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内容概要

《外语教学指导与学术研究系列丛书：中国学习者对于英语动词习惯性》主要包括：Chapter One：Acquisition of Formulaic Sequences，Chapter Two：The Nature of Formulaic Sequences and How to Learn and Teach Them，Chapter Three：Study Questions and Methodology，Chapter Four：Data Analyses，Chapter Five：Findings and Discussion，APPENDICES，References等。

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Irujo (1986b) suggests four reasons for L2 learners' difficulties in learning idioms, the most fixed part of formulaic sequences. The first reason is the non-literality of idioms. Idioms are not literal and their meanings are not the combinatory meanings of the constituent words. To make things worse, most idioms also have their literal counterparts, which make them even harder to learn. For instance, the verbal formulaic sequence to kick the bucket has an idiomatic meaning "to die", but it is also possible that someone really uses his foot to kick a container of the type "bucket". A native speaker will quickly realise whether the literal meaning or the idiomatic meaning of an idiom is intended in a certain context, while the L2 learners are left trying to figure out the figurative meaning from the literal meanings of the constituent words. Furthermore, sometimes native speakers use idioms creatively to achieve some rhetoric effect such as irony, sarcasm and humour, which "adds yet another layer of difficulty for the [L2] learner" (Prodromou 2007: 17). The second reason is the L2 learners' insufficient exposure to idioms. Idioms are frequently omitted in the speech addressed to L2 learners (foreigner talk). Just as mothers use well-tailored caretaker speech to address their children, native speakers tend to use simple, concrete, everyday vocabulary to address L2 learners. In most cases, the use of idioms is either reduced or completely avoided when addressing an L2 learner (Henzl 1973; Kellerman 1977). In L2 classroom settings, teacher talk rarely contains individual new words, about 2.75 new words per 500 words of speech (Schmitt 2008: 341), let alone the use of new formulaic sequences. Other one-way input like movies and radios, etc. is not helpful to the acquisition of such formulaic sequences because, for acquisition to occur, the learners need interactions in addition to input (Long 1982). The third reason lies in the correct use of idioms. Even if L2 learners have mastered the meanings of some English idioms, they still have difficulties in using them correctly according to situational appropriateness and grammatical constraints (Seidl and McMordie 1978). For example, although most verbal formulaic sequences are fixed sequences (like phrasal verbs), the verbs still need to be put in the correct tense form and the pronouns must agree with their antecedents. The last reason is that most teaching materials for L2 learners pay scarce attention to idioms. Idioms are either ignored completely or simply listed in the "fixed expressions" part of vocabulary lists, without providing sufficient exercises or other necessary aids (e.g. the vocabulary list in College English Curriculum Requirements (CECR) issued by the Educational Committee of China 2007).

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