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内容提要

本书是一本学习英语词汇的参考书,从释义、辨异和用法三个方面对英语中容易误用和混用的词进行了阐述。例句丰富且语言规范。双语释义可帮助读者准确理解词义和把握词的基本用法,从而对阅读和写作会有所帮助。

本书可作为高等学校非英语专业、英语专业的学生和英语教师以及有志从事英语词汇研究的读者的参考手册。

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前 言

在外语教学中,如果把语言喻为房屋,语法就是房屋的框架,词汇则是建造房屋的砖块。这一比喻道出了词汇与语法密不可分的关系,以及词汇在外语学习中的重要性。同时,词汇知识是语言使用者语言能力的一部分,这一观点已成为人们的共识。在35年的大学英语和英语专业的教学中,学生经常问类似“continual”和“continuous”在词义和用法上有何区别的问题,同时我也发现学生容易误用和混用某些同音异义或拼写相似的词,如“affect”和“effect”; “adopt”; “adapt”和“adept”等。这些词要么形似,要么义异,给学生、英文爱好者,甚至有些英语教师带来不少困难。这使我萌发编写一本有关学习英语中容易误用和混用的词的参考书。

从释义、辨异和用法三个方面编写本书,确非易事。从1991年以来,我不断搜集资料,进行研究与探索。在编写过程中,参阅了国外出版的有关书籍、权威词典和惯用法词典,力求释义准确、辨异简明和用法解释正确。著名语言学家 D. A. Wilking 指出:教词汇必须讲搭配(collocation)。本书尽可能多地列举词的搭配,帮助读者准确理解词义。例句丰富具有典型性,且均选自权威词典,语言规范。编者希望本书对读者有所裨益。

本书毕竟不是词典,故不能对每一个词的词义、辨异和用法作全面详尽的阐述,只能做到适可而止。同时,语言在不断演变,词汇也在不断丰富和变化,词典学家对某些词的解释可能有差异,本书可能挂一漏万,取某家之言,敬请读者谅解。

编者者有一个共同的体会:编书的过程就是学习和提高的过程。在此,我要感谢我的同事、本书编辑以及我的学生。朱泽生教

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