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Question and Answer of the Week 你问我答 Sometime, some time, sometimes, some times 区别是什么?



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Question

你好,请问"sometime、some time、sometimes"和"some times"有什么区别?

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这位听众想知道这四个看似非常相近的说法之间有何不同。无论是从拼写上还是从读法上来看,它们都非常相近,但我们不能把它们随意互换使用。

先来对比"sometime"和两个词组成的"some time"。为了帮助大家更好地区分它们之间的区别,来听一个包含了这两个说法的例句。

Example

If you have some time, we should catch up sometime.

(如果你有时间的话,我们可得找个时间聊聊。)

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"If you have some time, we should catch up sometime." 前半句中,"if you have some time" 当中的"some time"是两个词,意思是"一些时间,一段时间";后半句中,"we should catch up sometime"的"sometime"是副词,意思是"某个时候"。所以,这句话的意思就是"如果你有时间的话,我们可得找个时间聊聊":If you have some time, we should catch up sometime.

帮大家梳理一下: "sometime"作副词时表示"过去或将来的某个时间"。来通过三个例句,巩固这个用法。

Examples

I can't remember exactly when I saw her, but I am pretty sure it was sometime last week.

(我不记得具体是什么时候见到她的了,但我确定那是上周的某个时候。)

This photo was taken sometime in the late 90s.

(这张照片拍摄于九十年代后期的某个时间。)

I enjoyed hanging out with you lot today. Let's do it again sometime.

(我今天和大家玩得很开心。找个时间再聚一次吧!)

Jiaying

接着,复习一下分开的"some time"的意思。"Some time"指"有一段时间,一些时间"。听三个例句。

Examples

Excuse me. Have you got some time to help me?

(不好意思,请问你有时间帮我个忙吗?)

It took me some time to figure out how to solve this maths problem.

(我花了好些时间才想出解答这个数学问题的方法。)

You should spend some time with your family – they're more important than your work.

(你应该花些时间陪陪家人,他们比你的工作更重要。)

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说完了 "sometime" 和 "some time",来讲讲另外两个易混说法: "sometimes" 和 "some times"。 "Sometimes"是频度副词,意思是"有的时候",表示动作或事情偶尔发生,频率介于"often(经常)"和"seldom(不常)"之间。听三个例句。

Examples

Sometimes you do things that surprise me.

(有时候你做的事情出乎我的意料。)

Life can be hard sometimes.

(人生有时很艰难。)

Sometimes they don't speak to each other for days.

(有时他们会几天都不和对方讲话。)

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最后,我们说说由单词"some"和"times"组成的搭配"some times"。"Some times"的意思是"几次,几回"。这里的"times"是可数名词"time(次数)"的复数形式。听两个使用了"some times"的例句。

Examples

He has a bad temper. There were some times he even shouted at me. (他脾气不好。有几回他甚至冲我大喊大叫。)

There were some times the two of them got on well, but most of the time they couldn't stand each other.

(他俩有那么几次相处得还不错,但大多数时候他们受不了对方。)

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归纳一下 "sometime、some time、sometimes" 和 "some times"的主要区别: "sometime"的意思是"某个时间";分开的"some time"表示"一段时间";频度副词"sometimes"表示"有时";而分开的"some times"则指"几次,几回"。

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