科学论文写作与发表: 分类句式用语

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一、引言

科学论文的写作在常用句型、用语方面有一定的规律可循。掌握这些基本规律,写作论文时可收到事半功倍的效果。那么,常用的句型、句式怎样分类比较科学?通常用到的句式为哪些类型?各种类型又有哪些基本表达方法? 所有这些问题,都拟在本文内例述和研讨。

为什么要掌握分类句式用语呢?因为,首先,这有利于避免不必要的重复。许多有用的句型,通常出现在科学论文的不同部分,如表示研究目的用语,不仅在论文摘要中用到,而且在引言、讨论、甚至结论等部分都会用到。如果我们在讲述怎样写作各部分时都列举类似的用语,势必造成重复、赘述。现在把它们集中起来分类例述,就能避免不必要的重复。

其次,掌握分类句式用语有利于比较地道、规范的英语表达。把英美人写作论文时的句式用语集中地进行分类选择,有利于广大专业技术人员和研究生们学习、模仿比较地道、规范的英语表达,有利于节约时间,避免费力耗时地造出"蹩脚的"、甚至"中国式"的英语表达。

第三,掌握分类句式用语有利于写作中的多样化表达。把表达相同或相似概念的不同表达方式集中分类,便于写作中选择、比较,有利于交替使用不同的句型,避免句式单调、用词单一,实现表达多样。

再则,掌握分类句式用语也符合科学论文的写作规律。因为常用的句型是写作中客观存在的,它们的使用已基本上格式化了,而且使用的频率又很高,所以对常用的句式用语进行科学的分类,是一件有实用意义的工作。

至于怎样分类,这主要是从两个方面考虑。

- 一是从逻辑思维角度考虑。人们总是首先提出问题,然后分析和解决问题,最后得出结果或结论。这可以看作是解决问题的一种"模式"。这种"模式",也可作为我们分类选择句式用语时的指导思想。
- 二是从写作程式角度考虑。任何一篇科学论文的写作,大都要:①指出其研究的目的,②限定其讨论的范围,③说明其理论的依据,④描述其实验的步骤,⑤介绍其工作的方法,⑥展示其研究的结果,⑦作出科学的评价等。这种基本"程式",正是我们分类选择句式用语的实践依据。

鉴于上述,我们在本文内对科学论文写作中常用的句式用语进行了分类,并选择了 240 余条例句供参考。

俗语说:"熟读唐诗三百首,不会作诗也会吟"。我们深信,掌握英语科学论文写作中常用的句式用语,无疑会有助于科学论文的写作。

二、"指出目的"的句式用语

1. 主要用场

指出研究目的句型在英语科学论文中反复出现,这类句型用语比较集中地使用在论文的摘要、引言、讨论、结论等部分。

指出研究目的的常用表达有: "本文的主要目的……", "该项工作主要是关于……", "该项工作的主要目的是……", "该项研究的主要目的是……", "该项实验主要是为了……"等等。

2. 常用句式

- (1) 本文的主要目的是 ……
- ① The purpose of this paper is…
- 2 The primary goal of this research is...
- 3 The intention of this paper is to survey...
- 4 The overall objective of this study is...
- ⑤ In this paper, ··· was provided (given, illustrated)
- 6 Our goal has been to provide...
- 7 In this paper, we aim at...
- The emphasis of this study lies in...
- (2) 该项工作是关于 ……
- ① The present work is concerned with the processes underlying…
- 2 The above work deals with the mechanism involved in…
- 3 Our work at present is devoted to the changes occurring in...
- ④ The work we have done bears on the effects produced by...
- ⑤ The work we are doing is closely related to the deliberations described in . .
- © Compared with the current research, the previous work was in connection with the investigation made by...
- 7 The work presented in this paper focuses on several aspects of the following...
- The authors are now initiating some experimental investigation to establish...
- Our studies were performed to determine the amount of...
- 11 The problem we have outlined deals largely with the study of ...
- (3) 该项工作的主要目的是…
- ① The chief aim of the present work is to investigate the features of …
- 2 The main purpose of our recent work was to examine the properties of ...
- 3 The major object of their further work will be research into the nature of...
- ④ Our work in this direction has been intended to provide some information about…
- The work which is being done now is designed to find some solution to the problem of...
- 6 Work of this kind has been started in order to assess the role of ...
- 7 Previous work in this area was initiated in the hope of obtaining data in...
- We did this work hoping to establish…
- The authors undertook the work with a view to show...
- By doing this work we expect(ed) to demonstrate…
- (11) Doing this joint work, we intend(ed) to show...
- (12) The primary objective of our work was to define the reasons for redundant protection systems and give examples of systems used in ...
- (13) With research of many years, the author's endeavour is to explain why in...
- (14) The above-mentioned work has been performed with a view of ...
- (4) 该项研究的主要目的是 ...
- ① The chief aim of the present study is to find out…
- 2 The primary object of this fundamental research will be to reveal the cause of ...
- The main objective of our investigation has been to obtain some knowledge of...
- 4 The study of ... was made in order to clarify...

- ⑤ The above study has been carried out to determine…
- 6 Their(pioneer)studies were intended to elucidate...
- 7 Those earlier investigations are in hopes of providing evidence for...
- We performed this present study in the hope that we might bring to light some facts about…
 - The authors attempted their studies in order that they might...
 - 1 We undertook the above study to the end that we might...
 - (11) They initiated the present study so that they might...
 - (12) Carrying out this study we hope to find out...
 - (13) Performing these studies the author intended to reveal…
 - (14) With recent research, the author intends to outline the framework of ...

(5) 该项实验主要是为了

- ① We made these experiments in order to show a correlation between…
- - 3 Experiments on ... were made in order to measure the amount of ...
 - 4 Experiments involving ... have been carried out to determine ...
 - ⑤ Experiments using this technique are (not)under way test(check) …
 - 6 Experiments on ... are made to answer the question whether ...
 - 7 The experiment being made by our research group is aimed at obtaining the result of ...
 - We have designed such an experiment for the purpose of ...

三、"限定范围"的句式用语

1. 主要用场

限定主题范围的句式用语,在英文科学论文中常出现在"引言"和"讨论"中。限定主题范围时的常用表达有:"该问题是关于······的研究","该问题在······范围之内(外)","该问题涉及到······范围","该问题可进一步推广到······范围"等等。

- 2. 常用句式
- (1) 该问题是关于 …… 的研究
 - ① This problem is concerned (chiefly) with the study of ···
 - 2 The problem of \cdots deals (largely)with the determination of \cdots
 - ③ The problem they have advanced bears on the elucidation of …
 - 4 The problem to be discussed in this paper is related closely with...
 - ⑤ The problem described previously was directed to the example of…, which differs from…
 - ⑥ The problem under investigation involves some significant agreements and disagreements in···
- (2) 这是研究……的问题
 - ① The problem concerned with the nature of \cdots
 - 2 The problem relating to the influence of ...
 - The problem which deals with the role of...
 - 4 The problem which bears on the effect of ...
 - 5 The problem in connection with...
 - 6 The problem as mentioned previously in...

- (3) 该问题在……范围之内(外)
 - ① The problem is within the scope of …
 - 2 Our problem lies beyond the range of ...
 - 3 The problem you have just outlined seems to be outside of the province of...
 - 4 The problem the authors have raised goes off the limits of ...
 - ⑤ The problem I have referred to falls within the field of…
 - ⑥ The problem under discussion is not within the scope of…
- (4) 该项研究涉及到 …… 范围
 - ① Studies of these effects cover(ed)various aspects of
 - ② Investigations on ··· involve(d) also specific situations.
 - ③ Our studies with this technique are confined to one particular aspect.
 - 4 More recent studies by this worker were chiefly concerned with the influence of ...
 - ⑤ The research on the conventional techniques explains well the phenomenon of
 - 6 The new findings from the experiment agree to the result obtained in...
- (5) 该研究进一步推广到……范围
 - ① The authors have extended their studies to some other related species.
 - ② We hope to expand our investigations to include other materials.
 - ③ The research we have done deserves further studies.
 - 4 The investigation carried out by the experts suggests an increase of the application in ...
 - ⑤ The approach under study predicates a wider range of application.

四、"说明理论"的句式用语

1. 主要用场

说明有理论根据的句式用语,在英语科学论文中常出现在引言、实验描述及讨论等部分。 说明理论根据时常用表达如下:"该理论是……提出来的","该理论的内容(特点)是……"; "根据该理论,可以得出……","该理论认为 ……","应用该理论能(或不能)说明……" 等等。

- 2. 常用句式
- (1) 该理论是 …… 提出来的
 - ① The theory of...was created 50 years ago
 - ② The alternative theory was constructed in 50's.
 - ③ The theory of ··· was developed in the 1930's ···
 - 4 The theory of ••• was elaborated in the early 70's.
 - ⑤ The theory of ··· was formulated as early as 1900.
 - 6 The theory of was advanced as long ago as the 1860's.
 - 7 The theory of was put forward as far back as 1897.
 - The theory of was proposed last year.
 - The theory of was suggested the year before last year.
- (2) 该理论的内容(特点)是……
 - ① Underlying this theory is the idea that…
 - 2 The underlying concept of this theory is...
 - 3 The underlying principle of the theory is as follows...
 - 4) This is an alternative theory that…

- 5 This is a similar theory to the effect that ...
- 6 This is a working theory which is based on the idea that...
- 7 A basic feature of this theory is ...
- ® The fundamental feature of this theory is as follows.
- The theory is characterized by...
- in the outstanding features of the theory.
- (3) 根据该理论,可得出 ……
 - ① According to B's theory both processes occur simultaneously.
 - 2 As follows from the theory by N, such situations lead to...
 - 3 As can be seen from the theory and theory advanced by such interactions are the basis of ...
 - ④ In the light of the theory ,we have developed a variation method to handle such problems.
 - 5 Based on the theory, the author has obtained sufficient information from recent experiments with...
- (4) 该理论认为…
 - ① The kinetic theory holds that…
 - 2 This newly-developed theory maintains that...
 - ③ The theory advanced by···claims that···
 - 4 The theory of ...predicts that...
 - 5 The principal concept of the theory lies in...
 - 6 The investigating theory...
- (5) 应用该理论(不)能说明……
 - ① We can interpret these findings in terms of the above theory.
 - ② We cannot explain these phenomena using the above theory.
 - ③ We can hardly explain these findings applying this theory.
 - 4 These findings can be interpreted in terms of the above theory.
 - ⑤ Such phenomena cannot be explained on the basis of this theory.
 - 6 The theory can (not) apply to other cases of ...
 - The theory developed by is valid (invalid) for other species.
 - X's theory proved to be true for all steps of ...
 - The above theory has been verified by many other authors.
 - 1 This very peculiar theory can be applied to a wider range of experiments in ...

五、"描述实验"的句式用语

1. 主要用场

描述实验过程的句式用语,顾名思义常用在与实验有关的段落之中。描述实验情况时的常用表达为"该项实验具体包括······","到······,从未有过该项实验研究","进行该项实验,以便检验·····","该项实验证实(未能证实),·····"等等。

- 2. 常用句式
- (1) 某项实验(所用设备)包括……
 - ① The experiment consisted of three steps, which are described in Table 3.
- ② The test equipment which was used consisted of five force-measuring transducers and two recording instruments furnished by…
 - ③ Included in the experiment were a high- pressure vessel assembly, 2 UA -3 uranium

analyzers, and a complete 100*50*50 cm soil bin.

- ④ All high-pressure hydrogen creep rupture tests were carried out in specially designed high pressure equipment rated at…
- ⑤ The winch is composed of the following main parts: a welded frame, a safety-brake clutch, a chain drum and a worn reducing gear.
- (2) 到……,从未有过某方面的实验
 - ① An experiment of the kind has not been made.
 - ② The kind of experiment you have in mind has never been carried out until now.
 - ③ The kind of experiment you mentioned would not be undertaken in the near future.
 - ④ So far we have not performed any experiment of this kind.
 - ⑤ Until now the authors have not attempted any field experiments of…
 - 6 Researches on the mobility of ions in neutral gases began more than 75 years ago, but very accurate data obtained through actual experiments have not appeared as yet.
 - 7 ··· However, no direct experimental measurements of this have been reported.
- (3) 进行该项实验,以检验……
 - ① We (have)carried out several sets of experiments to test the validity of…
 - 2 They undertook many experiments to support the hypothesis which...
 - ③ We initiated experiments to prove…
 - 4 They have undertaken special experiments to disprove...
 - ⑤ A number of experiments were performed to check…
 - 6 Many studies have to be attempted to verify...
 - 7 More than one set of experiments must be initiated to substantiate...
- (4) 某项实验证实(未能证实) ……
 - ① Experiments by M and his associates (have) showed…
 - 2 Recent experiments in this area (have) suggested that...
 - 3 The present series of experiments (have) indicate(d) that...
 - 4 The experiments reported here (have) demonstrate (d)
 - (5) These experiments involving ··· confirm(ed) our evidence that ···
 - 6 Our experiments with ··· failed to prove ···
 - 7 These highly-technical experiments support(ed) our assumption that...
 - Our initial experiment confirms that the choice of concept is correct.
- The above-mentioned experiment has proved the newly –developed technique is very reliable.
 - (II) This conclusion is also supported by the experiment as has been described previously.

六、"介绍方法"的句式用语

1. 主要用场

介绍研究(实验)方法的句式用语,在英语科学论文中常见于摘要(资料型摘要)、引言、实验描述及建议等部分,介绍研究方法时的常用表达如:"该方法首先由······发明(使用)","该方法与其他方法有 ······差别","应用该方法可以进行······工作","该方法称为······","使用该方法已获得······"等。

- 2. 常用句式
- (1) 该方法首先由……发明(利用)

- 2 The method of ... was first applied by B.
- ③ The method of … was first used by A in the early XXth century.
- 4 The method of ··· was first brought into used by C.
- ⑤ The method of ··· came into use as long ago as 1920.
- ⑥ The original proposal of this method was first made and published in 1963.
- 7 The method of making a frequency standard was not invented till the existence of ...
- (2) 该方法与其他方法有……差别
 - ① The method of ··· does not differ at all the routine one
 - ② The method of we use differs greatly from the one used earlier.
 - ③ The method they developed is somewhat different from the conventional one.
 - 4 The new technique is quite different from the old one.
 - ⑤ The newly-elaborated technique has something (nothing, little) in common with the one previously used.
 - The method of deriving a program described here differs from previous practice in that...
- (3)应用该方法可以进行……工作
 - 1) The method allows us to demonstrate...
 - 2 This technique enables us to observe…
 - 3 The above procedure makes it possible to defect...
 - 4) This method is capable of providing...
 - ⑤ By the method we are able to investigate the insight of ...
 - 6 We have adopted the integrated filtering cell approach to miniaturize the prototype.
 - 7 The method proves to be useful in...
 - ® The interpretation effects were successfully evaluated by employing AIA.
- (4) 该方法可称为(描述为)…
 - ① The method used is known as…
 - 2 The technique we applied is referred to as...
 - ③ The procedure the followed can be briefly described as …
 - 4 The approach adopted extensively is called…
- 5. Since the method was first put in use, we might as well name it as...
- (5) 用该方法已获得 ……
- ① We have obtained this information from recent experiments with…
- ② Detailed information has been acquisited by the authors using X-ray analysis.
- ③ The researches have recorded valuable data using the newly-developed method.
- 4 The experts in the research center are satisfactory with the experimental results achieved by the application of…

七、"展示结果"的句式用语

1. 主要用场

展示研究结果的句式用语,在英语科学论文中常见于摘要、实验结果、结果与讨论及结论等部分。展示研究结果时常用的表达有:"该项研究结果说明了……","根据该项研究结果可以得出……","该项工作提供了……结果","该项实验取得了……结果","……概括了该项结果"等。

- 2. 常用句式
- (1) 该项研究说明(指出、揭示)了……

- ① The studies we have performed show(ed) that these particles are responsible for …
- 2 These pioneer studies that the authors attempted have indicated marked variations in...
- ③ We carried out several studies which have demonstrated that the substance acts on …
- 4 The research we have done suggests an increase in...
- 5 The investigation carried out by ... has revealed no resistance of ...
- 6 Our research has supported the assumption that…
- 7 Their studies have confirmed the opinion that…
- This research bore out the idea that...
- Laboratory studies of ···did not furnish any information about ···
- (II) Our research carried out to the same effect failed to reveal any variations in...
- (11) Recent research into the nature of ... fails to support the theory that...
- (12) Most recent studies showed no changes in...
- (13) Further research reveals no evidence of...
- (14) All our preliminary results throw light on the nature of...
- (2) 根据该项实验结果可得出 ……
- ① More recent experiments in this area lead us to conclude that the phenomenon is related to …
- ② Most recent experiments to the same effect have led the authors to believe that the mechanism is out of action.
- 3 Further experiments in this area have enabled these workers to suggest that...
- 4 As a result of our experiments, we concluded that...
- ⑤ From our experiments, the authors came to realize that…
- 6 From these experiments one can conclude that…
- (3) 该项工作提供了(没有得出) ……结果
- 1 This fruitful work gives explanation of ...
- 2 Their fundamental work provides some knowledge of ...
- ③ The author's pioneer work has contributed to our present understanding of…
- 4 This joint work of many years has led to further progress in...
- ⑤ Our integrated work of the past few years adds to our current concept of…
- ⑥ The research work has brought about a discovery of…
- The research by workers (has) result(ed) in a solution of ...
- Our work on (has) failed to give ...
- Their initial work with ··· did not result in ···
- 10 This initial work with ··· did not result in ···
- (11) Further work in this field failed to contribute to...
- (12) These findings of the research has led the author to a conclusion that...
- (4) 该项实验(研究)取得(没有取得)……结果
- ① Some results of ··· are obtained in the experiment with ···
- 2 Sufficient result for ... has been observed with the new method ...
- 3 Further progress can be provided by these experiments...
- 4 No clear advancement has (so far)been see in…
- 5 No direct outcome was then reported in...
- ⑥ No such finding could be available in…
- 7 No further result can be found with that technique.

- No experimental evidence has come to the studies of ...
- (5) 某数据(图、表)总结(概括)了从……得到的……结果
- 1) Figure 3 shows the results obtained form studies of...
- 2 Table 5 presents the data provided by the experiments on...
- 3 This table summarized the data collect during the experiment of ...
- ④ The results reported above have been shown in Figure 1.
- ⑤ Our experimental data briefly summarized as follows.
- ⑥ Some of the authors' findings are listed in tables.

八、"作出评价"的句式用语

1. 主要用场

研究成果评价的句型用语,在英语科学论文中常见于:摘要,讨论及结论等部分。从狭义上讲,研究成果评价是论文作者对自己所做工作的评价,从广义上讲,这种评价不仅限于对个人工作的评价,同时也包括作者对别人的评价,提出自己的观点和见解。作出评价时,肯定和否定是两种最基本的评价。

- 2. 常用句式和词语
- ① The author's work on ... has been very successful
- ② Our work involving studies of ··· did not prove to be encouraging.
- ③ The new information has been insufficient to indicate that the change is dramatic.
- ④ On of the assets of this technique is that it is very simple.
- ⑤ The theory by ··· seemed quite competent.
- 6 We consider the new idea quite likely a suitable one
- The data available in literature are quite important.
- The newly-developed method has certain advantages over the existing methods.
- The author has satisfactorily come to a conclusion that...
- These highly-technical experiments failed to provide any correlation between...
- (11) The theory of ··· did not explain how much modifications arose.
- (12) These findings are not consistent with the current theory.
- (13) The above hypothesis seems rather interesting.
- (14) So far there is not enough convincing evidence showing...
- (15) The data obtained appear to be very similar to those reported earlier by...
- (l6) There may be a different approach to the above findings
- (17) Our experimental result does not seem to suggest the following assumptions

利用上述句式,表示肯定评价的形容词,如: good, satisfactory, competent, convincing, adequate, reliable, correct, valid, helpful, fruitful, successful, stimulating, attractive, interesting, promising, exciting, careful;, profound, comprehensive, useful, encouraging, extensive, clear, sufficient, etc.

表示否定评价的形容词,如: deficient, faulty, inadequate, incomplete, unconvincing, unsatisfactory, meaningless, unreliable, incorrect, wrong, invalid, confusing, inexplicit, contradictory, controversial, divergent, puzzling, conflicting, ambiguous, insufficient, etc.

英语科学论文的写作句型用词方面有一定的规律可循。为了避免不必要的重复,有利于 比较地道,规范的英语表达,有助于写作中的多样表述,并遵循科学论文的写作规律,本文 对常用句式用语进行分类选择。根据表达科学研究成果的一般逻辑思维顺序和科学论文的结 构程式,写作英语科学论文时常用句型用语可作如下分类:①指出研究目的,常用句型用语54条;②限定主题范围,常用句型用语30条;③说明理论依据,常用句型用语36条;④描述实验过程,常用句型用语30条;⑤介绍工作方法,常用句型用语32条;⑥展示研究结果,常用句型用语46条;⑦作出科学评价,常用句型17条及48个表示肯定或否定的形容词。实践表明,集中掌握这些常用的型用语,对于写好英语科学论文大有裨益。