的行为。

accuse of , to 控告；告发（某人犯某罪）

They accused him of taking bribes.

他们控告他受贿。

The cashier was accused of embezzlement.

出纳员被指控盗用公款。

That country was accused of having violated the treaty.

那个国家被指控违反了条约。

accustom oneself to (doing) sth. , to 使...习惯于(适应)...

When he became a soldier , he had to accustom himself to long marches.

服兵役时，他不得不使自己习惯于长途行军。

He has gradually accustomed himself to cold showers.

他慢慢地习惯洗冷水澡了。

You must accustom yourself to new idea.

你必须使自己适应新的思潮。

accustomed to , to be get become 习惯于...

She was accustomed to using her left hand.

她习惯于用左手做事。

Years ago , he became accustomed to taking a walk every day.

多年前，他养成了每天散步的习惯。

This is not the kind of treatment I am accustomed to.

这不是我所习惯的那种待遇。

acquainted with , to be get 认识；熟悉

I'm not acquainted with the lady.

我不认识那位女士。

How did you come to be acquainted with him ?

你是怎样认识他的？

He is but slightly acquainted with the art of poetry.

他只是稍微懂得一点诗的艺术。

act play a the part , to 扮演；表演；具有...功能

He acted a part in Othello.

他在《奥赛罗》中扮演了一个角色。

The boy is going to act the part of a messenger in the play.

这个男孩将在剧中扮演通讯员。

This chemical acts the part of an acid in our experiment.

这种化学试剂在我们的试验中起酸的作用。

act as, to 起作用；充当；担任

Workers in our plant took it upon themselves to act as the main force in this innovation.

我厂工人在这次革新中起了主力军的作用。

A trained dog can act as a guide to a blind man.

经训练的犬可以为盲人引路。

He kindly acted as my interpreter at the interview.

在这次会见中，承蒙他充当我的译员。

act for, to 代表；代理

He is acting for the committee.

他代表该委员会。

During the Minister's absence, the Vice Minister acted for him.

部长不在期间，由副部长代理。

For whom are you going to act to attend the meeting?

你打算代谁去开会？

act (up) on, to

1. 对...起作用；对...有功效

Acids act upon metals.

酸类对金属起作用。

Alcohol acts on the nervous system.

酒精对人的神经系统有影响。

Heat acts on solids and causes them to expand.

热对固体起作用，使它们膨胀。

2. 举行；按照...行动

If what he proposes will benefit the people, we'll act upon it.
他说的办法对人民有好处，我们就照他的办。

Acting upon his advice, I decided to change my essay topic.
我决定遵照他的意见换个论文题目。

Jim would have preferred to act on his own judgement, but he didn't because as a soldier he had to obey the order.

吉姆本想按照自己的判断行事，但他没这样做，因为作为军人他得服从命令。

act up to, to 实行；遵守；履行

He always acted up to the principle he set for himself.
他总是遵循自己所定的原则。

I hope you'll act up to the good advice I've given you.
希望你能按照我所给的好建议去做。

Please act up to your promise.
请履行你的诺言。

adapt oneself to (sth.), to 使(自己)适应于(某事物)

When you go to a new country, you must adapt yourself to new manners and customs.

当你到一个新的国家时，你必须使自己适应新的风俗习惯。

I find it very difficult to adapt myself to the climate here.
我觉得自己很难适应这儿的气候。

We should adapt ourselves to the new conditions.
我们应该使自己适应新情况。

adapt to, to 使适应于

He quickly adapted to the climate in the high mountains.
他很快适应了高山的气候。

We'll have to adapt this building to the needs of the old people