英语中12个典型的中国式错误

1.这个价格对我挺合适的。

误: The price is very suitable for me.

⊞: The price is right.

提示: suitable(合适的、相配的)最常见的用法 是以否定的形式出现在告示或通知上,如:下列节目 儿童不宜。The following programme is not suitable for children. 这句话用后面的说法会更合适。

2.你是做什么工作的呢?

误:What's your job?

正: Are you working at the moment?

提示: what's your job这种说法难道也有毛病 吗?是的。因为如果您的谈话对象刚刚失业,如此 直接的问法会让对方有失面子, 所以您要问:目前 您是在上班吗?Are you working at the moment?接 下来您才问:目前您在哪儿工作呢?Where are you working these days?或者您从事哪个行业呢?What line of work are you in?

3.用英语怎么说?

误: How to say?

正: How do you say this in English?

提示: How to say是在中国最为泛滥成灾的中 国式英语之一,这绝不是地道的英语说法。同样的 句子有:请问这个词如何拼写?How do you spell that please?请问这个单词怎么读?How do you pronounce this word?

4.明天我有事情要做。

误: I have something to do tomorrow.

正: I am tied up all day tomorrow.

提示:用I have something to do来表示您很 忙,这也完全是中国式的说法。因为每时每刻我们 都有事情要做,躺在那里睡大觉也是事情,所以您 可以说我很忙,脱不开身: I'm tied up.还有其他的 说法: I can't make it at that time. I'd love to, but I can't, I have to stay at home.

5.我没有英文名。

误: I haven't English name.

正: I don't have an English name.

提示:许多人讲英语犯这样的错误,从语法角 度来分析,可能是语法功底欠缺,因为have在这里 是实义动词,而并不是在现在完成时里面那个没有 意义的助动词,所以,这句话由肯定句变成否定句要 加助动词。

6.我想我不行。

误: I think I can't.

正: I don't think I can.

提示:汉语里说"我想我不会"的时候,英语里 面总是说"我不认为我会"。以后您在说类似的英语 句子的时候,只要留心,也会习惯英语的表达习惯

7.我的舞也跳得不好。

误: I don't dance well too.

正: I am not a very good dancer either.

提示: 当我们说不擅长做什么事情的时候, 英语 里面通常用not good at something, 英语的思维甚至 直接跳跃到: 我不是一个好的舞者。

8.现在几点钟了?

误:What time is it now?

正: What time is it, please?

提示:What time is it now是一个直接从汉语 翻译过的句子,讲英语的时候没有必要说now,因为 您不可能问What time was it yesterday, 或者What time is it tomorrow?所以符合英语习惯的说法是:请 问现在几点了?还有一种说法是: How are we doing for time?这句话在有时间限制的时候特别合适。

9.我的英语很糟糕。

误: My English is poor.

 $\pm : I \ am \ not \ 100\%$ fluent, but at least I am improving.

提示: 有人开玩笑说, 全中国人最擅长的一 句英文是: My English is poor. 外国人遇到自己外 语不好的情况,他们会说: I am still having a few problem, but I am getting better.

10.你愿意参加我们的晚会吗?

误: Would you like to join our party on Friday? 正: Would you like to come to our party on

提示: join往往是指参加俱乐部或者协会,如: join a health club; join the Communist Party。事实上,常常与 party搭配的动词是come 或者go。如go a wild party,或 者come to a Christmas Party。

11.我没有经验。

误: I have no experience.

正: I don't know much about that.

提示: I have no experience这句话听起来古里 古怪,因为您只需要说那方面我懂得不多,或者这 方面我不在行,就行了。I am not really an expert in this area.

12.——这个春节你回家吗?

一一是的,我回去。

--Will you be going back home for the Spring Festival?

误: --Of course!

正: --Sure. / Certainly.

提示: 以英语为母语的人使用of course的频 率要比中国的学生低得多,只有在回答一些众所周 知的问题时才说of course。因为of course后面隐含 的一句话是:"我当然知道啦!难道我是一个傻瓜 吗?"因此, of course带有挑衅的意味。在交谈时,用 sure或certainly效果会好得多。

英语词汇语法选择题训练

1.We are encouraged to____the clothes we don't need any longer to those poor people.

A. give up

B. give in

C. give back

D. give away

2.He ran as fast as he could _____to catch the bus.

A. hope C. hoping B. to hope D. hoped

3.I like swimming, while what my brother enjoys _

A. cooking C. is cooking B. to cook D. cook

4. When products made in factories _

they are thrown away as garbage. A. come to an end

B. are put to use

C. are used up

D. wear out

5.It was decided to ____ the search when there was no hope of finding the missing girl alive.

A. call off

B. take up

C. keep off

D. ring up

【解析】

1.答案: D。give up放弃, give in上交, give back归还, give away赠送。有些同学可能在理 解句义上会有困难,这句话的意思是我们被鼓 励将不再需要的衣物捐赠给贫穷的人们,这里 we don't need any longer充当定语从句修饰 clothes,故选D。

2.答案: C。其中的现在分词短语hoping to catch the bus用做伴随状语,即一边跑一边希望 能赶上汽车。但是,如果选B,将to hope to catch the bus视为目的状语行不行呢?不行。因为"他 拼命地跑"目的是"为了赶上公共汽车",而不 是"为了希望赶上公共汽车",换句话说,将"希 望"作为"目的"不妥。

3.答案: C。学生看到enjoy容易错选为A,认 为是enjoy doing sth。其实,本句中的what my brother enjoys是主语从句,相当于:The thing that my brother enjoys is cooking.

4.答案: D。wear out本题中意指用坏,穿 破,如:The machine will soon wear out.(这机器 即将用坏。)come to an end(结束), put...to use(投 入使用), use up(用完), come into use(开始投入 使用)。根据句意选D。

5.答案: A. call off(=cancel)取消, take up从 事; keep off远离; ring up打电话。