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前 言

《英语联想和搭配词典》(An English Dictionary of Association and Collocation)以现代语义学理论为依据,从中国人学习英语的实际出发,探讨词与词之间的语义联想以及搭配关系,其宗旨是理论指导实践,提供大量语言信息和丰富多彩的语言表达形式,以便于读者在写作或翻译时作优化选择。

联想 (association)原为心理学术语。在语言学中它是指词与词之间的联想。语言学家从不同的视角来探讨这个问题。有的从形式或意义方面进行考察,提出关联词场 (associative field)理论。根据这个理论,联想可分为词的形式联想和词的意义联想两种。有的词语由于形式上发生联想结合成词群,如 walking, reading, writing, speaking等,这组词叫做形式关联词。有的词语由于意义上发生联想结合成词群,如 letter, envelope, writing paper, stamp等,这组词叫做意义关联词。

本词典着重研究的项目之一是意义关联词的联想,正文中以 [R.A.] (Related Association)标出。此类联想环绕一个语义概念联想范围较广的中心词条展开,把相互关联的词语汇编在一起,进行举一反三、由此及彼的联想。例如“会议”(meeting)这个词,其语义辐射 (semantic radioactivity)面较广,与此词发生联想的词语有:“散会”(break up a meeting)、“闭会”(close a meeting)、“休会”(adjourn a meeting)、“复会”(resume a meeting)等。如再对“会议”这个概念加以引伸,就会联想到“提议”(propose)、“动议”(move)、“表决”(vote)、“否决”(veto)等。再以“信”(letter)这个词为例,与其联想的词语有 mail或 post, send the letter by post(寄信), address the envelope(信封上写姓名地址), unseal the letter(拆信), collect letters from the pillar boxes or post-boxes(邮递员从邮筒中收信)等。信到邮局 (post office),工作人员 (clerk)把信件分类 (sort letters),信件分类后,放进邮袋 (mail bag)发送 (dispatch)。信件无法投递便成了死信 (dead letter),信件误送或误投叫 miscarry。两封信在邮寄过程中互相错过叫 cross。为了确保语言使用的精确性,本词典不仅例举了词语,而且以

实例说明其用法。如 cross 一词既可作及物动词又可作不及物动词用: His letter crossed mine in the Post Our letters crossed in the Post

除了上述意义关联词的联想之外,本词典还探讨同义联想和反义联想。同义联想指的是语义上相近似的词语之间的联想,正文中以 [S.A.] (Synonymous Association) 标出。严格地说,这是一种近义联想串连起来的词语构成同义词群,形成语义同义场 (semantically synonymous field)。如在 discover 这一词条下,列举了 ascertain, determine, unearth, dig up, bring to light, recognize, reveal, disclose 等。列入 [S.A.] 中词语一般不附例证。有的词语搭配关系较为复杂,虽属同义词或近义词,但放在 [R.A.] 中处理,并以实例说明其用法。因此,在 [R.A.] 中有时也会出现同义词或近义词。

反义联想指的是语义上相反或对立的词语之间的联想,正文中以 [A.A.] (Antonymous Association) 标出。根据英语中有的词具有一词多义的特征,按不同释义,提供不同的反义词。如 “fast” 作 “不褪色的” 解时,其反义词为 “faded”; 当 “fast” 作 “放荡的” 解时,其反义词为 “temperate” 或 “sober”。列入 [A.A.] 中的反义词一般不附例证。但有些反义词用法比较特殊,特别是动词的反义词,放在 [R.A.] 中处理,并以实例加以说明。有些形容词的反义词也以同样方法处理。其理由是有的词介于同义词和反义词之间,难以归类。如 indifferent, passable 等词既不能列入 “good” 的同义词中,也不能纳入其反义词中去。在这种情况下,放在 [R.A.] 中用汉语加以释义。

搭配 (collocation) 是语言学中的一个术语。它主要研究词与词之间的横向关系,特别是两个或两个以上词习惯上的搭配用法。编者以名词与动词和形容词的搭配关系作为重点的研究对象,至于动词或形容词与其他词语的搭配关系仅作一般性的处理。在编排形式上,本词典作了新的尝试,以有别于国内外出版的同类词典。在以名词作为中心词条下,先列出与之搭配的形容词,以 [adj.] 标出。再列出与之搭配的动词,以 [v.] 标出。使搭配的词醒目标目,便于查阅。试以 law 为例。

law

n. ① a rule that is supported by the power of government and that governs the behaviour of members of a society; decree; legal form 法律;法令;法

[adj.] civil (common, criminal, divine, existing, inviolable, martial, moral, special, penal, international) law 民(不成文的、刑、神圣的、

现行的、不可侵犯的、军、道德、特别、刑事的、国际)法 (法令、法律)

[v.] abide by遵守; avoid回避; breach破坏; break违反; declare宣布; defy反抗; 蔑视; enact制定; enforce实施; 执行; evade逃避; execute执行; flout嘲弄; 藐视; make (或 institute)规定; 制定; override使无效; Pass通过; promulgate颁布; repeal取消; resist抵制; resort to诉诸; uphold维护; 支持; violate违反

The city remained under the martial law.

The law provides that valuable cultural relics should be protected by the government

The law came into effect in June, 1983.

Defying the law, he refused to submit the documents to the court for examination.

The law must be inexorably enforced on its violators.

Any attempt to evade the law will be followed by severe punishment.

The state has recently passed a law making it illegal to run a gambling house.

They declared the law null and void.

The government promulgated stringent laws against murder, robbery, and smuggling.

Everyone of you, must be a law to yourself in handling the problem.

The organization consisted of many small groups, each more or less a law to itself.

② factual statement of what always happens in certain circumstances, regularity in nature(事物或科学的)法则; 规律; 定律; 定理

[adj.] definite (elementary, fundamental, immovable, immutable, inevitable, inexorable, irresistible, unalterable, universal) law 一定的 (基本的、根本的、不可改变的、永远不变的、无法回避的、无情的、不可抗的、无法改变的、普遍的)规律 (规则)

[v.] apply运用; 应用; conform to符合; discover发现; follow遵循; prove证明; run counter to违反

It is an inevitable law of nature independent of man's will.

In making social reforms, one must follow the laws of social evolution.

Your arguments run counter to the law of universal gravitation.

Whatever you do should conform to the laws of nature.

[S A] rule, regulation, decree, ordinance

[R A] the Director of Public Prosecutions [英] 检察官; prosecuting attorney [美] 检察官; judge 法官; justice [美] 最高法院法官; sheriff [美] 县的行政司法长官; juror 陪审员; lawyer 律师; solicitor [英] 律师; attorney [美] 律师; counsel 辩护人; Prosecutor 检举人; the accused 被告; accuse somebody of... 控告某人...; charge somebody with... 指控某人...; hear a case 审理案件; plead a case 为一件案子辩护; plead guilty 服罪; 认罪; Plead not guilty 不服罪; 不认罪 → **justice, action**

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A

abandon

vt ① give up completely or forever 完全或永久放弃

[n] attempt 企图; 尝试; Plan 计划; hope 希望; research 研究; effort 努力; experiment 试验

[adv] reluctantly 勉强地; prudently 慎重地; shamelessly 无耻地; regretfully 后悔地; remorsefully 懊悔地; recklessly 不顾一切后果地

He abandoned his hope of being a doctor.

They abandoned their experiment for lack of funds.

They abandoned their efforts at settling the disputes between us.

[S A] discontinue, drop, discard, forgo, waive, renounce, relinquish, wash one's hands of

[A A] continue, maintain, keep up, carry on, proceed with

② go away from; leave, as in danger or out of necessity 抛弃; 离弃; 遗弃; 背弃

[n] ship 船; city 城市; child 孩子; wife 妻子; friend 朋友

Seeing the fire spreading quickly, the captain gave the order: "Abandon ship!"

He was a man worthy of our trust. He would never abandon his friends. Fighting against odds, they refused to abandon the city to the enemy.

abate

vi become less in amount, degree, force, etc. 减少; 减轻; 减退

[n] rain 雨; wind 风; storm 风暴; flood 洪水; pain 痛苦; anger 愤怒

The snow storm abated on the third day.

Although the rain had abated somewhat, the wind was still blowing hard.

When she saw me admit my errors, her anger abated.

[S A] weaken, decrease, diminish, subside

[A A] increase, intensify

vt make less in amount, degree, force, etc.; reduce 减少, 减轻; 降低; 减(价); 缓和

[n] pain 痛苦; fury 愤怒; price 价格; tax 税收

The medicine abated his pain.

Soft words did not abate her fury.

Efforts were being made to abate the tax.

[S A] lessen, alleviate, lower, deduct

[A A] aggravate, increase

abbreviate

vt make shorter; make briefer 省略; 缩写; 缩短

[n] word 词; title 名称; Phrase 短语; speech 发言

"Inch" can be abbreviated to "in."

February is abbreviated to Feb.

"AC" is abbreviated from "alternating current".

The word "Mister" can be abbreviated as "Mr."

As time was short, he abbreviated his visit.

He decided to abbreviate his long speech.

[S A] shorten, curtail, cut short, condense

[A A] lengthen, extend, draw out, expand

ability

n. the power or knowledge to do something 能; 能力; 本领; 才能; 才干

[adj] financial (pecuniary, potential, mental, intellectual, productive)

ability 资(财、潜、智、智、生产)力; rare (practical, manifold, technical, crafty, peculiar, organizing, administrative, inherent, innate, remarkable, amazing, superior) ability 罕见的(应用的、多方面的、技术的、巧妙的、特殊的、组织的、管理的、天赋的、天生的、非凡的、惊人的、卓越的)才能

[v] demonstrate 展现, 表现; display 显露, 显出; develop 发挥, 发展; possess 具有; lack 缺乏; test 检验; doubt 怀疑; distrust 不信任; use 使用, 运用; evince 表明, 证明; enhance 提高, 增强; misuse 错用, 滥用; weigh 估量, 掂量; discover 发现; estimate 评价, 估价; overestimate 过高地估价; hide 不显露; appreciate 欣赏

You should use your abilities to help others.

You should develop your listening, speaking, reading and writing abilities.

It is a great ability to be able to hide one's ability.

From each according to his abilities, to each according to his work.

A pump has an ability to pump a certain amount of fluid while a tank has the capacity to hold a certain amount of water.

Ability is not innate, but comes through practice.

Director Wang's organizing ability is very great.

I do not doubt your ability to do the work.

We all believe in man's ability to master the world.

They will carry out their plan to the best of their ability.

[S A] capacity, capability, power, know-how, skill, faculty, talent, genius, knack, proficiency, gift, bent, aptitude

[A A] incapacity, inability, powerlessness, incapability, disability, incompetence, inaptitude

[R A] disabled person 残废人; good-for-nothing 废物; able person 能人; crackajack 能手; good at many things and expert in one 一专多能; a many-sided person (a versatile person, an all-rounder) 多面手; Jack of all trades 万事通; omnipotent 无所不能; powerless (helpless) 无能为力; weak and incompetent 软弱无能

◇ disability 和 inability 都是 ability 的反义词,表示“无能”的意思,但涵义有所不同。前者着重表示“因受伤而变残废所引起的无能”(injury caused by injury)或“因先天的缺陷所引起的无能”(inherent defect);用于法律方面,它表示“不够资格”、“不合格”(legal disqualification)的意味。后者则着重表示“缺少能力”或“缺乏手段”(lack of power or means)的含义。参阅下面的例句:

Mr Lin has disability pension because he lost his legs while he was in the army. 林先生领取残废抚恤金,因为他在军队服役时失去了他的双腿。

His inability to undertake the work makes him suffer a great deal 他由于没有能力承担这项工作而感到非常痛苦。

abolish

vt put an end to, do away with 废除;废止;革除;取消

[n] law 法律; custom 风俗; war 战争; slavery 奴隶制度

The old law would be abolished and a new one would be introduced in its place.

Slavery was abolished in the United States in 1865.

[S A] abrogate, cancel, repeal, revoke

[A A] establish, introduce, institute, renew

abound

vi exist in large numbers or great quantity; be filled with 大量存在;富有;充满

Wild animals abound in the forest

The forest abounds with wild animals

The garden abounds with roses

Tulips abound in Holland

His poetry abounds in imagery.

The pond abounds with fish.

[S A] be rich in, teem, swarm, be well supplied with

[A A] be deficient in, lack, be scant, be in short supply

absorb

vt ① take in or suck up 吸收

[n] liquid 液体; water 水; gas 气体; ink 墨水; heat 热量; light 光线; sound 声音

The sponge absorbed all the spilled water

Paper that absorbs ink is called blotting paper

Plants absorb sunlight

Rugs absorb sounds and make a house quieter.

[S A]soak up, sponge up, swallow up, drink in

[A A]exude, eject, cast off, cast out

② assimilate, digest吸收;消化;领会;理解

The boy absorbed everything important in the book.

The clever student absorbed all the knowledge provided by his teacher.

Can the students absorb this lesson in an hour?

③ to take up all the attention, interest of吸引;使全神贯注

The acrobatic show absorbed all the boys.

I was so absorbed in the book that I did not hear him call.

He was completely absorbed in his study.

[S A]be engrossed in, be immersed in, concentrate one's attention on

[A A]distract sb. from, divert one's attention from

abstract

a. ① separated from what is real or concrete抽象的

Abstract ideas may lead to concrete plans.

Truth is an abstract concept.

② difficult to understand; abstruse难懂的;深奥的

The atomic theory of matter is so abstract that it can be fully understood only by advanced students.

[R A]theoretical理论的; conceptual概念的; general笼统的; imaginary想象中的; visionary梦幻的; 非实有的; hypothetical假设的; immaterial非物质的; 无形的; impractical不切实际的; ideal空想的; 虚构的; idealistic理想主义的; airy空幻的; ethereal虚无缥缈的; illusory虚幻的; fantastic空想的; 幻想的; profound深刻的; abstruse深奥的; recondite高深的; mysterious神秘的; enigmatical谜的; 不可思议的; metaphysical极抽象的; 难理解的; concrete具体的; specific特定的; particular特殊的; 特别的; singular单独的; unique独一无二的; actual实际的; realistic现实的; factual事实上的; 实在的; tangible可触知的; 有形的; perceptible察觉得到的

accelerate

vt. cause to move faster; 使加速; 加快...之速度; 催促

[n] grow th成长; fall垮台; recovery恢复; train火车

Sufficient rest will accelerate your recovery from illness.

Sunshine will accelerate the growth of the plants.

[S A]speed up, hasten, quicken, expedite

[A A]decelerate, slow, delay, retard

vi. move faster加速; 加速度; (车等)开快, 变快

[n] car车辆; train火车; engine引擎

The car accelerated suddenly.

The more Power the engineer turns on, the more the train accelerates

[S A] Pick up speed, quicken pace

[A A] slow down, reduce the speed

accept

vt ① (consent to) take or receive 受; 接受; 收(礼等); 答应; 应(聘等)

[n] gift 礼物; present 礼物; invitation 邀请; proposal 提议; 求婚

She accepted a present from her friend.

He accepted the invitation and attended the party.

She finally accepted his proposal.

We all accepted his proposal for a conference on environmental protection.

[A A] refuse, turn down, reject

② agree, recognize, regard with favour or approval; take as true 同意; 认可; 承认; 赞同; 容纳; 信以为真

[n] idea 想法; plan 计划; theory 理论; criticism 批评; story 故事; (对某事的)叙述; account 叙述; excuse 借口; explanation 解释; interpretation 解释

He accepted my criticism with an open mind.

Scientists generally accept Darwin's theory of evolution.

I fully accept his account of how the accident happened.

Do you accept his interpretation of the poem as correct?

The jury accepted the policeman's story as true.

He was accepted as a member of the political party.

No one will accept your excuse.

accommodate

vt ① have room for 容纳; 装载; 收容(病人等)

The bus is large enough to accommodate 100 passengers.

The ward can accommodate 8 beds.

② help out; oblige; provide lodging for 帮助; 借给; 贷; 供应; 给方便; 供给住宿

Can you accommodate me with a loan?

He wanted me to pay for his dinner, but I could not accommodate him.

The hotel can accommodate 400 guests.

③ make suitable; adjust 使适应; 迁就; 迎合; 顺应

We must accommodate ourselves to our changed circumstances.

You have to accommodate yourself to the new life-style.

My eyes soon accommodated themselves to seeing objects in the darkness.

We will accommodate our plans to yours.

◇动词 accommodate 后面可省去反身代词 oneself, 由及物动词转为不及物动词, 类似转变的动

词有 *adjust*, *adapt*, *identify* 等, 例如:

Wherever he goes, he readily *accommodates* to new circumstances.

He quickly *adapted* to the climate of high mountains.

Astronauts must *adjust* to weightlessness.

He *identified* with the hero of a new novel.

account

n. ① a written or spoken report; a description, explanation or story 报告; 说明; 解释; 故事

[adj] detailed (full, minute, lengthy, elaborate, brief, picturesque, fragmentary, sketchy, factual, unaffected, biased, impartial, straightforward, absurd, amusing, thrilling, breath-taking, informative, fascinating) *account* 详细的 (详尽的、精确的、冗长的、详尽阐述的、简短的、生动的、支离破碎的、粗略的、实在的、真实的、有偏见的、无偏见的、坦率的、荒谬的、有趣的、惊心动魄的、令人吃惊的、资料丰富的、非常动人的) 报告

[v.] read 阅读; write 撰写; give 作(出); 提出; 叙述; fabricate 虚构; furnish 提供; peruse 仔细阅读; supplement 补充; confirm 证实; receive 收到; present 提出; contain 包含, 登载

An *account* is a factual statement of events or conditions, usually given by an eyewitness.

You may read some detailed *account* to this matter tomorrow.

He has written an elaborate *account* of her conversation with the stranger.

[S.A.] report, description, statement, story, record, tale, narration, narrative, write-up

[R.A.] reporter (speaker, lecturer) 报告人; reader 读者; audience 听众; the report goes (It is reported that) 据说, 据报道; to front-page the *account* in the paper 报纸以头版刊登报道; newspaper office 报社; the press (journalistic circles) 报界; correspondent 新闻通讯员

② statement of money to be paid or received 账目; 账户

[adj] household ~ 家庭开支账目; open ~ 来往账目, 未结算账目; accounts payable (receivable) 应付 (应收) 账目; current ~ 来往账户; deposit ~ 存款账户; private ~ 私人账户; bad ~ s (= bad debts) 呆账; 倒账; outstanding ~ s 未清账款

[v.] keep (cast, open, render, balance, settle, square, make out) *account* (s) 记 (算、开、报、清、清算、清算、结算) 账 (目); overdraw 透支 (存款账户); falsify (cook) 伪造, 虚报

My wife handles our household *accounts*.

He was not a little surprised when he found our *accounts* were perfectly in order.

We always keep a complete *account* of every dollar we have spent.

I have open an *account* at the Bank of China in my wife's name.

She has an account with the Bank of China

The accounts show you have spent more than you received

I have an account to settle (square) with you for calling me a tumcoat!

The harvest was poor on account of the downpour

[S A] financial record, financial statement

[R A] submit an expense account 报账; apply for reimbursement 报销;
account book 账本; 账簿; accountant's office (accountant) 账房;
funds on account 账款; items of an account 账目; accounts open to
public inspection 账目公开; bill (check) 账单; cashier 出纳员;
repudiate a debt 赖账, 赖债; repay a debt 还债; open (close) an
account with a bank 在银行开立 (结束) 账户; accountant general 会计
主任; chartered accountant 会计师

accumulate

vt heap up, collect little by little, gradually get increasing number or
quantity of 积累; 存储; 积蓄; 堆积

[n] wealth 财富; fortune 产业; money 钱

He decided to accumulate sufficient money to buy a new house.

He accumulated a large fortune by hard work.

[S A] amass, save up, hoard, gather together

[A A] scatter, dissipate, waste

vi grow into a heap by degrees 积; 累积; 积聚; 贮

Snow accumulated on the ground.

Dust and cobwebs had accumulated in the room during his absence.

[S A] collect, pile up, heap up

accurate

adj without errors or mistakes, precisely correct 准确的; 精确的

[n] accurate analysis (estimate, statement, aim, watch) 准确的 (或精
确的) 分析 (估计、陈述、瞄准; 表)

The hunter took accurate aim.

This is an accurate statement of what happened.

The drawing of the house is accurate in every detail.

You must take care to be accurate in arithmetic.

[S A] correct, exact, precise, perfect, unerring, faultless, right, scrupulous

[A A] incorrect, wrong, inaccurate, fallacious, imprecise, inexact, faulty,
flawed, imperfect, defective, deficient, careless, slipshod, slovenly

accuse

vt charge (sb.) with doing wrong or breaking the law 控告; 控诉; 谴责;
非难

[n] (accuse sb. of) murder 谋杀; theft 盗窃; treason 谋反, 叛国;
conspiracy 共谋, 阴谋

They were accused of high treason.

They were *accused* of conspiracy in overthrowing the government.
The high-ranking official was *accused* of taking bribes from the company.

They *accused* him of cheating in the exam.

He *accused* me of quoting his words out of context.

They *accused* him as accessory to the crime.

[S A] indict sb. for; reproach sb. with (or for)...

[A A] acquit sb. of (a crime), absolve sb. from (or of) (a crime),
exonerate sb. from (accusation), defend

[R A] go to law over... 就... 起诉; take... to court 控告...; hold a court 开庭; 开审; conduct a public trial 举行公审; bring sb. to (or up for) trial 告发 (检举) 某人; 审问某人; grant a new trial 准予复审; hear a case 审理案件; hear witnesses 听取证词; try a case 审讯案件; appeal to a higher court 向上级法院上诉; give evidence (or witness) 作证; bear (or stand) witness 作证; 证明; sentence... to three years' imprisonment 判处... 三年徒刑; bring in a verdict of guilty (not guilty) 裁决有罪 (无罪); convict sb. of 判决某人有... 罪 → law

achieve

vt ① complete; accomplish 完成; 做到; 实现

[n] much 许多; little 一点; anything 什么事; 任何事

If you go on like this, you will never *achieve* anything.

I have *achieved* only half of what I intended to do.

② gain or reach by effort 获得; 达到

[n] aim (or end) 目的; goal 目标; purpose 目的; success 成功;
distinction 荣誉; fame 名誉; happiness 幸福; emancipation 解放;
victory 胜利

They *achieved* their goal of collecting two million dollars, which would be contributed to the Red Cross.

He has *achieved* great success in his research.

He *achieved* fame as an orator.

The two scientists *achieved* distinction in nuclear physics.

Only by working in the interests of the people, can one *achieve* perfect happiness.

[S A] attain, obtain, acquire, procure

[A A] fail to attain or reach

acknowledge

vt recognize the fact or existence (of); admit to be true 认; 承认

[n] truth 事实; 真相; belief 信仰; defeat 失败; mistake 错误

They finally *acknowledged* the truth of my statement.

The losing candidate *acknowledged* his defeat.

He *acknowledged* that he was defeated.

He acknowledged having been defeated.

He was acknowledged to be the best player on the football team.

He was acknowledged as an expert in economics.

It is universally acknowledged that he was the founder of nuclear physics.

[S A] admit, recognize, confess, concede

[A A] deny, disclaim, disavow, refuse to admit

acquaint

vt make familiar with; reveal to sb. 使熟悉; 了解; 使明白; 告知

[n] acquaint sb (oneself) with fact 事实; duty 职务 (或任务); job 工作; plan 计划; subject 题目 (或科目); style 风格 (或文体); neighbour 邻居

Let me acquaint you with your new duties.

First of all, I have to acquaint myself with the facts.

You had better withhold judgment before you get acquainted with the subject.

He was well acquainted with the style of the writer.

He was but slightly acquainted with the art of drama.

As soon as we moved into the new house, we became acquainted with our neighbours.

[R A] inform sb of 告知某人...; notify sb of 通知某人...; enlighten sb on 就...对某人进行启发; be familiar with 熟悉...; familiarize oneself with 使自己熟悉, 使自己通晓; be well informed about 精通 (或熟悉)

acquiesce

vi agree, often unwillingly, without raising an argument, accept quietly 默许; 默认; 勉强同意

[n] (acquiesce in) plan 计划; decision 决定; resignation 辞职; idea 想法; suggestion 建议; proposal 提议

We acquiesced in the decision made by the committee.

The other members of the council acquiesced in her resignation.

Their silence meant that they acquiesced in your plan.

[S A] agree to, assent to..., accede to, approve of

[A A] object to, disapprove of

action

n. ① act; move; activity 动作; 行为; 行动; 活动

[adj] awkward (concerted, decisive, drastic, hasty, ignoble, ill-considered, justifiable, prompt, unified, welcome) action 笨拙的 (一致的、果断的、激烈的 [严厉的]、仓促的、可耻的 [卑鄙的]、考虑欠妥的、可证明为正当的 [无可非议的]、及时的 [迅速的、当机立断的]、统一的、受欢迎的) 行动或行为

[v] condemn 谴责; defend 辩护; delay 耽搁; 推迟; evaluate 评价;

exam 检查; initiate 创始; 发动; interpret 解释; judge 判断; justify 证明...是正当的; 为...辩护; misinterpret 误述; obstruct 阻碍; take 采取

The action was condemned as inhuman.

He could hardly defend his action in breaking into my house.

The government took prompt action to curb the inflation.

② legal proceedings 诉讼

[adj] civil (cross, public) action 民事诉讼 (反诉、公诉)

[v] abandon 放弃; decide 判定; 裁决; deter 阻止; 制止; dismiss 驳回; 对...不予受理; file 提出; 呈请把...备案; renounce 放弃

To our great surprise, the action was decided in favour of the accused.

Unable to bring her husband to terms, she filed an action for divorce.

Since no direct evidence was available, John could not but renounce his action against his colleague.

③ military combat in general 战斗

As soon as the order for an *about* assault came through, the soldiers went into action.

His son was killed in action in Thailand.

[R A] bring... before a court 把...送交法庭审理; bring sb to justice 把某人送交法庭审判; 把某人缉拿归案; bring a suit against sb 控告某人; proceed against sb for sth 为某事对某人起诉 → law

adapt

vt ① make suitable for new needs, different conditions, etc. 使适应, 使适合, 使适于

[n] (adapt oneself or itself to) new manners and customs 新的风俗习惯; environment 环境; surroundings 环境; the new way of living 新的生活方式; weather 天气; climate 气候; conditions 条件

He finds it difficult to adapt himself to the new life-style.

He finally adapted himself to the cold weather there.

Living things are capable of adapting themselves to any environment on earth.

Some people adapt (themselves) easily to living in new places.

The chameleon adapts (itself) to its surroundings by changing colour.

[S A] adjust, accommodate

② change so as to be suitable for 改; 修改; 改编; 改写

The novel *Pride and Prejudice* has been adapted for the stage, television and radio.

The film has been adapted from a short story.

The textbook was adapted for foreign students (或 to the needs of foreign students).

He adapted the local music for use in opera.

You can adapt this vacuum cleaner for spraying insecticide.

add

vt ① join (one thing to another or others); Put together 加; 增; 添加; 加算; 累积

Add 4 to 4 and you get (or have) 8.

Add one more item to the list.

The editor added a glossary to the textbook.

Please add the figures together.

Let's add up the cost of all our purchases.

② go on to say or write; say further 又说 (或写); 补充说 (或写); 附言

He said good-bye and added that he would come to see me next week.

That he added, was his tentative suggestion.

vi increase 增加

[n] (add to) Pleasure 愉快; enjoyment 享受; difficulty 困难; knowledge 知识; understanding 理解; wealth 财富

The music added to the pleasure of the picnic.

Your explanation added to our appreciation of the imagery of the poem.

What you have done adds to our difficulties.

[R.A.] subtract (or take) 减; multiply 乘; divide 除

Subtract (or take) 10 from 30 and you get 20 三十减十等于二十;

If you multiply 2 by 3 you get 6 以三乘二等于六;

2 multiplied by 3 is (or equals) 6 三乘二等于六;

If you divide 15 by 3, the answer is 5 用三除十五得五;

15 divided by 3 is 5 三除十五得五

add up to

(of numbers) to amount to (a total) when added together; to seem to be; amount to; make sense 加起来总和是; 总计共达; 意思是; 等于是; 总而言之; 有意义

How much does all this add up to?

The figures add up to 666.

All that this adds up to is that you refuse to admit your mistakes.

What your statement adds up to is that you think yourself justified in deserting your wife.

"Your evidence, then really adds up to this—that you were not involved in the kidnapping of the President?"

Your knowledge of life in Britain doesn't add up to much.

adhere

vi ① stick fast 粘附; 粘着; 附着

Don't let mud adhere to your new shoes.

Paint adheres best to a clean, dry surface.