

## Foreword

After more than ten years of compiling, this *Usage Dictionary of 70,000 Chinese Words* is finally complete. At the size of 10 million Chinese characters, the work includes approximately 381,000 example sentences to illustrate the usage of roughly 70,000 Chinese words and phrases (8,068 single characters plus 61,897 words and phrases). All of the example sentences were chosen from modern publications such as newspapers, magazines, and the famous modern Chinese writers' works. In doing this, the compilers sifted through language materials totaling 200 million Chinese characters. Definitions and parts of speech are given for all dictionary entries. When a word can be used as different parts of speech and/or has different meanings, different parts of speech, definitions and example sentences are given respectively.

The morphology of Chinese words does not change with their use as various parts of speech. It is important for learners, especially non-native learners, to study Chinese language by reading typical example sentences. In a sense, this *Usage Dictionary* is a highly effective tool for helping them understand the meanings and usage of almost all commonly used modern Chinese words.

The compilers

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经过多年编纂,这部《现代汉语用例词典》已经竣稿。全书1,000万字左右,收录单字词目8,068个以及词、词组、成语、惯用语和少量熟语、谚语61,897条,总词目共69,965条(含分列的同形、同音但不同源的字、词)。所有词条标注词类和加以简释,并配以精选的38万1千例句来示例这些常用词的意义和用法。

本词典的编纂并非从词典到词典,全部词条和例句都是从两亿字的现当代出版物中精选。选用的语言材料涵盖文学、历史、新闻、艺术、体育、科普等领域。本词典的编纂过程也是使用计算机对现代汉语词语及其使用形态的调查和分析过程。由于词条直接从语言材料中选出,发掘了一些其他词典缺收的常用词和新词。另一方面,本词典选词重在实用,冷僻的字、词不收。依据这一原则,凡使用几率小、没有一定例句来支持的词条未予收录。

汉语是分析性语言,词形绝少变化,通过词汇使用实例来学习尤为重要。使用者可以阅读、参考、模仿本词典提供的范例达到更好理解词义、辨析感情和语体色彩、掌握不同词语的功能搭配之目的。本词典可供各级学生、语文工作者和社会各界人士使用。对于汉语作为第二语言的学习者更是重要的工具书。

由于编者水平有限,错误和不足之处难免,还望方家不吝指出。

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