学习英语的任督二脉 修饰名词

无论在口语还是写作中,用多样化的方式来修饰名词都是画龙点睛的关键语法知识点。在阅读里,70%的长难句都是因为名词修饰过长而形成的。因此,搞定这个知识点在英语学习过程中是至关重要的!!!

- 1. 对于几乎任何语言来说, 用形容词来修饰名词是最普遍的方法。
- 1.1 普通形容词-tive, -ful, -less, -ous, -al, -y, -able, -ible。

这里所说的普通形容词并不等同于简单形容词。事实上,一些形容 词在很多时候表达了非常丰富的含义。

1). 坏的方面

stressful working conditions

arduous and repetitive tasks

mental diseases

immature minds

negative/ adverse effects

grave problems

a widespread problem

a major problem

a minor concern

extravagant lifestyles

hard economic realities

lower socioeconomic families

sedentary lifestyle

2). 好的方面

traditional skills

valuable experience

bright job prospects

a decent job

sufficient free time

physical co-ordination

mature minds

material success

spiritual satisfaction/growth

clear perspective

positive effects

benign effects

creative ideas

responsible individuals

confident and independent children

an academic environment

innate abilities

sustainable development

powerful people

electronic devices/games

a frequent topic of discussion

continuous training

robust economic growth

active and able member of a society

an effective strategy

attractive and affordable tours

a healthy lifestyle

long-term relationships

technological advances

3). 中立角度

fierce competition/objection

high tax penalties

a universal phenomenon

rare occasions

the general population

virtual world

secondary schools

genetic factors

on a global scale

1.2 doing 和 done 形态的动词已经不再是动词, 在名词前面的时候就是形容词了: 单一分词形容词

conflicting views

working parents

smoking parents

dying languages

disappearing arts

declining level of health

increasing popularity

desired results

undesired results

experienced teachers

a worrying trend

fattening food

a contributing factor

inherited characteristics

a sparkling job prospect

a convincing argument

1.3 谨慎使用的复合分词形容词

labor-saving devices

time-consuming tasks

self-interested people

law-abiding citizens

money-related happiness

carbon-based energies

knowledge-based society

web-based activities

life-changing opportunity

mind-altering experiences

life-threatening diseases

fast-paced world

self-motivated study

well-educated young people

poorly-educated job seekers

必须学会自己使用的两个: ...-related/...-based

试着翻译:

健康相关的问题

动物相关的产品

基于网络的购物

蔬菜为主的饮食

- 2. 介词短语修饰名词
- 1). 介词短语=介词+名词短语
- 2). 介词短语应该在被修饰的名词后面

接下来看到的所有例子都不是完整句,仅仅只是对一个名词的修饰,可以整个看作一个长名词短语

2.1 基本介词短语-字面理解即可

Food from local farms

Children from poor families

Knowledge from TV and the Internet

Benefits from exploring the universe-介词后面连接 doing 形式

People from a whole variety of backgrounds

Children with working parents

Countries with rich tourism resources

Cities with sufficient public transport

People with conflicting opinions

Factories with a crew of robot workers

Relationship between money and happiness

Connection between news events and people's daily life

gap between generations

income inequality between citizens

conflicts between locals and visitors

2.2 较复杂的介词短语修饰(非常重要)

People against animal testing (必须会)

Parents against giving children money

An argument against charging foreign tourists more money

the voice against globalization

the main argument in favor of exploring the universe (非常重要)

the main argument in favor of allowing children some financial

independence

parents in favor of home schooling

development beyond people's imagination

help/assistance/donation beyond national borders

knowledge beyond textbooks

places beyond children's reach

2.3 帅气的论证

- 1) The obvious argument <u>in favor of</u> students wearing school uniforms is that it helps to reduce peer pressure.
- 2) The obvious benefits of computer skills for young children cannot be denied.
- 3) Governments against nuclear energy are most concerned about safety issues.

- 3. 定语从句修饰名词—这是中国英语学习者的长项
- 3.1 对主语的修饰
- 1). People who eat fast food as regular meals can save a great lot of time.

- 2). Criminals who commit violent crimes must be sent into prison.
- 3). Cities <u>that</u> have wonderful cultural identities are more able to attract tourists.
- 4). Countries that lack farming resources have to rely on imported food.

3.2 对整个句子的延伸 / 修饰

- 1). Children are unaware of the possible dangers around them, which is the reason why they need to be restrained by rules.
- 2). Most elderly people are illiterate in the use of technological devices, which is the reason why they rely heavily on libraries for reading.
- 3). Each city or town is limited in terms of land resources, which means that they have to build more skyscrapers.
- 4). The number of cars has been increasing, which means that the emission of greenhouse gas is also on rise.

3.3 帅气的论证

- 1) Those who believe teenagers are the happiest people <u>cite</u> their lack of responsibilities <u>as a significant factor</u>.
- 2) At work, many of us are challenged and stimulated by the increasing professional skills we acquire, which ensures that our jobs remain interesting.
- 3) The variety of sports that could be offered would cater for all ages, levels of fitness and interests.
- 4) Their brains are still programmed to acquire their mother tongue, which facilitates learning another language.
- 5) Anything which encourages language learning benefits society culturally and economically.
- 6) The size of salary that stars expect is closely linked to the competition (that) they have to overcome in order to reach success.
- 7) Professionals from other fields, who make a much greater contribution to human society, are paid so much less.

- 8) In some cases, an employee is working in a job that suits neither their skills nor their personality.
- 4. 分词短语修饰名词(分词短语修饰名词可以被看作是定语从句的 缩略模式---连接词被省掉了,动词只剩分词形态,一定没有 be 动词)
- 4.1 主动关系——现在分词

Japanese tourists traveling abroad

Young adults studying abroad

Individuals working at home

Cities relying on tourism industry

Young people living with parents

4.2 被动关系一过去分词

Problems related to physical health

Money spent on different products

Violence shown in TV or films

Skills acquired through solving real problems

Knowledge taught by textbooks

Animals used for experiments

4.3 帅气的论证

- 1). A person killing for self-defense cannot be compared with a serial killer moving from one victim to another.
- 2). Individuals knowing that they will be subject to a certain punishment if they are convicted with a given crime will reconsider committing this act in the first place.
- 3). Children given the freedom to make their own decisions are more likely to make friends with their parents.

最容易犯的错误: 从句和分词混用的情况

最常见错误: People who living in large cities are under tremendous pressure from life and work.

正确版本 1: People who live in large cities are under tremendous pressure from life and work. 如果你想用定语从句的话,一定保证从句里有正确的谓语时态,而不是分词形态。

正确版本 2: People living in large cities are under tremendous pressure from life and work. 分词修饰名词可以被看作是定语从句的简略模式, 所以如果你用了分词 doing/done 的形态, 那你就必须放弃连词和 be 动词。

错误版本: The money is spent on food accounts for the largest proportion of family expense.

正确版本 1: The money which is spent on food accounts for the largest proportion of family expense.---完整从句版本

正确版本 2: The money spent on food accounts for the largest proportion of family expense.---过去分词版本