汉语学习词典编写之我见 On compiling learner's dictionaries of Chinese

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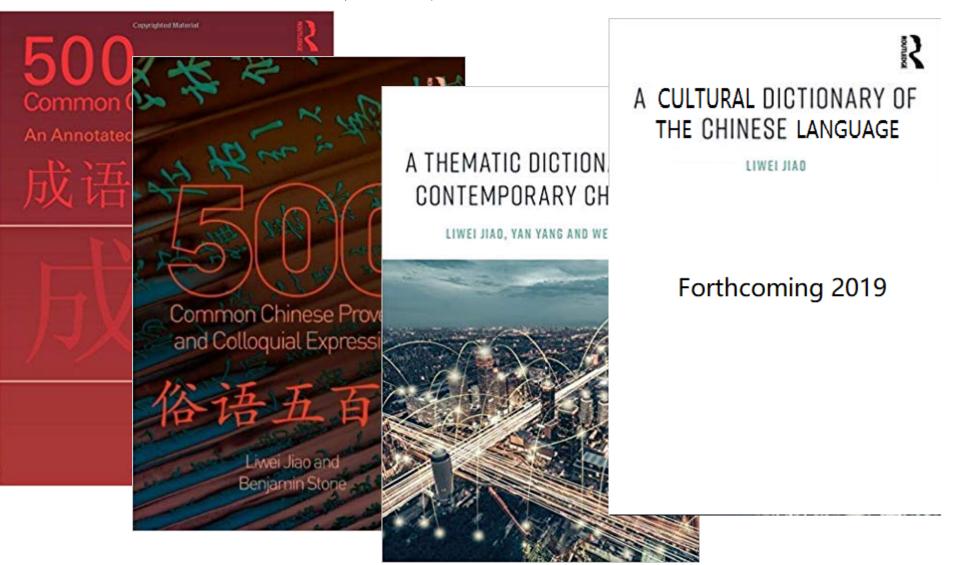
Purposes 本研究之目的

- Not calling for new lexicographers 不是提倡编写词典
- Sharing insider knowledge 分享编写秘辛与甘苦
- Helping instructors select good dictionaries 帮助中文老师选择词典
- Helping instructors prepare examples for classroom instruction

帮助中文老师编写教学用例

Foundation:

本研究之基础



Take-home message 重要的信息

2, 20, 200

- 2: Took 2 months to write the 1st book proposal 用了两个月时间写第一本书的申请
- 20:
 - (1) knowledge from 20 relevant books 了解20本相关的书
 - (2) examples not to be outdated for 20 years 例句20年不过时
- 200: Every sentence basing on 200 examples 每个例句都基于对200个例证的观察

Question 1: Are printed dictionaries still needed? 纸质词典还需要吗?

- Too many free online or electronic dictionaries, or apps
 无数免费的电子词典
- Are they of high quality? 质量高吗? Not many. 不多.
- E-dictionaries are like fast food. 电子资源如快餐。救急可以,久之不行。
- Read-Note-Knowledge 翻阅-笔记-知识

Question 2: What kinds of dictionaries are needed? 需要什么样的词典?

- 1. Super comprehensive 超大型
- 商务印书馆《现代汉语学习词典》(2010) 1740页(内向型)
- 北语社《当代汉语学习词典》(初级本,2005) 1183页(外向型)
- 区别: 例句中出现"凤姐"(《红楼梦》) 之类的词
- 2. Super practical 超实用型

Question 3: Are the structures balanced and the indexes complete? 结构巧妙? 索引完整?

Structure:

• Balanced: 整体和局部匀称.

• Tidbits:

不时有个亮点

《成语五百条》典故成语的安排

1	实事求是	40	纸上谈兵	79	截然不同	118	任重道远	
2	艰苦奋斗	41	名副其实	80	愚公移山	119	无家可归	
3	千方百计	42	日新月异	81	所作所为	120	入木三分	Ī
4	全心全意	43	得天独厚	82	后顾之忧	121	意味深长	Ī
5	无论如何	44	情不自禁	83	德才兼备	122	继往开来	
6	前所未有	45	不以为然	84	相辅相成	123	耳目一新	
7	坚定不移	46	络绎不绝	85	讨价还价	124	循序渐进	
8	引人注目	47	不约而同	86	同心同德	125	挺身而出	
9	因地制宜	48	千千万万	87	理直气壮	126	滔滔不绝	
10	自相矛盾	49	齐心协力	88	身体力行	127	天翻地覆	
11	成千上万	50	卧薪尝胆	89	义不容辞	128	不言而喻	
12	卓有成效	51	大街小巷	90	画龙点睛	129	再接再厉	
13	当务之急	52	不由自主	91	琳琅满目	130	杞人忧天	
14	独立自主	53	应运而生	92	耐人寻味	131	风云变幻	
15	脱颖而出	54	形形色色	93	繁荣昌盛	132	淋漓尽致	
16	无可奈何	55	名列前茅	94	难能可贵	133	忧心忡忡	
17	莫名其妙	56	家喻户晓	95	一模一样	134	直截了当	
18	自力更生	57	兴高采烈	96	突飞猛进	135	眼花缭乱	
19	一如既往	58	排忧解难	97	刮目相看	136	不屈不挠	
20	扑朔迷离	59	自强不息	98	风风雨雨	137	语重心长	
21	不可思议	60	走马观花	99	旗帜鲜明	138	栩栩如生	
22	坚持不懈	61	长治久安	100	破釜沉舟	139	呕心沥血	
23	供不应求	62	安居乐业	101	独一无二	140	毛遂自荐	
24	行之有效	63	惊心动魄	102	兢兢业业	141	方兴未艾	
25	众所周知	64	脚踏实地	103	不折不扣	142	聚精会神	
26	全力以赴	65	徇私舞弊	104	五花八门	143	比比皆是	
27	理所当然	66	不知所措	105	求同存异	144	高瞻远瞩	
28	四面八方	67	来之不易	106	无能为力	145	无动于衷	
29	兴致勃勃	68	发扬光大	107	一无所知	146	迫在眉睫	
30	一鸣惊人	69	顾全大局	108	一席之地	147	触目惊心	
31	想方设法	70	八仙过海	109	轻而易举	148	无济于事	
32	千家万户	71	自然而然	110	亡羊补牢_	149	应有尽有	

《俗语五百条》:褒贬义程度的指示杠

182. 赶鸭子上架 (趕鴨子上架) gǎn yāzi shàng jià

Translated character by character, 赶鸭子上架 means 'drive-duck-mount-trellis,' whereas the implied meaning of this proverb would be 'to force someone to do what they cannot.' Its functional translation is 'to force someone to put a square peg into a round hole.'

Example 1:

- A: 请你今晚在宴会上给大家唱一个。
- B: 我根本不会唱歌,现在你逼着我唱,这不是**赶鸭子上架**嘛?
- A: Qǐng nǐ jīn wăn zài yànhuì shàng gĕi dàjiā chàng yígè.
- B: Wô gēnběn búhuì chànggē, xiànzài nǐ bīzhe wô chàng, zhè búshì găn yāzi shàng jià ma?
- A: Please sing everyone a song at tonight's banquet.
- B: I really can't sing, and now you're forcing me to. Isn't that like forcing me to put a square peg into a round hole?

Example 2:

- A: 她是出色的工程师,对行政一窍不通啊!让她当市长管理这么大一 个城市,简直是**赶鸭子上架**。
- A: Tā shì chūsè de gōngchéngshī, duì xíngzhèng yíqiào-bùtōng a! Ràng tā dāng shìzhăng guănlĭ zhème dà yígè chéngshì, jiănzhí shì găn yāzi shàng jià.
- A: She is an accomplished engineer, but she doesn't know the first thing about administration! Making her govern such a large city as mayor really is like forcing her to put a square peg into a round hole.

Usage: Functions as predicative or predicate.

Variant: 打鸭子上架 (in some Chinese dialects)

Note: Slightly derogatory and humorous in meaning.

《义类词典》的Tips

Tips:

- 1. 她:她 means 'her' or 'she' which is presumably a common word, however, this character was actually coined by the writer and professor Liu Fu (1891-1934) in 1918 during the New Culture Movement.
- 2. 女:女 is a character as well as a common radical, both meaning 'female.' Characters with the radical 女 include 姓 (surname), 她 (her/she), 姐 (elder sister), 妇 (housewife), 姑 (aunt, father's sister), 娘 (mom), 姨 (aunt, mother's sister) in this unit.
- 3. *们:们 is a suffix to pronouns denoting plurals, e.g. 我们, 你们, 他们, 她们, 它们, 孩子们, 学生们 mean 'us/we, you, them/they (males), them/they (females), them/they, children, students,' respectively. If a person's name is generalized to refer to a kind of people, it can be in plural form, for example, 爱因斯坦们 Ai in si tan men (Einstein plural.)
- 4. 自: The original meaning of 自 is 'nose.'
- 5. 性: The 性 in the words 性别, 男性, 女性 in this unit means 'gender,' however, its original meaning is 'nature (of a person).'
- 6. Change of terms of address 称呼的变迁: In the era of Mao Zedong, 同志 (comrade) was the dominant term of address to almost everybody, old or young, male or female, cadre or ordinary worker. But after Chinese economic reform in late 1970s, 先生 (Mr./Sir), 小姐 (Miss), and 太太 (Mrs.) etc. revive. Nowadays, 同志 has a strong connotation of 'gay/lesbian,' albeit the Chinese Communist Party is endeavoring to use this term of address not only in written, but also in spoken forms, between themselves.
- 7. LGBT+: LGBT+ stands for L (女同性恋者,) G (男同性恋者,) B (双性恋者,) T (跨性别者) and others. It is translated into Chinese as 非异性恋者 (non-heterosexual,) 彩虹族群 (literally 'rainbow group') or 性少数群体 (sexual minority.)

Indexes:

• Complete: 各种索引

Question 4: Examples: authentic/borrowed or original? 引用书证还是自编例句?

- Copyright issues? 版权问题
- Famous writers=good sentences? 名家的语言一定好吗?
- Advantages and disadvantages of making sentences by compilers? 自编例句的优劣
 - Advantages: Creative 自造自想
 - Disadvantages: limited viewpoint 视野不宽

Question 5: English, Chinese, SC, TC, Taiwan usages

英语、汉字繁简体、台湾词汇

 English: British? American? Vernacular? Academic?

英语: 英式、美式、口语、学术?

- 4 formats?
 - TC, SC, pinyin, English?繁体字、简体字、拼音、英文翻译?
 - Exact conversion of TC and SC?繁简字完全对照?
- Toplects and words?

方言与地方性词汇?

-台湾词汇的问题:捷运、叫菜

Question 6: Neutral political and cultural position of the compiler

编写者的政治和文化立场

- Toward CPC/China: Pro or against 对中国/中共的态度
 - 党妈 vs. 世仇
- Toward Chinese and the Western cultures 对中西文化的态度
 - Neutral 冷眼近观
- Women; LGBTQ; religions 对女性、性少数群体/彩虹族群、宗教等的态度
 - Pigs?

Question 7: Life experience and compilation of dictionaries 生活经历与词典编纂

Consider these aspects: 考虑以下诸多方面

- 宗教/哲学/心理 religion/philosophy/psychology
- 政治/媒体/名人 politics/media/celebrities
- 经济/商业/商人 economy/business/business leaders
- 军事/外交/冲突 military/diplomacy/conflicts
- 教育/儿童/文学 education/children/literature
- 艺术/娱乐/休闲 arts/entertainment/leisure
- 体育/宠物/异闻 sports/pets/oddity (gossip)
- 医疗/科技/饮食 medicine/technology/food
- 文化/社会/历史 culture/society/history
- 动物/环境/自然 animal/environment/nature

Speaking less of these things: 少说这些事

- Quiz/test/exam 考试
- Library/classroom/teacher 图书馆/教室/老师Browsing Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) 浏览美国职业工种分类
- Truck drivers? 卡车司机
- Bakers? 面包师
- Janitors? 清洁工

Question 8: What are good exemplary sentences? 什么样的句子是好例句?

斩尽杀绝

- 1. 皇叔要争夺皇位,于是把皇侄们~。
- 2. 虽然我们的公司很强大,可是毕竟不能垄断市场,所以不能把对手们~。
- 中国语言的杀伐气太重!!
- Good examples should be corpus-based. They must include information of usage/grammar. 好的例句一定要基于语料库, 并且附带用法信息
- Observation of 200 examples. 观察两百个例句

Question 9: Factual/specific or imaginary/general? 例句需要真实吗?

- 那家公司去年收入一千万人民币。
- 北京第四毛纺厂去年收入一千万人民币。
- Which is better?

Question 10: Use ~/- to replace the entry word/character(s)?

如何使用符号~和-来代替词条/汉字?

- 例1: 我们应该坚持**实事求是**的原则,把理论和实践结合起来。
- 例2:

A: 我已经决定要离开现在这家公司了,可是公司 又提出给我加薪。你看我应该走还是留?

B: 好马不吃回头草。你还是走吧。

- 例3: 各位[-]
- 例4: 诸位[諸-]

Discussion:

• Feedback of users? 词典使用者的反馈?

Conclusion:

- Severe shortage of good dictionaries for learners 严重缺乏良好的学习词典
- It takes a life to write a good sentence. 好例句的背后都大有文章
- Be thoughtful when recommending dictionaries to students
 - 向学生推荐词典时要谨慎
- Every instructor of Chinese is making his/her own dictionaries, consciously or unconsciously.

每位中文教师实际上都在编写自己的词典。编纂字典和教学一样,是一种态度、一种功夫。

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• 问题?