**1-A**

**deviate**
**vi.**
start doing sth. different from what is expected or agreed 背离；偏离

**preclude**
**vt.**
(fml.) prevent sth. or make sth. impossible 阻碍；阻止；妨碍
Better options may come along later, and taking the first option will preclude them from being free for the later and better ones. 后面可能会出现更好的选择，选了第一个他们就无法自由选择后面更好的了。

**premier**
**a.**
(only before noun) best, largest, or most important 最好的；最大的；最重要的
The best women players from 56 nations began to compete for what is the premier team prize in women's tennis. 来自56个国家的最好的女子选手开始竞夺女子网球最重要的团体奖。
**n.**
[C] a prime minister 首相；总理
Today's paper reports that the premier has given up the idea of visiting his hometown. 今天的报纸报道说，总理已经放弃了访问其故乡的想法。

**whereby**
**ad.**
(fml.) used for saying that sth. is done according to the method, arrangement, rule, etc. that has been referred to 凭那个；借以
Officials proposed a system of double-checking on traders whereby they would be obliged to list every item exported and imported. 官员们提出了一个对贸易商进行复核的制度，这样贸易商将被迫列出进出口的每一个项目。

**civic**
**a. (only before noun)**
1 relating to the people who live in a town or city or the duties and responsibilities that they have as citizens 公民的；市民的
She felt it was her civic duty to give the police the names of the destroyers. 她觉得向警察提供那些破坏者的名字是她作为一个市民的责任。
2 relating to a town or city 城镇的；城市的
He takes on a lot of responsibilities, both at work and in civic affairs. 在工作和市政事务方面他承担了许多责任。

**patriotic**
**a.**
feeling a lot of love, respect, and duty toward your country 爱国的；有爱国心的
The Chinese people have a glorious patriotic tradition, and they are great peace-loving people. 中国人民具有光荣的爱国传统，是伟大的、热爱和平的人民。

**clear-cut**
**a.**
definite and easy to understand, recognize, or make a decision about 明确的；清楚的
You have to be really clear-cut about who you are and what you're trying to achieve. 你必须真正清楚你是谁，你想达到什么目的。

**inhibit**
**vt.**
make it difficult for a process to start or continue in a normal way 阻碍；妨碍；抑制
This strict supervision of their activities will make them less decisive and may inhibit them from giving orders or taking charge of the situation. 对他们行动的这种严密监控将使他们优柔寡断，还可能会妨碍他们发布命令、掌控局势。

**scholarly**
**a.**
1 sb. who is scholarly knows a lot about a particular subject or studies sth. seriously 博学的；学问精深的
This extraordinarily scholarly young man had already advanced far in the study of art. 这位学问极其渊博的年轻人已经在艺术研究领域取得了卓越的成绩。
2 connected with scholars or the formal study of a subject 学者的；学术的
Recently, scholarly research is showing that marriage, by and large, makes people happier, healthier, and better off financially. 近来，学术研究大多显示婚姻使人更幸福健康，经济上更富裕。

**idiot**
**n.**
[C] (infml.) sb. who behaves in an extremely stupid way 笨蛋；傻子

**bypass**
**vt.**
1 avoid dealing with sb. or sth., esp. because you think you can achieve sth. more quickly without using them （做某事时）避开，越过（某人）
A flexible plan can allow us to bypass unnecessary tasks and ignore unimportant interruptions. 一个灵活的计划可以让我们避开不必要的任务，忽略不重要的干扰。
2 avoid the center of a town or city by using a road that goes round it 绕过；绕…走
Roadways, bridges, overpasses, and interchanges could run through or bypass urban areas. 公路、桥梁、天桥和立体交叉道穿过或绕过城区。

**persecution**
**n.**
[C, U] extremely bad treatment of sb., esp. because of their race, religion, or political beliefs （尤指因种族、宗教或政治信仰而进行的）迫害，残害
Unfortunately, the persecution of religious minorities has been common in the history of the world. 遗憾的是，在世界历史上，对宗教少数派的迫害很常见。

**misfortune**
**n.**
1 [C] sth. harmful or unpleasant that happens to sb. 不幸的事；灾难
Very often, comedians use the misfortunes in their personal life to create jokes and make other people laugh. 很常见的是，喜剧演员用他们个人生活中的不幸来制造笑料，给其他人带来笑声。
2 [U] bad luck 厄运；不幸
I have no doubt that the misfortune of a serious illness in his family caused his financial difficulties. 我可以肯定他家人不幸得了重病导致他经济困难。

**glamor**
**n.**
[U] a special quality that makes a person, place, or situation seem very exciting, attractive, or fashionable 魅力；吸引力
She has the glamor of a movie star as it is rarely seen in office environments. 她具有电影明星的魅力，而这种魅力在职场是很少见的。

***glamorous***
**a.**
attractive and interesting in an exciting and unusual way 极富魅力的；非常吸引人的
She became an entertainment journalist because she wanted to spend her working life in the glamorous world of celebrities and top politicians. 她成为了一名娱乐新闻记者，因为她想在风光无限、满是社会名流和著名政治家的圈子里工作。

**tragic**
**a.**
causing or involving great sadness, because sb. suffers or dies 可悲的；悲惨的；不幸的；悲剧性的
When she heard about her husband's tragic experience, she could hardly choke back her tears. 当她听到自己丈夫的不幸经历时，几乎无法抑制住自己的眼泪。

**spur**
**n.**
[C] sth. that encourages sb. to do sth. 刺激；激励；鞭策；鼓舞
The soccer team's manager said that the team's success on Saturday would be a spur which would lead to even greater effort this season. 这支足球队的经理说球队周六的胜利将会鼓舞球队在本赛季更加努力。
**vt.**
1 encourage sb. to do sth. 刺激；激励；鞭策；鼓舞
The promise of bonuses or gifts can spur workers to higher achievement. 承诺给工人奖金或礼品可以激励他们取得更大的成绩。
2 cause sth. to happen 使发生
The discovery of diamonds and gold spurred wealth and immigration in this region. 钻石和黄金的发现使该地区财富激增，并引发了涌往该地区的移民潮。

**optimism**
**n.**
[U] a tendency to be hopeful and to expect that good things will probably happen 乐观；乐观主义
Although they were poor, disabled or ill, they faced life with optimism and vigor. 虽然他们贫穷、残疾或疾病缠身，但他们乐观而充满活力地面对生活。

**dedication**
**n.**
[U] the large amount of time and effort that sb. spends on sth. 奉献；献身
The volunteers' dedication and support have been invaluable for the Art Association's funds and for managing them effectively. 在艺协基金及其有效管理上，志愿者的奉献和支持是非常宝贵的。

**commend**
**vt. (fml.)**
1 praise sb. or sth. formally or publicly （正式或公开）表扬，称赞，表彰
I would like to commend you for the support you give with your excellent articles to rural artists and craftspeople. 我十分赞赏你通过精彩的文章而给予农村艺术家和手艺人的支持。
2 tell sb. that a person or thing is good, useful, or suitable 推荐
I don't usually commend everyone who does a good job; I only commend people who do an excellent job. 对工作干得好的人我不是都推荐，我只推荐工作成绩优异的人。

**uphold**
**vt.**
(fml.) show that you support sth. such as an idea by what you say or do 支持；拥护；维护
The president swore to uphold the constitution. 总统宣誓维护宪法。

**endeavor**
**n.**
[C, U] an effort to do sth., esp. sth. new or difficult 努力；尽力
Driving is a serious endeavor and all drivers must remain alert, awake, and aware to reduce the number of accidents on the roads. 驾车是一个严肃认真的行为，所有的司机都必须保持警觉，头脑清醒，尽力减少道路事故的发生。
**vi.**
(fml.) (~ to do sth.) try very hard to do sth. 努力做（某事）；尽力做（某事）
They endeavor to tell the stories behind each picture, allowing visitors to see paintings of landscapes with a greater understanding. 他们尽力去讲述每幅画背后的故事，让参观者欣赏风景画时有更深层的理解。

**statesman**
**n.**
[C] an experienced political leader that many people respect 政治家

**diligent**
**a.**
(fml.) sb. who is diligent works very hard and very carefully 勤奋的；用功的
Both ants and bees are extremely diligent insects. Therefore, we have a saying for a person who works very carefully and hard: "He is as diligent as a bee." 蚂蚁和蜜蜂都是极其勤劳的昆虫。因此，对那些工作认真努力的人，我们有句俗话说得好：“他像蜜蜂一样勤劳。”

***diligently***
**ad.**
勤奋地
He worked diligently and spent long hours in the laboratory. 他工作勤奋，大量的时间都花费在了实验室。

**pursuit**
**n.**
[U] the process of trying to achieve sth. 追求；寻求
The main reason for the changes was the pursuit of profit. 作出这些改变主要是为了追求利润。

**ranch**
**n.**
[C] a very large farm in the western US or Canada, where cows, horses, or sheep are bred （美国或加拿大西部的）大牧场

**prestige**
**n.**
[U] the high reputation and respect that sb. or sth. has earned, based on their impressive achievements, quality, etc. 声望；名望；威信
The old universities of Oxford and Cambridge still have a lot of prestige. 古老的牛津大学和剑桥大学仍然享有很高的声望。

**circuit**
**n. [C]**
1 a series of places that are regularly visited by sb. involved in a particular activity （与某种活动相关的人）定期前往的一系列场所
2 the complete path that an electric current flows around 电路；回路；线路
3 a journey all the way around the edge of sth. 环形路线

**unprecedented**
**a.**
1 never having happened or existed before 前所未有的；史无前例的
The vice-president would take the unprecedented step of using federal money to raise the salaries of some teachers. 副总统将采取史无前例的措施，利用联邦基金来提高部分教师的工资。
2 the greatest in size, amount, degree, etc. that has ever been known （大小、数量、程度等）前所未知的，空前的
In the late 1950s, the slaughter of dolphins began on an unprecedented scale. 20世纪50年代后期，对海豚前所未有的大规模屠杀开始了。

**nominate**
**vt.**
officially suggest that sb. should be given a job, or that sb. or sth. should receive a prize 提名；推荐
The private school's director nominated Mr. Williams as his official representative at the conference. 在这次会议上，该私立学校的校董提名威廉斯先生为他的官方代表。

**appoint**
**vt.**
1 choose sb. to do a particular job or have a particular position 任命；委派；指派
He was hospitalized last week, the next day after he was appointed to the finance ministry. 他上周在被委派到财政部任职后的第二天就住院了。
2 (fml.) choose a time or place for sth. to happen 确定，指定，约定（时间或地点）
His young instructor failed to turn up at the appointed time. 在约定的时间，他的年轻导师没能出现。

**abortion**
**n.**
[C] a medical operation in which a developing baby is removed from a woman's body so that it is not born alive 人工流产；堕胎

**expend**
**vt.**
(fml.) use time, energy, money, etc. to do sth. 花费；消耗；支出
We will have to expend all our energies on the development of our communities rather than on political party quarrels. 我们必须把所有的精力放在社会发展上，而不是政党之争上。

**threat**
**n.**
1 [C, U] a situation or activity that could cause harm or danger 危害；威胁
Even the most security-conscious computer user is under constant threat from computer viruses. 即使是最具有安全意识的计算机用户也常常面临计算机病毒的威胁。
2 [C] an occasion when sb. says that they will cause you harm or problems, esp. if you do not do what they tell you to do 恐吓；威胁
Officials say they received a bomb threat at about 9:30 a.m. 官员们说上午9:30左右他们收到了炸弹恐吓。

**inward**
**a.**
1 (only before noun) felt or experienced in your own mind but not obvious to other people 内心的；精神的
The story caters to everyone's inward yearning for success. 这个故事迎合了大家内心追求成功的渴望。
2 going toward the inside or center of sth. 向内的；向中心的
It is useful to consider the external and inward factors of landscaping for the new building. 考虑一下新建筑环境美化的内外部因素是有用的。

**robust**
**a.**
1 firm and determined 坚定的；强硬的
I would prefer to take a robust attitude. 我宁愿采取坚定的态度。
2 (of a person) strong and healthy （人）强壮的，强健的
The healthy and robust young man has a glorious future before him. 这个年轻人身强力壮，前途辉煌。

**maintain**
**vt.**
make sth. stay the same; keep 保持；维持
Only a few people nowadays are able to maintain friendships into adulthood. 如今只有少数人能将友谊维持到成年了。

**slack**
**vi.**
try to avoid working 偷懒；逃避工作
He felt so tired after the long journey that he ignored his job and began to slack off when he was at work. 长途旅行后他感到非常疲倦，于是对工作漠不关心，开始在工作中偷懒。
**a.**
1 loose and not pulled tight 松弛的；不紧的
After being washed too many times, the elastic band in her skirt became slack, and she had to replace it with a new one. 她裙子上的松紧带洗的次数太多了，都变松了，她不得不换了条新的。
2 not taking enough care to make sure sth. is done well 松懈的；懈怠的；疏忽的
Since he came into power one month ago, the new mayor has done a lot to change the slack image of his city's government. 自从一个月前上任以来，新市长做了许多工作来改变市政府的懒散形象。

**transcend**
**vt.**
(fml.) become free of negative attitudes, thoughts, or feelings that limit what you can achieve 超越，摆脱（消极的态度、思想或情绪）
She was able to transcend her own suffering and help others. 她能够战胜自身的痛苦并帮助他人。

**handicap**
**n. [C]**
1 a disadvantage that prevents you from doing sth. well 障碍；不利条件
Smoking is a known handicap to sleep. 人们已知吸烟对睡眠不利。
2 (old-fashioned) a physical or mental injury or illness that is severe and permanent （身体或智力的）缺陷，残疾（该词现在被认为具冒犯义）
Often some physical or mental handicap prevents a child from learning. 身体或智力上的某种缺陷常常妨碍孩子学习。

**feat**
**n.**
[C] sth. impressive that sb. does 技艺；业绩；功绩
This feat has never been approached by any player in baseball history. 在棒球历史上，这一业绩还没有任何选手达到过。

**Phrases and expressions**

**remove sth. / sb. from sth.**
take sth. or sb. away from a place 移开；拿开；去掉；从…机构开除
The new computerized system removed 700 people from their jobs. 新系统的计算机化使得700人失去了工作。

**deviate from sth.**
be different from sth.; do sth. differently from what is usual or expected 背离；偏离；违背
Those who deviate from one part of the plan are almost certain to deviate from the whole in the end. 偏离部分计划的人最终几乎一定会背离整体计划。

**preclude sb. from doing sth.**
prevent sb. from doing sth. 阻止某人做某事；妨碍某人做某事
Better options may come along later, and taking the first option will preclude them from being free for the later and better ones. 后面可能会出现更好的选择，选了第一个他们就无法自由选择后面更好的了。

**write sb. / sth. off**
decide that sb. or sth. is a failure or not worth paying any attention to 认定…失败（或没有价值、不可救药等）
Don't write John off too soon; he may surprise you! 不要过早放弃约翰，他也许会出乎你的意料！

**fail in sth.**
not be successful in achieving sth. 做…失败；未能做到…
I'm sorry to tell you that your friend failed in his attempt to get the position. 很抱歉地告诉你，你朋友争取得到这个职位的尝试失败了。

**triumph over**
defeat sb. or sth.; be successful 打败；战胜；成功
The Qin triumphed over six rival states and emerged as the only power posed to unify China. 秦国战胜了六国对手，成为统一中国的唯一强权。

**in (the) pursuit of sth.**
in the process of looking for or trying to find sth. 在追求…的过程中；在寻求…的过程中
Unfortunately, not every magazine is produced and edited in the pursuit of excellence. 遗憾的是，不是每本杂志的制作和编辑都力求卓越。

**work one's way to / through / into**
achieve sth. gradually by working （通过努力）逐步达到
He spent 16 years with one company and worked his way into a top management position. 他在一家公司干了16年，通过努力最后成为了公司高层。

**act as**
perform a particular role or function 充当；起作用
My dictionaries act as great helpers in my study. 我的字典是我学习中的好帮手。

**fall down**
fail because of a particular reason or in a particular way 不足；不够好
The local authority is falling down on the job of keeping the streets clean. 地方政府没能做好保持街道整洁的工作。

**1-B**

**stricken**
**suffix-~**
used with some nouns to describe people or things affected by serious problems or unpleasant emotions （与某些名词连用）受…侵袭的
A majority of young couples are well-educated even in the poverty-stricken areas. 大部分年轻夫妇都受过良好的教育，即使在贫困地区。
**a.**
1 affected by serious problems such as injury or illness 患病的；受伤的
She was too hurt to argue and too stricken with pain to reason with him. 她感觉太受伤害而不愿争辩，太痛苦而不愿和他理论。
2 damaged or destroyed by a bomb, fire, flood, etc. 罹难的；受侵害的；受灾的；遭损失的
Fire broke out on the stricken ship and two helicopters raced in to help put it out. 出事轮船爆发了火灾，两架直升机迅速赶往现场帮助扑救。

**prospective**
**a. (only before noun)**
1 likely or expected to happen 可能发生的；预期的
He was worried about the prospective loss of muscle mass resulting from his lack of exercise at the job; therefore, he went to the gym every morning before work. 他担心由于工作中缺少锻炼，肌肉量会减少，因此每天上午工作前他会先去健身房健身。
2 likely to be or become a particular thing 可能的；有希望的
The plain look of these houses discourages many prospective buyers. 这些房屋的简朴外观使很多潜在买家很失望。

**destined**
**a. (never before noun)**
1 certain to do sth. or certain to happen in the future 注定的；肯定的
She liked Yeats well enough, for she could see that he was destined for a great future. 她非常喜欢叶芝，因为她能看得出来他是注定有远大前程的。
2 (~ for) intended for a particular purpose or person 指定的；预定的
The country had a production capacity of around 1,100,000 tons of steel a year, of which about half was destined for domestic use and the rest for export. 该国的钢产量约为每年110万吨，其中约一半用于满足国内需要，剩余的用于出口。

**jockey**
**n.**
(infml.) sb. whose work involves the use of a particular object or machine 操作者

**celebrity**
**n.**
1 [C] a famous person, esp. in entertainment or sport （尤指娱乐界、体育界的）名人，名流
Because celebrities are on such a high platform, we think going to the shops or the movies doesn't exist in their lives. 名流们身居高处，所以我们认为逛商店去影院在他们的生活中是不存在的。
2 [U] (fml.) the state of being famous 出名；著名
She wanted to stay in the public eye to keep her celebrity status. 她需要一直处于公众视野内以保持其出名度。

**indulge**
**v.**
allow yourself to have or do sth. that you enjoy （使）（自己）沉湎于；（让自己）享受一下
She indulged herself in idle daydreams. 她让自己沉溺于无聊的白日梦中。
**vi.**
(~ in) become involved in sth. that people do not approve of 沉迷于，沉溺于（不被认可的事物）
This proposal is what we should be concentrating on, rather than indulging in ambitious yet not immediately helpful plans. 这个提议才是我们应该一直专注的，而不是沉迷于野心勃勃、眼下却无用的计划。

**masterpiece**
**n. [C]**
1 an excellent painting, book, piece of music, etc., or the best work of art that a particular artist, writer, musician, etc. has ever produced 杰作；名著；大作
Every year, millions of tourists travel to Paris to see da Vinci's masterpiece, *the Mona Lisa*. 每年都有数百万的游客到巴黎欣赏达•芬奇的名作《蒙娜•丽莎》。
2 an extremely good example of sth. 典范
The architect's most recent design is a masterpiece of harmony, where the building blends in with its natural surroundings. 该建筑师的最新设计是一个和谐的典范，建筑与周围的自然环境融为一体。

**aggravate**
**vt.**
1 annoy sb. 激怒；惹恼
I remained silent because I didn't want to aggravate him. 我保持沉默，因为我不想激怒他。
2 make sth. bad become worse, esp. a situation or a medical condition 使（尤指局势或病情）恶化；加剧
His problems were aggravated by his refusal to wear glasses, without which his eyesight was very poor. 使其问题更为严重的是，他拒绝戴眼镜，而如果不戴眼镜，他的视力非常糟糕。

**scorn**
**vt.**
treat sb. or sth. as if they do not deserve your approval or respect 看不起；鄙视
He scorned the girls who worshipped the football heroes. 他藐视那些崇拜足球明星的女孩们。
**n.**
[U] a feeling that sb. or sth. is not good enough to deserve your approval or respect 轻蔑；鄙视
He had nothing but scorn for my ideas. 他对我的建议只有轻蔑。

**nonetheless**
**ad.**
(fml.) despite what has just been said 然而；不过
This traffic ticket is unjust and undesirable, but nonetheless it is a fact. 这张交通罚单是不公平的，也令人讨厌。尽管如此，这已是既成事实。

**renowned**
**a.**
famous and admired for a special skill or achievement 有名望的；著名的
By 1980, the normal university had developed into a nationally renowned university. 这所师范大学到1980年已经发展成了一所国内知名大学。

**enterprise**
**n. [C]**
1 a large or important project, esp. one that is new or different （尤指全新或不同的）事业，计划
This new enterprise is taking all of our time. 这一新计划占据着我们全部的时间。
2 a business company or organization 企业；公司；事业单位
The fast development of an enterprise will give its employees the opportunity to discover their potential. 企业的快速发展将给员工带来挖掘自身潜力的机会。

**layout**
**n.**
[C] the way in which sth. such as a room, building, or city is arranged 陈设；布局；安排
The layout of the road system is not only a function of history and geography, but is also linked to the local and regional development patterns. 道路系统如何布局不仅受历史和地理因素的影响，而且也跟当地及地区发展模式相关。

**dubious**
**a.**
1 not sure about the truth or quality of sth., or whether you should do sth. 无把握的；怀疑的
I am still dubious about the plan. 我对这个计划还是表示怀疑。
2 not completely good, safe, or honest 令人怀疑的；不确定的；靠不住的
Professor Smoller looked only once at John's dubious report, and he knew that John had bought it from the Internet. 斯莫勒教授对约翰令人生疑的报告只看了一遍，就知道这个报告是他从互联网上买来的。

***dubiously***
**ad.**
怀疑地；疑惑地
When he came home from the party, Aileen was looking dubiously at her husband who forgot to tell her that he was leaving and where he was going. 当丈夫聚会后回到家时，艾琳一脸迷惑地看着他，因为他忘了告诉她他要出去，也没说要去哪里。

**straw**
**n.**
1 [U] the yellow stems of dried crops such as wheat （干燥的）麦秆，稻草，禾杆
2 [C] a long thin paper or plastic tube that you use for drinking （喝饮料用的）吸管

**expertise**
**n.**
[U] special skill or knowledge that you get from experience, training, or study （从经历、培训或学习中得来的）特殊技能，专门知识
The government will offer incentives to people with expertise in technology to go working in these underdeveloped regions. 政府将鼓励技术上有专长的人到这些欠发达地区工作。

**blunt**
**a.**
saying what is true or what you think, even if this offends or upsets people （言语）率直的，直言不讳的，直截了当的
You should be a bit more delicate and not so very blunt with people; it offends them. 你要更巧妙细致一点，对人不要太直接，这样会冒犯别人的。

***bluntly***
**ad.**
speaking in a direct and honest way, even if this offends or upsets people 率直地；直言不讳地；直截了当地
Maybe I delivered my opinion more bluntly than I should have, but I had always been honest with him. 也许我发表意见不应该过于直率，但是我过去与他一直都是坦诚相待的。

**bust**
**n.**
[sing.] (infml.) (mainly AmE) a complete failure 彻底的失败
There's a type of rapid expansion, which might be called the irrational boom that always leads to a bust. 有一种快速扩张，也可称之为非理性的繁荣，总是会招致失败。

**adore**
**vt.**
love sb. very much 疼爱；爱慕；崇拜
She is a world-famous opera singer, and her fans adore her as the queen of classical music. 她是世界知名的歌剧演员，歌迷们推崇她为古典音乐皇后。

**persuasive**
**a.**
good at making people agree to do or believe what you want them to 有说服力的；能使人信服的
If it's a sales position, go all out to show how well-spoken and persuasive you are. 如果这是一个销售职位，就尽全力去展示一下你的好口才和说服力。

**cater**
**v.**
1 (~ to / for) provide a particular group of people with the things they need or want 满足，迎合（某群人的需要）
Our high-tech company caters to our employees' growing desire to work from home. 我们的高科技公司迎合了雇员越来越想在家办公的愿望。
2 provide food and drinks at an event （为…）提供饮食，承办酒席
The restaurant is capable of catering food for several hundred people. 这个饭店能为数百人提供饮食。

**overtime**
**n.**
[U] extra hours that sb. works at their job 加班（时间）
The firm had taken steps to control overtime and to ensure engineers were taking an adequate amount of breaks. 公司已经采取措施控制加班，以确保工程师能够得到充足的休息。

**posture**
**n.**
1 [C, U] the position your body is in when you sit, stand, or walk 姿势；姿态；仪态
Ballet dancers and fashion models have excellent posture. 芭蕾舞演员和时装模特儿都姿态优美。
2 [C] an attitude, or the way sb. behaves toward other people 态度；行为方式
He analyzed himself and realized his posture toward his boss and co-workers needed improvement, or else he might lose his job. 他对自己进行了分析，意识到自己对老板和同事的态度需要改善，否则自己就将失去工作。

**panel**
**n. [C]**
1 the part of a vehicle or machine where the switches and other instruments are found （交通工具或机器的）仪表板，面板
The total length of all the control panels in this modern machine may be more than 100 feet long. 在这部现代化的机器中所有控制面板的总长度可能有100多英尺。
2 a group of people who make decisions or judgments 评判小组
A panel of international experts are presently working on computer programs which will accurately translate from one language into another. 一个国际专家组目前正在开发可以把一种语言准确地译成另一种语言的计算机程序。

**disciplined**
**a.**
well organized and following rules or standards 训练有素的；遵守纪律的
Many sports are a form of disciplined warfare. 很多体育运动就像一种训练有素的战争。

**alleviate**
**vt.**
make sth. less painful, severe, or serious 减轻；缓解；缓和
These strong pills will alleviate your pain. 这些强效药丸将减轻你的疼痛。

**doom**
**vt.**
(usu. passive) make sb. or sth. certain to fail, be destroyed, be extremely unhappy, etc. 注定，命定（失败、毁灭或极不高兴等）
Negative thinkers feel helpless because they have learned to believe they're doomed regardless of what they will do. 消极思想者感到无助，因为他们已经认定，不管做什么，他们都命该如此。
**n.**
[U] a bad event, usu. death, destruction, or complete failure, that will happen in the future and cannot be avoided 厄运；劫数
There are some people who believe that the earth is on the countdown of doom, and that everyone will die on the "day of doom". 有些人相信地球正处在毁灭倒计时中，而所有的人都将在“世界末日”那天死亡。

**murmur**
**v.**
say sth. in a very quiet voice 咕哝；小声说
When they are explaining how something works, many Americans expect the listener to nod or to murmur, such as "mm-hmm". 美国人在解释工作原理的时候，他们期望聆听者能点点头或者小声回应一声，比如“哦”。
**vi.**
(fml.) complain in a quiet or secret way about sb. or sth. 低声抱怨；私下发牢骚
All of his friends didn't know what to say when Charles began to murmur a little foolishly. 当查尔斯有点愚蠢地开始低声抱怨时，所有的朋友都不知道该说什么。
**n.**
[C] sth. that is said in a very quiet voice 低声说出的话；低语
There were murmurs of approval and disapproval about the new work schedule; however, no one spoke up what they were thinking about these changes. 对于新的工作计划，既有同意也有反对的窃窃私语声。然而，没有人说出自己对这些变化的想法。

**frantic**
**a.**
extremely worried and frightened about a situation, so that you cannot control your feelings （因极端焦急恐惧而）发疯似的，情绪失控的
I don't mind telling you that I've been almost frantic with worry this last half-hour. 我不介意告诉你，这最后半个小时我几乎担心得要疯了。

**grin**
**vi.**
smile showing your teeth 露齿而笑；咧嘴笑
When Mary received permission from her parents to buy the expensive shoes she liked, she couldn't help but grin. 当玛丽得到父母允许去买那双自己喜欢的昂贵鞋子时，她忍不住咧嘴笑了。
**n.**
[C] a big smile that shows your teeth 露齿笑；咧嘴笑
He was standing in the doorway, a big grin on his face. 他站在门口咧着嘴笑。

**blink**
**v.**
close your eyes for a very short time and quickly open them again 眨（眼）
When we work at the computer for too many hours, we forget to blink, and our eyes become irritated and tired. 当我们在电脑前工作时间过长的时候，我们会忘了眨眼，眼睛就会不适、疲劳。
**vi.**
shine with an unsteady light; flash on and off （灯）闪烁；闪亮
In the US, during the Christmas holiday season, people decorate the outside of their homes with numerous, sometimes countless little lights which blink after dark. 在美国，人们在圣诞节期间会把房子外部用很多的——有时甚至是多到数不清的——小灯泡装饰，这些小灯泡到了晚上就闪闪发光。
**n.**
[C, usu. sing.] the act of closing and opening your eyes quickly 眨眼睛
If he is notably relaxed, the blink rate of his eye may drop to a subnormal 20 or less. 如果他极其地放松，他眨眼的速率就会低于正常值，降到20或者更低。

**hoist**
**vt.**
1 lift sb. or sth. to a higher place 提起；举起
Sighing, the girl hoisted her backpack on to her shoulder. 那女孩长吁一口气，把她的背包提起来背在肩上。
2 increase the amount or value of sth. 提高（数量或价值）
The government hoisted interest rates to 15 percent on Thursday. 政府周四把利率提高到了15%。

**flip**
**vi.**
(~ on / off) press a button or switch in order to turn a machine, etc. on or off 按（开关）；开（或关）（机器等）
At the end of the movie, when they flipped on the lights, everyone directed their attention to the actor who had been in the audience watching the film together with all the other people. 当电影结束他们把灯光打开的时候，每个人都把注意力投向了那个演员，他就坐在观众中与所有其他人一起看的这部电影。
**v.**
turn over into a different position with a sudden quick movement, or make sth. do this （使）快速翻转，迅速翻动
Harry was flipping the pages over when suddenly the title of a poem caught his eye. 哈里正在快速翻着书页。突然，一首诗的标题引起了他的注意。

**eloquent**
**a.**
expressing what you mean using clear and effective language 雄辩的；口才流利的
Mr. Zhang never managed to become an eloquent speaker, not even after many years of speaking before public audiences. 张先生从来就没能成为一个雄辩的演说家，哪怕他已在公众面前演说了许多年。

***eloquently***
**ad.**
雄辩地；口才流利地
*The Declaration of Independence* eloquently expressed the colonies' reasons for proclaiming their freedom. 《独立宣言》雄辩地表达了殖民地宣告自由的原因。

**rap**
**vi.**
talk using rhythm and rhyme, usu. over a strong musical beat 说唱
The band has been rapping at local clubs. 这个乐队一直在当地俱乐部里表演说唱。
**v.**
hit sth. hard and quickly 猛敲；急拍
She rapped on the table with her pen. 她用钢笔敲打着桌子。
**n.**
1 [C] a quick hard hit, or the sound of this 叩击（声）；轻敲（声）
There was a series of raps on the window. 有一连串敲击窗户的声音。
2 [U] a way of talking using rhythm and rhyme, usu. over a strong musical beat 说唱
Among young people all over the world, the art of rap has become a popular form for expressing feelings of both frustration and joy. 在全世界的年轻人当中，说唱艺术已经成为表达失意和快乐情感的流行形式。

**mingle**
**vi.**
move around and talk to a lot of people, esp. at a social event （尤指在社交场合）四处走动与人交谈
Glasses in hand, the chatting groups mixed and mingled, and greeted each other with glad cries as if they hadn't seen each other for years. 聊天的人们手里拿着酒杯聚集在一起，四处走动，彼此欢快地高声打招呼，仿佛他们已经多年不见。
**v.**
combine or make one thing combine with another （使）混合
Now the cheers and applause mingled in a single sustained roar. 此时欢呼声和掌声混在一起，形成了一阵持续的喧嚣。

**dazzle**
**vt. (usu. passive)**
1 impress sb. a lot, e.g. with your beauty, intelligence, or skill （用美貌、智力或技能）使倾倒，使赞叹不已
We are dazzled by the colors of the rainbow in the ice. 我们对冰上的七色彩虹赞叹不已。
2 if a strong light dazzles you, it is so bright that you cannot see for a short time（强光等）使目眩，使眼花
He might have been dazzled by the glitter around him. 他也许是被周围的闪光弄花了眼。
**n. [sing., U]**
1 the extreme brightness of a light that makes you unable to see for a short period of time 耀眼；目眩
As the rock group is singing on stage, a dazzle of green and red spotlights explodes onto the platform in front of them. 当摇滚组合在舞台上演唱的时候，红红绿绿的聚光灯突然令人目眩地投射到他们身前的舞台上。
2 an extremely impressive quality 光彩夺目的品质；令人赞叹的品质
This film combines the dazzle of Hollywood with the calm style of British cinema. 这部片子把好莱坞电影的迷人之处和英国电影的冷静风格融为一体。

**applause**
**n.**
[U] the sound of many people hitting their hands together and shouting, to show that they have enjoyed sth. 掌声；鼓掌
His speech was met with loud applause. 他的讲话赢得了热烈的掌声。

**propel**
**vt. (usu. passive)**
1 cause sb. to do a particular thing or cause sth. to happen 驱使；促使；导致
Truman had been propelled into the presidency through the sudden death of Franklin Roosevelt on 12 April, 1945. 1945年4月12日，富兰克林 • 罗斯福的突然死亡把杜鲁门推上了总统的位置。
2 move or push sb. or sth. forward 推进；驱动
Franklin suggested new ways to propel a ship through the water or to stop or slow it down. 富兰克林提出了帆船水中推进、停止和减速的新方法。

**icon**
**n. [C]**
1 sb. who is very famous and who people think represents a particular idea 偶像；崇拜对象
In the 1950s, Chaplin was one of the icons of the Beat Generation. 在20世纪50年代，卓别林是“垮掉的一代”中的一名偶像级人物。
2 a small sign or picture on a computer screen that is used to start a particular operation （计算机屏幕上可用鼠标点击的）图标
This is the area of the screen that displays the icons of programs installed on your computer. 屏幕的这块区域显示安装在你电脑上的程序图标。

**Phrases and expressions**

**destined to do sth.**
having a future which has been decided or planned at an earlier time, esp. by fate 预定；注定；（尤指）命中注定
Unfortunately, as was the case so many times, history was destined to repeat itself. 不幸的是，正如多次所发生的那样，历史注定要重演。

**serve as**
be suitable for a particular use, esp. when nothing else is available 被用作…；充当…；起…的作用
Remains of plants on the ground serve as a natural fertilizer and help support the roots of future crops. 地面上植物的残余物可以用作天然肥料，为未来农作物的根系提供滋养。

**be wrapped up in sth.**
give so much of your attention to sth. that you do not have time for anything else 把全部精力放在某事上（以至于没有时间关心别的事）
She didn't pay much attention to her family and her friends because she was completely wrapped up in a world of her own. 她并不怎么关注家人和朋友，因为她完全沉浸于自己的世界。

**take sb. on**
start to employ sb. 开始雇用某人
The company is taking on extra staff to cope with the growing work load due to increasing demand for their products. 公司正在另外招收员工，以应对随产品需求增加而越来越大的工作压力。

**work overtime**
spend time working at your job in addition to your normal working hours 加班
The workers are demanding higher pay because their manager often makes them work overtime. 工人们要求涨工资，因为经理经常让他们加班。

**hang out (with)**
(infml.) spend a lot of time in a particular place or with particular people 泡在某处；与…经常在一起
Sometimes people came into the coffee shop to hang out and meet other people. 有时人们进咖啡店是为了休闲和交友。

**soak sth. up**
learn sth. quickly and easily 迅速吸收；轻松学会（知识）
A detached perspective can allow the mind to soak up ideas and to put them together in new ways. 一个客观的角度可以让思维吸收各种观点并以新的方式将这些观点进行整合。

**in anticipation of sth.**
if you do sth. in anticipation of an event, you expect it to happen and you prepare yourself for it 预料某事；期待某事
Sandra could hardly wait any longer in anticipation of the examination result. 桑德拉期待着考试成绩，几乎都等不及了。

**on (the) air**
be broadcasting on the radio or television at the present moment 正在广播
People offered to raise whatever sum of money needed to keep the Community Radio Station on the air. 人们表示愿意筹集维持社区电台广播所需的一切款项。

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**waterproof**
**a.**
not allowing water to enter 防水的；不透水的
I can wear my watch when I swim because it is waterproof. 游泳时我可以戴手表，因为我的表是防水的。
**n.**
[C, usu. pl.] a jacket or coat that does not allow rain and water through it 防水衣物；雨衣
You'll need waterproofs in such changeable weather. 天气如此多变，你会用得着雨衣的。

**jetty**
**n.**
[C] a wide wall or flat area built out into the water, used for getting on and off boats 栈桥；突堤；登岸码头

**notorious**
**a.**
famous or well-known for sth. bad 臭名昭著的；声名狼藉的
The bar has become notorious as a meeting place for drug dealers. 这家酒吧作为毒贩子接头的场所已变得声名狼藉。

**hop**
**vi.**
jump up or move somewhere quickly 快速行走；弹跳
The insect hopped from place to place, but always returned as soon as the search was over. 这虫子到处乱跳，只要人们不再找它，便又跑出来了。

**oust**
**vt.**
force sb. out of a position of power, esp. so that you can take their place （尤指为取而代之而）迫使（某人）放弃职位；把…撵走
The team was ousted from the tournament in the first round of the play-offs. 该队在季后赛的首轮就被淘汰出联赛了。

**feeble**
**a.**
1 extremely weak 非常虚弱的；无力的
Her grandfather is very old and feeble, and he only gets around in a wheelchair. 她爷爷年迈体弱，只能靠轮椅走动。
2 not very good or effective 蹩脚的；无效的；站不住脚的
Students who give feeble excuses for their missing assignments annoy their teacher very much. 那些没交作业的学生给出的理由很蹩脚，这让老师十分生气。

**recede**
**vi.**
1 become less strong or likely 减弱，减小（可能性）
With the passage of time, my unhappy memories of that place receded. 随着时间的流逝，我对那个地方的不愉快记忆渐渐淡了。
2 move back from a high point or level （从高处）后退
As the tide receded, we were able to look for shells. 潮水退去，我们可以找贝壳了。

**deem**
**vt.**
(fml.) consider that sb. or sth. has a particular quality 认为
The principal will take whatever action he deems appropriate in this case. 在这种情况下，校长会采取他认为适当的任何行动。

**pathetic**
**a.**
1 making you feel pity or sympathy 招人怜悯的；可怜的
The starving children were a pathetic sight. 饥饿的儿童看起来很凄惨。
2 useless or not effective in an annoying way 没用的；无效的
I know it sounds pathetic, but I can't ride a bike. 我知道这听起来挺窝囊，但我就是不会骑自行车。

**mob**
**n.**
[C] (infml.) a group of people of the same type 同类的一群人
The road was blocked by a rioting mob. 闹事的人群把路堵上了。

**gasp**
**vi.**
1 breathe in suddenly, e.g. because you are surprised, shocked, or in pain （因惊讶、惊吓或痛苦而）倒抽气，喘气，喘息
They gasped in astonishment at the news of their team's victory at the Olympic Games. 他们听到球队在奥运会上获胜的消息惊讶得倒抽了一口气。
2 make a violent effort to breathe because you need more air 急促地喘气；猛地吸气
Shortly after giving me a pill, my mother rushed me to the hospital because I had an allergic reaction and was gasping for breath. 母亲给我服下一粒药丸后不久就火速送我去了医院，因为我出现了过敏反应，呼吸急促。

**catastrophe**
**n.**
1 [C] an event which is very bad for the people involved 麻烦；困境；不利的局面
The attempt to expand the business during this time of recession was a catastrophe for the firm. 在这种萧条时期尝试扩展业务使这家公司陷入了困境。
2 [C, U] a terrible event in which there is a lot of destruction, suffering, or death 灾难；大祸；严重的不幸
Flooding is a major catastrophe, which tends to cause a heavy loss of life. 洪水是重大灾难，容易引发大量伤亡。

**tide**
**n.**
[C] the way that the level of the sea regularly rises and falls during the day 潮；潮汐

**bleak**
**a.**
1 without anything to make you feel happy or hopeful 没有希望的；令人沮丧的
The news in recent weeks has been rather bleak. 近来几周的消息都相当不好。
2 cold and without any pleasant or comfortable features 阴冷的；阴郁的
It was early March; it had been drizzling on and off all day. It was a little bleak. 时令是三月初，成天细雨蒙蒙，时断时续；天气有点阴冷。

**tow**
**n.**
[sing.] the activity of pulling one vehicle behind another （车辆的）拖，拉
My car broke down but luckily someone gave me a tow. 我的车抛锚了，但幸亏有人让我把车挂在他车后拖行。
**vt.**
pull a vehicle or boat by fixing it to another vehicle or boat 拖，拉，牵引（车辆或船只）
The car broke down, and we had to call Roadside Assistance to come and tow the car to a mechanic's shop. 汽车抛锚了，我们只得呼叫道路救援赶来把车子拖到修理厂。

**intervene**
**vi.**
become involved in an argument, fight, or other difficult situation in order to change what happens 干预；介入；插手
The police have been involved but are reluctant to intervene in family conflicts. 警察来了，但他们不愿介入家庭纠纷。
**v.**
interrupt sb. when they are speaking 打岔；插话
Her face shows her disagreement with what is being said. But she doesn't intervene. 她的表情说明她对正在说的话并不赞同，但她没有插话。

**appraise**
**vt.**
(fml.) officially judge how successful, effective, or valuable sth. is 评定；鉴定；估价
If you want to know how much this old painting is worth, have it appraised by an art dealer. 如果你想了解这幅古画价值多少，那就找一位艺术品经销商来估一下价。

**symptom**
**n. [C]**
1 sth. wrong with your body or mind which shows that you have a particular illness 症状
You need to see a doctor at the first sign of symptoms of the flu. 一旦发现有流感症状，你就要去看医生。
2 a sign that a serious problem exists （严重问题存在的）征兆，征候
High interest rates are a symptom of a weak economy. 高利率是经济孱弱的征兆。

**underestimate**
**v.**
think or guess that sth. is smaller, cheaper, easier, etc. than it really is （对…）估计不足；低估；看轻
One should not underestimate the consequences of the world's population explosion. 我们不应低估世界人口爆炸的后果。
**vt.**
think that sb. is not as good, clever, or skillful, as they really are 轻视，小看（某人）
I wouldn't underestimate her if I were you — she's smarter than you think. 我要是你的话，我不会小看她——她比你想象的要聪明。

**midst**
**n.**
[U] (fml.) (in the ~ of sth.) while sth. else is happening 当某事发生的时候
It will be a pleasure to see you in the midst of your work and to have the opportunity of meeting your students. 能在您工作中与您见面并有机会见到您的学生，将是一件让人十分高兴的事。

**paralyze**
**vt. (BrE paralyse) (often passive)**
1 make sb. unable to think or behave normally, esp. by frightening them （尤指通过恐吓）使丧失思考能力，使丧失正常行为能力，使呆若木鸡
Most people fear public speaking. The thought of standing alone in front of and speaking to a large audience can paralyze you. 大多数人都害怕公共演说。一想到要独自站在一大群听众面前讲话就会吓得不知所措。
2 make sb. lose the ability to move their body or a part of it 使瘫痪；使麻痹
As a result of his injuries, he has become partially paralyzed on his left side. 受伤后他身体左侧已经处于半瘫痪状态。

**impromptu**
**a.**
not planned or prepared 未计划的；即兴的；即席的；无准备的
This is not a formal party, and I don't know how many people will come because it's completely impromptu. 这不是一个正式的聚会，我也不知道有多少人会来，因为这是即兴组织的。

**ridge**
**n. [C]**
1 sth. long and thin that is raised above the things around it 脊；垄；棱纹
2 a long area of high land, esp. at the top of a mountain 山脊

**whirl**
**v.**
turn or spin around very quickly, or make sb. or sth. do this （使）急转；（使）迅速旋转
Tom whirled his girlfriend across the dance floor. 汤姆拥着他的女朋友从舞池的一边旋转到另一边。

**athletic**
**a.**
1 physically strong and good at sport 强壮的；擅长运动的
She looked magnificent, her athletic figure showing to its best in the tightly fitting black jacket. 她看起来棒极了，紧身黑夹克将她健美的身材衬托到极致。
2 (only before noun) relating to athletics 运动的
All tickets for the swimming competition were sold out, and we couldn't watch this popular athletic event. 游泳比赛的票都已售罄，我们不能观看这一大受欢迎的赛事了。

**dismay**
**n.**
[U] the worry, disappointment, or unhappiness you feel when sth. unpleasant happens 忧虑；失望；沮丧
To his dismay, she left him and fell in love with Peter. 令他失望的是，她离开了他，爱上了彼得。
**vt.**
make sb. feel worried, disappointed, and upset 使担心；使失望；使忧虑
He was dismayed at the change in his old friend. 他对于老朋友所发生的变化深感忧虑。

**batter**
**v.**
hit sb. or sth. again and again, in a way that hurts sb. or causes damage 殴打；连续猛击；撞击
During the war, the city was battered by bombs. 战争期间，这座城市遭受了轰炸。

**vicious**
**a.**
1 violent and cruel in a way that hurts sb. physically 凶险的；会造成伤害的
This was a wicked crime that was particularly vicious and brutal. 这是一桩伤天害理的罪行，尤其恶劣残暴。
2 unpleasantly strong or severe 剧烈的；恶劣的
I had suffered from a vicious headache for days. 几天来我一直忍受着剧烈头痛之苦。

**clarity**
**n. [sing., U]**
1 the ability to be seen or heard clearly 清晰度
This remarkable technology provides far greater clarity than conventional x-rays. 这一神奇的技术比常规的X射线清晰得多。
2 the quality of expressing ideas or thoughts in a clear way 清晰；清楚；明确
His additional explanation simply promoted confusion rather than clarity. 他进一步的解释只是添乱而非澄清。

**paw**
**v.**
if an animal paws sth., it touches it several times with its foot 用爪子抓（或挠）
Every night before her dinner, my dog would run to paw my knee. 我的狗每天晚饭前都会跑来抓我的膝盖。
**n.**
[C] an animal's foot that has nails or claws （动物的）爪子
She looked at the dog, who was licking his injured paw and rubbing his sore nose. 她看了看狗，它正舔着受伤的爪子，磨蹭着红肿的鼻子。

**derail**
**vt.**
(mainly journalism) prevent sth. from continuing in the way it was planned 使离开正常进程；扰乱
Hopefully, those territorial disputes won't derail the ongoing peace process between the two countries. 希望领土上的争端不会扰乱两国间的和平进程。
**v.**
make a train go off the railroad tracks, or go off the tracks （使）（火车）出轨
The train derailed in heavy snow. 火车在大雪中脱轨了。

**perish**
**vi.**
(fml.) die, esp. in a terrible or sudden way 死亡（尤指惨死或猝死）
A large number of people perished from hunger and thirst. 很多人死于饥渴。

**forcibly**
**ad.**
1 using physical force 用强力；用武力
She managed to separate the fighting boys forcibly. 她强行把打架的孩子们分开了。
2 in a way that has a strong clear effect 清楚有力地
When they read the fallen soldiers' names, it struck me very forcibly. 当他们读到阵亡士兵的名字时，我被深深地震撼了。

**escort**
**vt.**
1 take sb. somewhere, esp. when you are protecting or guarding them 护送；护卫
He will escort you, your mother and father on your journey. 他一路上会护送你和你父母。
2 go with sb. and show them a place 陪同（某人）游览；给（某人）当导游
He escorted me to the library upstairs. 他陪同我去了楼上的图书馆。

**practicable**
**a.**
(fml.) able to be done or used successfully 可行的；能实行的
The idea is interesting but not practicable, I'm afraid. 这个主意很有趣，但恐怕不可行。

**brink**
**n.**
[sing.] (the ~ of sth.) a situation when you are almost in a new situation, usu. a bad one （某事物的）边缘（一般指即将面临坏情况）
We must help these children; they are on the brink of starvation. 我们必须帮助这些孩子，他们正处在饥饿的边缘。

**ascend**
**v.**
(fml.) rise; go up; climb up 上升；升高；登高
The air thins as we ascend high to the top of the mountain. 随着我们向山顶高处攀登，空气变得稀薄了。

**salvation**
**n. [U]**
1 in the Christian religion, the state of being saved from evil （基督教中）对灵魂的拯救，救赎
In church, she prays for salvation on the day of doom. 在教堂里，她祈祷最后审判日能得到救赎。
2 sth. that prevents or saves sb. or sth. from danger, loss, or failure 解救物；救星；救助者
Tourism has been the salvation of this country. 旅游业拯救了这个国家。

**hug**
**vt.**
put your arms around sb. and hold them tightly to show love or friendship 拥抱
As they parted, he put his arms around her shoulders to hug her goodbye. 当他们分别时，他用双臂搂着她的肩膀，拥抱道别。
**n.**
[C] the action of putting your arms around sb. and holding them tightly to show love or friendship 拥抱；紧抱
He stopped to receive hugs and kisses from his fans. 他停下来接受崇拜者的拥抱和亲吻。

**weary**
**a.**
1 very tired or bored, esp. because you have been doing sth. for a long time （尤指因长期做某事而）筋疲力尽的，非常疲劳的，厌烦的，厌倦的
Come in and eat with us; I'm sure you must be weary from your long journey. 我想你长途旅行一定劳累了，进来跟我们一起吃吧。
2 (esp. literary) very tiring 令人疲倦的
They finally set out on the long, weary journey home. 他们终于踏上了漫长而令人疲惫的归家之路。

**Phrases and expressions**

**pull to a stop**
stop moving 停下
They pull to a stop where the group is gathered. 他们在人群聚集的地方停下。

**sick to one's stomach**
feeling that food you have eaten is going to come out of your stomach through your mouth 想呕吐的
A pregnant woman may feel sick to her stomach all day long. 孕妇会成天感觉反胃。

**black out**
become unconscious 晕厥；失去知觉
We had a lot of wine, but we didn't drink enough to black out. 我们是喝了很多酒，但我们还不至于喝到醉得不省人事。

**pop up**
appear, sometimes unexpectedly 突然出现；冒出来
For years, Chinese billionaires began to pop up most frequently in Forbes magazine. 数年来，中国的亿万富豪频繁出现在《福布斯》杂志排行榜上。

**stop short**
suddenly stop speaking or stop what you are doing, because sth. has surprised you or you have just thought of sth. （在说话或做事时因吃惊或想到某事而）突然停下
He stopped short when he heard his name. 听见有人喊自己的名字，他突然停下了。

**plow through sth.**
move through sth. with a lot of difficulty 艰难费力地通过
She had a special VIP pass and plowed through the waiting crowd in front of the theater. 因为有特殊贵宾卡，她从剧院门前等候的人群中挤了过去。

**throw oneself into / at / on / down, etc.**
move or jump somewhere suddenly and with a lot of force 突然猛力地冲进 / 扑向 / 跳到 / 扑倒等
Seeing his mother, the boy threw himself into her arms. 小男孩一见到自己的母亲，马上扑进了她的怀抱。

**make one's way**
go toward sth., esp. when this is difficult or takes a long time 行进（尤指艰难地，或需要很长时间时）
When his name was called, he made his way to the stage. 当他听到叫自己名字时，他朝着舞台走去。

**let oneself go**
relax completely and enjoy yourself 放松自己；放纵自己
He really lets himself go when he's out partying with friends. 他外出和朋友聚会时会彻底放松。

**grab for / at sth.**
quickly and suddenly put out your hand to try and catch or get sth. （迅速伸手）抓住
He grabbed for the ball but missed. 他去抢球，但没抢着。

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 **transcontinental**
**a.**
crossing a continent 横贯大陆的
She could not endure the transcontinental trip and became ill many times. 她难以忍受横贯大陆的旅程，病了很多次。

**briefcase**
**n.**
[C] a flat case used esp. by business people for carrying papers or documents 公文包；公事包

**lofty**
**a.**
1 seeming to think you are better than other people 高傲的；傲慢的
She behaved disrespectfully and showed a lofty disregard for everyone else's objections. 她举止无礼，对其他每个人的反对都不屑一顾。
2 (of thoughts, aims, etc.) deserving to be admired because of their high standards or high moral qualities （思想、目标等）崇高的，高尚的
Your pure heart and lofty spirit will win you friends wherever you go. 你心灵纯洁，精神崇高，不管走到哪儿都会有朋友的。
3 (of mountains, buildings, etc.) very high and impressive （山、建筑物等）巍峨的，高耸的
The immense elevation of Mount Emei is quite lofty, as if it were reaching for the clouds. 峨眉山巍峨挺拔，高耸入云。

**paperback**
**n.**
[C] a book with a stiff paper cover 平装书；简装书

**altitude**
**n.**
[C] the height of an object or place above the sea level 海拔（高度）
People who are not properly prepared for climbing very high mountains can suffer from "altitude sickness". 对爬特别高的山准备不当的人可能会得“高空病”。

**vertical**
**a.**
pointing up in a line that forms an angle of 90° with a flat surface 垂直的；直立的
We were going across an almost vertical mountainside, when we were completely stopped by a huge rock in front of us. 我们在通过几乎垂直的山坡时，被前面一块巨大的岩石完全堵住了去路。

***vertically***
**ad.**
垂直地；直立地
The cliff rose vertically to the sky. 悬崖陡峭，直插云霄。

**tilt**
**v.**
1 move or make sth. move into a position where one side is higher than the other （使）倾斜着移动
The ground was starting to tilt, and Mike instinctively looked for something to grab onto. 地面开始倾斜，迈克本能地想找个东西抓住。
2 move a part of your body, esp. your head or chin, upward or to the side （使）倾斜；（使）倾侧
She tilted her head sideways, and then smiled. 她把头歪向一边，然后笑了。

**turbulence**
**n.**
[U] irregular and violent movements of air or water that are caused by the wind （由风造成的空气或水的）湍流，不稳定的强气流

**evaporate**
**vi.**
disappear, esp. by gradually becoming less and less （逐渐）消失，消散，衰减
Her confidence had now completely evaporated. 她的信心已消失殆尽。
**v.**
(cause sth. to) change into vapor and disappear（使）蒸发
After a long period of dry weather without any rain, the lake had completely evaporated. 长时间干旱无雨，湖水已经完全蒸发了。

**plight**
**n.**
[usu. sing.] a very bad situation that sb. is in 困境；苦境
The recent cut in funding will only contribute to the hospital's financial plight. 近来资金削减只会造成医院的财务困境。

**regarding**
**prep.**
concerning a particular subject 有关；关于
During her office hours, the teacher talked with the student regarding his missing homework. 在办公室答疑时间，老师跟这名学生谈及了他未交的作业。

**necessitate**
**vt.**
(fml.) make it necessary for you to do sth. 使成为必要；需要
New safety regulations necessitated adding a railing to the stairs. 新的安全条例要求给楼梯加上护栏。

**abort**
**vt.**
stop an activity because it would be difficult or dangerous to continue it （因困难或危险）使（活动）终止
I suggest that you abort the project. 我建议你放弃这个项目。

**sober**
**v.**
become more serious in behavior or attitude, or make sb. become more serious （使）变得持重（谨慎、严肃）
Upon hearing about the serious accident on the road just behind him, it didn't take long before he stopped joking and sobered. 一听到他后面的路段上发生了严重事故，他马上停止了玩笑，变得谨慎起来。

***sobering***
**a.**
making you feel very serious 使人警醒的；使人清醒的
It is sobering to realize that world-wide hunger and poverty is not a new problem. 世界性的饥饿和贫困并不是什么新问题，认识到这一点会使人冷静下来。

**scramble**
**vt.**
(~ to do sth.) try to do sth. difficult very quickly 仓促完成（困难的事）
My physics paper is due tomorrow; so, I really must scramble to get it finished in time. 我的物理论文明天就得交，因此我真的是必须赶紧按时完成了。
**vi.**
climb up, down, or over sth. quickly and with difficulty, esp. using your hands to help you （迅速而吃力地）爬，攀登
The soldiers scrambled forward on their bellies. 士兵们匍匐前进。

**instantaneous**
**a.**
happening immediately 即刻的；即时的
The attraction between them had been instantaneous and they were unable to ignore their love at first sight. 他们的之间相互吸引瞬间就产生了，不想一见钟情都不行。

***instantaneously***
**ad.**
即刻地；即时地
With electronically based communications technologies we can instantaneously transmit great amounts of high-quality information over long distances. 利用电子通信技术，我们就可以长距离即时传输大量高品质的信息。

**hysterical**
**a.**
unable to control your behavior or emotions because you are very upset, afraid, excited, etc. 歇斯底里的；狂热的
By the time the police arrived, the victim had become hysterical. 等到警方到达，受害人已经变得歇斯底里了。

**stun**
**vt.**
surprise or upset sb. so much that they do not react immediately 使大吃一惊；使震惊
The children's rude behavior stunned the old women. 孩子们的无理行为让那个老妇人很震惊。

**vulnerable**
**a.**
weak and easily hurt physically or emotionally （身体上或感情上）脆弱的，易受…伤害的
Old people are particularly vulnerable members of our society. 老年人是我们这个社会中尤为容易受到伤害的群体。

**grim**
**a.**
1 looking or sounding very serious （神色或口气）严肃的
His face looked grim, and we knew his news wouldn't be good. 他神情严肃，我们意识到他带来的消息不妙。
2 making you feel worried or unhappy 令人担忧的；令人不快的
Things are looking grim for the world economy. 对于世界经济来说形势很不乐观。

**proximity**
**n.**
[U] (fml.) (~ to) nearness in distance or time （距离或时间的）接近，临近，邻近
Many people like to live in Southern California because of its moderate climate and its proximity to beaches and mountains. 许多人喜欢在南加州生活，因为那里气候温和，临近沙滩和群山。

**overhear**
**vt.**
(overheard, overheard) accidentally hear what other people are saying, when they do not know that you have heard 无意中听到；偶然听到
She overheard what her boss said to his secretary. 她无意间听到她老板对他秘书讲的话。

**underlie**
**vt. (underlay, underlain) (fml.)**
1 exist at a lower level or in a lower layer than sth. else 位于…之下；置于…之下
Some of these terraces are underlain by gravel and some are underlain by bedrock. 这些平地有一部分下面是砾石，还有一些是岩石基层。
2 be the cause of sth., or be the basic thing from which sth. develops 作为…的原因；构成…的基础
These creative ideas underlie much of his work. 他的作品大部分都是以这些创造性的思想为基础。

**evoke**
**vt.**
produce a strong feeling or memory in sb. 引起，唤起（强烈的感情或回忆）
The old house evoked memories of his childhood. 老房子勾起了他对童年的记忆。

**imperative**
**a.**
extremely important and needing to be done or dealt with immediately 紧急的；寒重要的

**cabin**
**n. [C]**
1 an area inside a plane where the passengers sit or where the pilot works （飞机上的）客舱，驾驶舱
2 a small house, esp. one built of wood in an area of forest or mountains （尤指建于林中或山上的）小木屋

**brace**
**vt.**
1 push part of your body against sth. solid in order to make yourself more steady 抵住；顶住；使稳住
He braced his foot against the wall. 他用脚抵住墙。
2 mentally or physically prepare yourself or sb. else for sth. unpleasant that is going to happen （使）做好准备
Brace yourself! I have some bad news. 准备好！我有坏消息要说。

**fabulous**
**a.**
extremely good or impressive 极好的；绝妙的
I had a fabulous time at the party. 我在聚会上玩得很开心。

**invaluable**
**a.**
extremely useful 极有价值的
Thank you for your help; it has been invaluable to us. 多谢您的帮助，这对我们很宝贵。

**intent**
**a.**
giving careful attention to sth. so that you think about nothing else 专注的；专心致志的
Intent upon her work, she didn't notice the cold. 她专心于工作，忘记了寒冷。

**relish**
**vt.**
get great pleasure or satisfaction from sth. 享受；满足；喜欢
I don't relish the idea / prospect / thought of working late tonight. 一想到今晚要干到深夜，我就不高兴。

**hover**
**vi.**
1 stay very close to a person or place 逗留在近旁
In this expensive restaurant, attentive waiters hovered near our table for as long as we were there. 在这家昂贵的饭店里，体贴周到的服务员在我们就餐期间一直站在我们餐桌附近。
2 float in the air without moving in any direction 盘旋；悬停
Helicopters hovered above the tall buildings where people had fled to be rescued from the floods that had destroyed their homes. 直升飞机在那些高楼上面盘旋，被洪水冲毁了家园的人们都逃往那里等待救援。

**strap**
**vt.**
fasten sth. or sb. in place with one or more straps 用带子束住；捆绑
The soldier climbed the mountain with a 40-pound pack strapped on his back. 那位战士背了一个40磅重的背包爬山。
**n.**
[C] a narrow band of strong material that is used to fasten, hang, or hold onto sth. 带子
She was looking for a new bag because the strap on the one she had was already torn. 她想要个新包，因为她的包带子坏了。

**wreckage**
**n.**
[sing., U] the parts of sth. such as a plane, ship, or building that are left after it has been destroyed in an accident （飞机、船或建筑物被毁后的）残骸
After the train derailed, workers had to clear the wreckage from the track as quickly as possible. 火车出轨之后，工人们得尽快把残骸从铁轨上清理干净。

**glide**
**vi.**
move smoothly and quietly, as if without effort 滑行；滑动
The skiers were gliding over the snow. 滑雪者在雪上滑行。

**destiny**
**n.**
[C, usu. sing.] the things that will happen to sb. in the future, esp. those that cannot be changed or controlled 命运；天命；定数
They believed that it was their destiny to be together. 他们相信他们注定要在一起。

**dread**
**n.**
[sing., U] a strong fear of sth. that is going to happen or may happen 恐惧；害怕
She has a dread of failing at her job. 她害怕工作上的失败。
**vt.**
feel anxious or worried about sth. that is going to happen or may happen 畏惧；惧怕；担心
She dreaded making speeches in front of large audiences. 她害怕在众多听众面前演讲。

**descent**
**n.**
[C, U] (fml.) the process of going down 下降；降落
After only an hour of flight, the pilot announced our descent. 飞机才飞行一小时，飞行员就宣布飞机行将降落。

**Phrases and expressions**

**settle back**
lean back in a bed or chair, and relax and enjoy yourself 舒服地躺（坐）下
He settled back comfortably in his new chair. 他舒服地靠在新椅子上。

**on board**
on a ship, plane, or spacecraft 在船上；在飞机上；在飞船上
I was very excited about taking this cruise, but after two days on board, I got so seasick that I wanted to go back home. 对这次航行，我本来非常激动，但在船上呆了两天我就因为晕船得厉害想回家了。

**in the event of sth.**
(*also* in the event that sth. happens) used to tell people what they should do if sth. happens 如果某事发生；万一…；假若…
I can call for help in the event of an emergency. 紧急情况下我可以打电话求助。

**in / into position**
in or into the correct place 在适当的位置
While playing soccer, John dislocated his shoulder and had to go to the hospital where he got his shoulder put back into position. 约翰踢球时肩膀脱臼了，他只好去医院把肩膀复位。

**be stunned by**
be shocked by 被…震惊
The critics protested that the movie should be banned as many cinemagoers were stunned by the movie's violent and tragic end. 评论家们坚持认为这部电影应该被禁播，因为其暴力和悲剧结尾让许多爱看电影的人都觉得很震惊。

**for sure**
(infml.) certainly or definitely 肯定地；确切地
When I honestly tell her I lost my wallet, she must believe me for sure. 当我坦诚地告诉她我钱包丢了时，她肯定会相信我。

**no earthly reason / use, etc.**
no reason, use, etc. at all 毫无缘由 / 用处等
There was no earthly reason why the powerful wind, which destroyed almost the entire village, spared our home. 天知道为什么这次大风几乎把村里的一切都摧毁了，却单单我家得以幸免。
Some burglars will, out of a lifelong habit, steal even things for which they have no earthly use. 一些盗贼出于长期的习惯，甚至会盗取他们派不上任何用处的东西。

**hint of**
a very small amount or sign of sth. 少许；微量；（细微的）迹象
When she spoke about the tragic events, there was more than a hint of sadness in her voice. 当她谈起那些悲剧事件的时候，声音中流露出深切的哀伤。

**3-A**

**noteworthy**
**a.**
important or interesting enough to deserve your attention 值得注意的；显著的
One of the most noteworthy trends in contemporary American higher education is the tendency among community colleges to offer certificate programs besides the traditional associate degrees. 当代美国高等教育最显著的趋势之一就是社区大学除了授予传统的副学士学位，还开设学历课程。

**domain**
**n.**
[C] (fml.) an area of activity, interest, or knowledge, esp. one that a particular person, organization, etc. deals with （活动、兴趣或知识的）领域，范围，范畴
Recent research in the clinical domain has benefited from the incorporation of multiple methods of measurement. 临床领域近期的研究得益于多种测量方法的结合使用。

**portray**
**vt.**
1 act the part of a character in a play, film, or television program 扮演（角色）
It was said that Portman studied dance to better portray her character. 听说波特曼学习舞蹈是为了更好地扮演她的角色。
2 (~ sb. / sth. as sth.) describe or show sb. or sth. in a particular way, according to your opinion of them 把某人/某物描写成某种样子
Lawyers tend to portray their clients as misguided underprivileged youths. 律师往往将自己的当事人描述成受人误导的贫困青年。

**exemplary**
**a.**
excellent and providing a good example for people to follow 模范的；可作楷模的
Mary had proven to be an exemplary educator to her students and a trusted and cherished friend to her colleagues. 玛丽对学生而言是一位模范教师，对同事而言是一位值得信任和珍惜的朋友。

**ambassador**
**n.**
[C] an important official who represents his or her government in a foreign country 大使
He was President Clinton's energy secretary and ambassador to the United Nations. 他担任过克林顿总统的能源部长和驻联合国大使。

**brutality**
**n.**
[C, U] cruel and violent behavior, or an event involving cruel and violent treatment 野蛮行为；野蛮事件
The ruler's brutality forced unarmed citizens to defend themselves. 统治者的野蛮行径迫使手无寸铁的市民进行自卫。

**captive**
**a.**
kept in prison or in a place that you are not allowed to leave 被关押的；遭监禁的
A teenage boy called 911, claiming to be held captive in a house. 一个十几岁的男孩拨打了911，声称自己被囚禁在一座房子里。

**dart**
**vi.**
move suddenly and quickly in a particular direction 猛冲；突进
A deer suddenly darted out into the street from inside the forest. 一只鹿突然从森林里冲出来，跑到街上来了。

**huddle**
**v.**
lie or sit with your arms and legs close to your body because you feel ill, cold or upset （因生病、寒冷或烦恼）蜷缩着身体
The cat came inside from the rain and huddled behind the heater to warm up again. 猫从雨中进到屋里，蜷缩在暖炉后面，好把身子暖和过来。

**foul**
**a.**
very dirty, or smelling or tasting unpleasant 肮脏的；难闻的；难吃的
The odor of smoke couldn't hide the foul smell of the dirty room. 烟的气味也无法盖住这个脏房间难闻的味道。

**anonymous**
**a.**
unknown by name 无名的；不署名的
We are also grateful for the generous gifts of three anonymous donors. 我们也感谢三位匿名捐赠者慷慨的礼物。

**refugee**
**n.**
[C] sb. who has been forced to leave their country, esp. during a war, or for political or religious reasons 难民；避难者
A UN refugee agency spokesman says as many as 100,000 people have already fled the country, and more are likely to follow. 一位联合国难民署发言人说已有多达10万人逃离了那个国家，后面可能还有更多的人要跟随其后。

**fragile**
**a.**
easily broken or damaged 脆弱的；易碎的；易损坏的
This great recession clearly demonstrates how fragile the markets are. 这次经济大萧条清楚地表明市场是多么脆弱。

***fragility***
**n.**
[U] 脆弱
Events like the senseless Colorado movie theater shooting remind us of the fragility of life and the value of every single day. 科罗拉多电影院开枪滥杀这类事件提醒我们生命是脆弱的，每一天都是宝贵的。

**afflict**
**vt.**
(fml.) (often passive) affect sb. or sth. in an unpleasant way, and make them suffer 使受痛苦；折磨
Afflicted by an unexplained illness, he missed school for the next two weeks. 由于遭受不明疾病的折磨，他接下来两周都没上课。

**immigrant**
**n.**
[C] sb. who enters another country to live there permanently （外来）移民
A Chinese immigrant in New York works as a janitor and has a daughter at Harvard, a son at Yale, and another son at MIT. 一位在纽约的华裔移民是个看门人，有个女儿上哈佛，一个儿子上耶鲁，还有一个儿子在麻省理工。

**rigorous**
**a.**
1 very severe or strict 严酷的；严厉的
To get a doctoral degree, you are required to have rigorous training in research and specialized knowledge in your subject areas. 要想获得博士学位，你得在研究方面进行严苛的训练，还得有课题方面的专业知识。
2 careful, thorough, and exact 严格的；缜密的；精确的
Many people believed in her healing powers, however, she could offer no rigorous scientific evidence that her treatment actually saves lives. 许多人都相信她的治病能力，然而，她提供不了严格的科学证据表明她的治疗确实能够救人。

**compliment**
**vt.**
say sth. nice to sb. in order to praise them 赞美；称赞
The manager compliments people as often as he can. It takes no time at all, but it makes a big difference. 那位经理尽可能多地称赞别人。这花不了什么时间，但是效果却很好。
**n.**
[C] a remark that shows you admire sb. or sth. 赞美的话；夸奖；称赞
She started almost every conversation with a compliment. 她几乎每次和人交谈都是从夸奖开始。

**humanitarian**
**a.**
(only before noun) concerned with improving bad living conditions and preventing unfair treatment of people 博爱的；人道主义的
The hospital knew they couldn't charge the patients any money, but for humanitarian reasons they provided their services. 这家医院知道他们不能收取这些病人任何费用，但是出于人道主义原因，还是提供了服务。

**divorce**
**n.**
[C, U] the legal ending of a marriage 离婚
For her, it was a huge risk and an act of courage to get a divorce. 对她而言，离婚有巨大的风险，是需要勇气的行为。
**v.**
if sb. divorces their husband or wife, or if two people divorce, they legally end their marriage （与…）离婚
Why should two good people like her parents be forced to divorce each other? 像她父母那样的两个好人，为什么还会被迫离婚呢？

**jeopardize**
**vt.**
(BrE jeopardise) risk losing or spoiling sth. important 危及；危害；损害
She held her tongue, realizing that anger could only jeopardize their relationship. 她意识到生气只会损害他们的关系，于是保持沉默。

**paradise**
**n.**
[C, U] a perfect place or situation 乐土；完美的境界；天堂
If it's perfect for the adults, it's paradise for the kids. 如果对成人而言这是完美，对孩子而言这就是天堂。

**conscientious**
**a.**
careful to do everything that it is your job or duty to do 勤勉认真的；细心负责的
She was not only a successful doctor but also a fine mother and a conscientious daughter-in-law. 她不仅是一位成功的医生，还是一个杰出的母亲、尽责的儿媳。

**diplomat**
**n.**
[C] sb. who officially represents their government in a foreign country 外交官；外交家
This task takes the strategic skills of a general and the tact of a diplomat. 执行这项任务需要有将军的韬略和外交家的机敏。

**cozy**
**a.**
(BrE cosy) warm and comfortable, and making you feel relaxed 温暖舒适的；温馨的
The sitting rooms are neat and cozy, while the dining room is elegant and simple. 客厅整洁温馨，餐厅简单优雅。

**embark**
**v.**
go onto a ship or a plane, or put or take sth. onto a ship or plane （使）上船/飞机；（使）装船/飞机
The young couple will embark for Dalian next week. 这对年轻夫妇下周乘船去大连。

**outreach**
**n.**
[U] the practice of providing help and advice to people in a community before they have to ask for it （对社区居民的）主动提供服务
An outreach program was started by the local university to help children in the community perform better at school. 当地的大学启动了一个面向社区的服务项目，旨在帮助社区里的孩子在学校表现更好。

**drought**
**n.**
[C, U] a long period of dry weather when there is not enough water for plants and animals to live 旱灾；干旱
Drought and economic recession accelerated the pace of decline of this region. 干旱和经济衰退加速了这个地区衰落的步伐。

**beneficiary**
**n.**
[C]sb. who gets advantages from an action or change 受益者；受惠者
To Tom's surprise, he was the only beneficiary of his uncle's will. 令汤姆吃惊的是，自己是叔叔遗嘱的唯一受益人。

**wicked**
**a.**
behaving in a way that is morally wrong 邪恶的；缺德的
Ross not only had a wicked reputation, he even looked wicked. 罗斯不仅名声恶劣，甚至看着就邪恶。

**deprive**
**vt.**
(~ sb. of sth.) prevent sb. from having sth., esp. sth. that they need or should have 剥夺
Parents who deprive children of food are wicked, and their children may become malnourished. 不让孩子吃饭的父母是恶毒的，他们的孩子可能会营养不良。

**misery**
**n.**
[C, U] great suffering that is caused e.g. by being very poor or very sick 痛苦；难受；苦难
Our happiness or misery depends on our dispositions, and not on our circumstances. 我们的欢乐或痛苦是由我们的性情决定的，不是由我们所处的环境决定的。

**ideology**
**n.**
[C, U] a set of beliefs on which a political or economic system is based, or which strongly influence the way people behave （政治或经济上的）思想体系；（对人们行为有强烈影响的）观念
It was more accurate to describe his explanations as an ideology rather than a science. 把他的解释描述为一种思想比说它是一门科学更准确。

**integral**
**a.**
forming a necessary part of sth. （构成整体所）必需的，不可缺少的
These kinds of robots are on the brink of becoming an integral part of our everyday world. 这些机器人即将成为我们日常生活中不可缺少的一部分。

**sacred**
**a.**
1 very important or greatly respected 很重要的；神圣的；深受尊重的
It is my sacred duty to safeguard the territory of our motherland. 保卫祖国的领土是我的神圣职责。
2 relating to a god or religion 上帝的；神的；宗教（性）的
The cow is a sacred animal in Hindu culture. 在印度文化中, 牛是一种神圣的动物。

**cherish**
**vt.**
1 love sb. or sth. very much and take care of them well 钟爱；珍爱
I have retired parents whom I love and cherish. 我父母亲已退休，他们是我所钟爱、珍惜的人。
2 think that sth. is very important and wish to keep it 珍爱；珍视
Right after I've put my son to bed, I turn off the TV, phone, and lights, sit on my bed in the dark, and simply cherish the silence. 把儿子一放上床，我就关掉电视、电话、电灯，在黑暗中坐在床上，享受这一片安静。

**serene**
**a.**
very calm or peaceful 宁静的；安宁的；平静的
The summer day by the lake in the countryside was serene and beautiful. 乡下湖边的这个夏日宁静而美丽。

**gracious**
**a.**
behaving in a polite, kind, and generous way, esp. to people of a lower rank 有礼貌的；仁慈的；和蔼的；亲切的（尤指对较低阶层的人们）
His gracious young wife greeted me at the door and invited me to have a seat. 他年轻和善的妻子在门口欢迎我，并请我入座。

**perpetual**
**a.**
(usu. before noun) continuing all the time without changing or stopping 连续不断的；无休止的
For six months, in 2012, I lived in a perpetual state of fear of losing my job. 2012年我有六个月都生活在担心失去工作的持续恐惧之中。

***perpetually***
**ad.**
连续不断地；无休止地
He felt unsteady on his feet from lack of food, and he was perpetually thirsty. 由于没吃食物他觉得脚步不稳，而且他一直口渴。

**signify**
**vt.**
represent, mean, or be a sign of sth. 代表；表示；象征；意味着
The grades that students receive signify how well they did in their studies. 学生们得到的成绩体现了他们学习的好坏。

**majesty**
**n. [U]**
1 the quality that sth. big has of being impressive, powerful, or beautiful 雄伟；壮丽；庄严；崇高
Crowds of people move about the campus in the hours before the game, marveling at the beauty of the grounds and the majesty of the buildings. 赛前的几小时里，一群群人在校园内来回走动，对场地之美和建筑之雄伟大为叹赏。
2 (Your / Her / His M~) used when talking to or about a king or queen 陛下（对国王或女王的称呼）
They sang a song for Her Majesty's birthday party. 他们为女王的生日晚会唱了一首歌。

**poise**
**n.**
[U] a calm confident way of behaving, combined with an ability to control your feelings or reactions in difficult situations 镇定；自信；泰然自若；沉着
Traveling around Europe by herself seems to have given Louisa more poise and confidence. 只身遍游欧洲的经历好像使路易莎变得更加沉着自信了。

**Phrases and expressions**

**take / hold sb. captive**
take or keep sb. as a prisoner 关押某人；囚禁某人
The guerrillas shot down one airplane and took the pilot captive. 游击队击落了一架飞机，并关押了该飞行员。

**turn sb. / sth. down**
refuse an offer, request, or invitation 拒绝（建议、要求或邀请）
We politely turned down the invitation. 我们有礼貌地拒绝了邀请。

**embark on / upon sth.**
start sth., esp. sth. new, difficult, or exciting 开始，着手（尤指新的、有难度的或令人激动的事）
I have seen how she gathers courage to embark on a long journey all by herself. 我见过她是如何鼓起勇气独自开始一段远途旅行的。

**share in sth.**
take part in sth., or have a part of sth. that other people also have 分享；分担；参与
Even though recently I shared in the care-giving duties, Mom had been doing it alone for more than a decade. 尽管近来我也分担起照顾的责任，妈妈却已经独自做了十多年。

**lead by example**
show the people you are in charge of what you want them to do by doing it yourself 以身作则
Good parents lead by example rather than only tell their children what to do. 好的父母会以身作则，而不只是口头上告诉孩子如何去做。

**be stricken by / with**
(fml.) be very badly affected by trouble, illness, unhappiness, etc. 受灾；患病；遭损失
The Chinese Red Cross has sent five planeloads of relief supplies to the area that was stricken by the earthquake. 中国红十字会已派出五架装载了救援物资的飞机飞往地震受灾地区。

**live on**
continue to exist and have influence 继续存在；流传下去
His legend lived on and was made into a popular film in 1973. 他的传奇故事流传了下来，在1973年被拍成了电影，广受欢迎。

**3-B**

 **tuck**
**vt.**
put sth. into a small space, esp. in order to protect, hide, carry, or hold it 把…藏起来
I picked up my purse and tucked it under my arm. 我拿起我的钱包，夹在胳膊下面。

**immerse**
**vt.**
1 (~ oneself in sth.) become completely involved in an activity 潜心于某事；专心于某事
The teacher encourages the students to immerse themselves in learning English. 老师鼓励学生全身心投入到英语学习中。
2 put sb. or sth. deep into a liquid so that they are completely covered 使浸没（于液体中）
Immerse the paper in water for about 20 minutes and then allow the excess water to dry on a flat surface between clean towels. 把纸在水里浸泡20分钟，然后夹在平放的干净毛巾中将多余的水吸去。

**legitimate**
**a.**
1 acceptable or allowed by law 合法的；法律许可的；依法的
It is not uncommon that criminal organizations use their profits from illegal activities to buy legitimate businesses. 犯罪组织利用从非法活动中获得的利润来收购合法生意，这种情况并不少见。
2 fair or reasonable 公正的；正当的；合理的
It's perfectly legitimate for parents to want to spend time with their children. 父母想跟孩子呆在一起是完全合理的。

**footage**
**n.**
[U] cinema film showing a particular event （展示某一事件的）影片，影片片段
You have probably seen the footage of the wild fires over and over again in the news. 你可能已经从新闻里看过这段关于山野大火的片子很多遍了。

**simulate**
**vt.**
make or produce sth. that is not real but has the appearance or feeling of being real 模拟；模仿
During emergency preparedness drills, public institutions simulate earthquakes, fires, or floods, etc. 在应对紧急情况的演练中，各公共机构模拟了地震、火灾以及洪灾等各种情况。

**miniature**
**a.**
(only before noun) much smaller than normal 很小的；微型的
Some people spend large amounts of money on miniature trains, cars, airplanes, and other collectibles. 一些人将大量金钱花在收集火车、汽车、飞机等各种缩微模型上。

**spacecraft**
**n. [C]**
(pl. spacecraft) a vehicle that is able to travel in space 航天器；太空船；宇宙飞船

**populate**
**vt.**
1 the people or characters who populate an area of public life or a piece of entertainment are the people or characters in it 在…中占有位置；占据
The film was populated by the sort of lowlife characters. 这部电影充斥着那种来自下层社会的人物。
2 form the population of (a town, area, or country) 构成（某地）的人口
The tiny island is densely populated with nearly three million inhabitants. 那个小岛人口密集，居住着近三百万居民。

**terrific**
**a.**
1 very large in size or degree （尺寸或程度）极其巨大的，大得惊人的
There was a terrific crush of carriages, and the traffic was almost stopped. 当时车辆极度拥挤，交通几乎完全堵塞。
2 (infml.) very good, esp. in a way that makes you feel happy and excited 极好的；极棒的；非常愉快的
Your second film was also very well-received and a terrific movie. 你的第二部影片也极受欢迎，是非常棒的片子。

**premiere**
**n.**
[C] the first public performance of a film, play, or piece of music （电影的）首映；（戏剧、乐曲等的）首演
She insisted on attending tonight's movie premiere with her new personal assistant. 她坚持和她的新私人助理一起参加今晚的电影首映。

**intuition**
**n.**
[U] the ability to understand or know sth. because of a feeling rather than by considering the facts 直觉力
Sometimes, it's better to rely on our intuition rather than to find logical reasons for everything that happens. 某些情况下，我们最好依靠自己的直觉，而不是对发生的每一件事都去寻找逻辑理由。

**setback**
**n.**
[C] a problem that delays or prevents progress, or makes things worse than they were 阻碍；挫折
Falling share prices may be another setback for the troubled economy. 对于陷于困境的经济来说，股票价格的下跌也许又是一个挫折。

**turbulent**
**a.**
a turbulent situation, place, or period is one in which there is a lot of uncontrolled changes 骚乱的；动荡的；混乱的
The fact is that love was one of the reasons our hero led such a turbulent life. 事实是，爱情是导致我们的主人公生活动荡不安的原因之一。

**carefree**
**a.**
having no worries or problems 无忧无虑的；无牵挂的
The passengers in this new ox-wagon are on their way to the beach for a carefree holiday. 旅客们坐着新牛车正在去海滩的路上，准备过一个无忧无虑的假期。

**conspicuous**
**a.**
very easy to notice 显著的；显眼的；引人注目的
The special police unit dressed like gang members because it made them look less conspicuous in the gang's neighborhood. 特警队装扮成匪帮成员模样，这样在匪帮的地盘里就不会那么显眼。

**eccentric**
**a.**
behaving in a way that is unusual and different from most people （行为）怪异的，古怪的
The eccentric mother had abandoned her young children several years later when she ran off with her lover. 几年后这个古怪的母亲抛弃了年幼的孩子，和情人私奔了。

**shun**
**vt.**
deliberately avoid sb. or sth. （故意）避开，躲开（某人或某物）
The financial crisis made frightened Americans shun expensive purchases. 金融危机使得恐慌的美国人避免购买贵重物品。

**mock**
**v.**
(fml.) laugh at sb. or sth. and try to make them look stupid by saying unkind things about them or by copying them 嘲笑；讥笑；嘲弄；（模仿）取笑
Sometimes you get mocked even when you're right. 有时候你即便是对的也会被嘲笑。

**temperament**
**n.**
[C, U] the emotional part of sb.'s character, esp. how likely they are to be happy, angry, etc. 气质；性情；性格；禀性
He had a gentle temperament and a kind nature. 他性情温和，天性善良。

**revert**
**v.**
(~ to) change back to a situation that existed in the past 恢复；回复
Back up the existing application before you upgrade; then you can again revert to the older version if you don't like the upgrade. 升级以前要备份现有应用程序，如果你不喜欢升级版就可以恢复到旧版本。

**furious**
**a.**
very angry 狂怒的；暴怒的
Had I not been so furious, I might have admitted she was not entirely wrong in what she had done. 如果我不是在盛怒之下，或许会承认她所做的事情也不是全错。

***furiously***
**ad.**
狂怒地；暴怒地
Residents and business people were furiously complaining about local government taxation. 居民和商人对地方政府收税怨声载道。

**infect**
**vt.**
1 make other people have the feeling or idea that you have （在感情或思想上）感染，影响（他人）
He looked sad because he was unable to infect her with his enthusiasm. 他没能用他的热情来感染她，因而看上去郁郁不乐。
2 make sb. get a disease, that can be spread from one person to another 使传染；使感染
If he has the virus, he may infect you. 如果他携带病毒，就可能传染给你。

**strive**
**vi.**
(strove, striven) (fml.) make a great effort to achieve sth. 努力；奋斗
No matter what you do, always strive to do your best. 不管做什么，你都要尽力做到最好。

**formidable**
**a.**
very powerful or impressive, and often frightening 令人敬畏的；可怕的
At first glance, Hamilton seemed the more formidable opponent in that classic tennis match. 乍一看，汉密尔顿似乎是那场经典网球比赛中更厉害的对手。

**endorse**
**vt.**
express formal support or approval for sb. or sth. （正式）赞同，认可，支持
They can personally endorse or oppose candidates. 他们可以亲自支持或反对候选人。

**academician**
**n.**
[C] a member of an official organization which encourages the development of literature, art, science, etc. 学会会员；院士

**mount**
**n.**
[C] a base on which sth. such as a large heavy gun is fixed 底座；底架；炮架
Check the compatibility of your TV before you buy a mount. 在你买底座之前查看一下电视是否与之相配。
**vt.**
plan, organize, and begin an event or a course of action 准备；安排；组织；开展
I am delighted that Save the Children is among the first of UK non-governmental organizations to mount a pan-European operation. 我很高兴救助儿童会是率先开展泛欧洲活动的英国非官方组织之一。

**lens**
**n.**
[C] the part of a camera through which the light travels before it reaches the film （照相机的）镜头

**manifest**
**a.**
(fml.) plain and easy to see 显而易见的；明显的
You feel manifest joy, a sense of joy coming from the experience itself. 你明显感觉到快乐，一种来自体验本身的快乐。
**vt.**
(fml.) show a feeling, attitude, etc. 显示，表明，表露（感情、态度等）
They don't want to manifest weakness or uncertainty with their public image. 他们不想在公众形象上流露出软弱或者不确定。

**sabotage**
**vt.**
1 deliberately spoil sb.'s plans because you do not want them to succeed 故意破坏（某人的计划）
Mike tried to sabotage Maggie and Stan's relationship because he was jealous of them. 出于嫉妒，迈克试图破坏玛吉和斯坦的关系。
2 secretly damage or destroy equipment, vehicles, etc. that belong to an enemy or opponent, so that they cannot be used 暗中破坏（敌人或对手的设备、车辆等）
The worm was meant to sabotage computers that run facilities such as electrical plants, oil pipelines and nuclear facilities. 蠕虫病毒意在破坏电厂、石油管道和核能设施的电脑系统。

**withhold**
**vt.**
(withheld, withheld) refuse to give sb. sth. 拒绝给予；扣留
I can grant or withhold my favors at will. 我可以随意给予支持或拒绝支持。

**contrive**
**vt.**
1 (~ to do sth.) succeed in doing sth., esp. sth. difficult 设法做到（尤其是困难的事）
Even with limited resources, the library contrived to have a new exhibition room. 尽管资源有限，图书馆还是设法增添了一个新展览室。
2 arrange an event or situation secretly or by deceiving people 谋划；策划
He would contrive some way of dealing with the situation. 他会想出办法应付这个局面的。

**rectify**
**vt.**
(fml.) correct sth. that is wrong 纠正；矫正
I hope that he will help to rectify the situation again. 我希望他能再次帮助扭转这一局面。

**divert**
**vt.**
1 do sth. to take people's attention away from sth. that you do not want them to concentrate on or notice 转移…的注意力
Her professional presentation diverted the audience's attention from some of the plan's less appealing aspects. 她的展示很专业，转移了听众对该计划中部分弱项的关注。
2 make sth. move or travel in a different direction 使转向
Police are trying to divert traffic away from the trouble spot. 警方试图指挥车辆行人绕开出事地点。

**discreet**
**a.**
1 unlikely to attract attention 不引人注意的；觉察不出的
I have mentioned this project, in a most discreet manner, to a few trusted colleagues. 我用最隐蔽的方式向几位值得信任的同事提过这个项目。
2 careful not to say anything that is secret or that could upset sb. 谨慎的；慎重的
They had my permission, of course, but they preferred to be discreet about it. 当然，他们得到了我的许可，不过他们依然倾向于谨慎行事。

***discreetly***
**ad.**
不引人注意地；觉察不出地
The bank manager discreetly calls the police for help after seeing how a terrified mom is forced by criminals to go into the bank. 在看到一位吓坏了的母亲被罪犯逼进银行后，银行经理悄悄地报警求救。

**pretext**
**n.**
[C] (under / on the ~ of ) a false reason given for an action, in order to hide the real reason 借口
One morning, he left the village under the pretext of going to hunt. 一天清晨，他借口出去打猎离开了那个村庄。

**smuggle**
**vt.**
1 (infml.) take sth. or sb. secretly to a place where they are not allowed to be 偷偷携带；夹带
We had no difficulties to smuggle whisky and cigarettes into the camp. 我们偷带威士忌和烟进营地没什么困难。
2 take sth. or sb. illegally from one country to another 走私；偷运
An officer was arrested on charges of smuggling illegal immigrants and drugs into the United States. 一个官员因被指控偷渡非法移民和走私毒品进入美国而被捕。

**discrete**
**a.**
clearly separate 分开的；分离的；离散的
The work was divided into many small, discrete tasks. 这项工作被分成许多分散的小任务。

***discretely***
**ad.**
分开地；分离地；离散地
When you look at these risks discretely, you might conclude that we can manage them. 当你孤立地看这些风险时，也许会认为我们是可以应对的。

**upgrade**
**v.**
make a computer, machine, or piece of software better and able to do more things （使）（计算机、机器或软件）升级
This one seems easier to upgrade than any Windows system we've seen. 这个系统似乎比我们见过的任何视窗操作系统都更容易升级。

**plot**
**n. [C]**
1 the events that form the main story of a book, film, or play （书、电影、戏剧的）情节
Next, the plot became very complex and quite confusing. 接下来，情节就变得非常复杂，令人困惑。
2 a secret plan by a group of people to do sth. harmful or illegal 密谋；阴谋；秘密计划
Their cruel plot involved kidnapping one of Martin's adopted daughters. 他们残酷的计划包括绑架马丁的一个养女。

**awesome**
**a.**
extremely impressive, serious, or difficult so that you feel great respect, worry, or fear 令人赞叹的；令人畏惧的；可怕的
He was an awesome guitar player. 他是一名杰出的吉他手。

**debut**
**n.**
[C] the first public appearance of an entertainer, sports player, etc. or of sth. new and important （演员或运动员等的）首次登台，初次亮相；（新事物的）问世
We had some success in other cities, but Atlanta was our most successful debut in any US city. 我们在其他城市也取得了一些成功，但亚特兰大首演是我们所有美国城市首演中最成功的。

**notable**
**a.**
(usu. before noun) important, interesting, excellent, or unusual enough to be noticed or mentioned 显要的；显著的；值得注意的
The singer made a notable acting debut at a theater on Broadway last fall. 去年秋天，这位歌手在百老汇一家剧院进行了引人注目的首演。

**coincidence**
**n.**
[C, U] when two things happen at the same time, in the same place, or to the same people in a way that seems surprising or unusual 巧合；巧事；同时发生
I'm trying to believe I'm seeing a coincidence and not a prediction of the future. 我试图相信我看见的是巧合，而不是未来的先兆。

**skeptical**
**a.**
(BrE sceptical) tending to disagree with what other people tell you 持怀疑态度的；不相信的
Leaders must be skeptical of answers they like or that confirm their way of seeing things. 领导应该对那些他们所喜欢的或者迎合他们看法的回答持怀疑态度。

***skepticism***
**n.**
[U] (BrE scepticism) an attitude of doubting that particular claims or statements are true or that sth. will happen 怀疑态度；怀疑论
There's still plenty of skepticism about the quality of online classes. 对于在线课程的质量还有很多怀疑。

**onward**
**ad.**
(AmE) (fml.) forward 往前；向前
The soldiers marched onward into their target territory. 战士们向目标地区行进。
**a.**
(only before noun) moving forward or continuing 向前的；前进的；继续的
We have not yet created an education system that can keep up with our onward progress. 我们还没有建立起能跟上我们后继发展的教育体系。

**Phrases and expressions**

**establish oneself (as / in)**
make people accept that you can do sth. or that you have a particular quality 使被接受；使得到承认
At Yale University, he quickly established himself as a brilliant student among a class of many outstanding students. 他在耶鲁大学很快让自己成为了拥有众多杰出学生的班级中出色的一员。

**be related to sth. / sb.**
be connected with sth. or sb. in some way 与…相关；与…有联系
A few of his comments seemed to be related to the story he was reporting. 他的一些言论似乎与他报道的事情有关。

**put effort into (doing) sth.**
try hard to do sth. 努力做…
If they put effort into everything, there is no limit to what they can do. 如果他们努力做每件事，他们能做成任何事。

**end (sth.) with sth.**
have or add sth. as the final part 以…作为结束
My light-hearted temperament makes me able to greet, and also to end each day with a smile. 无忧无虑的性情使我能够用微笑迎接和结束每一天。

**(all) on one's own**
without anyone's help 无援地；独立地
She had inherited the orchard and was running it all on her own. 她已继承了这片果园，果园的打理全靠她自己。

**stand fast**
refuse to change your opinions, intentions, or behavior 坚持立场；拒不让步
Switzerland will stand fast in the future as it has stood fast in the past. 就像在过去拒不让步一样，瑞士在未来也会坚持立场。

**drive sb. to do sth.**
strongly influence sb. to do sth. 迫使，促使（某人做某事）
Anticipation of an upcoming test would logically drive students to study. 预料到即将要考试自然会促使学生学习。

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 **groan**
**vi.**
make a long low sound, e.g. because you are in pain or unhappy （因痛苦或烦恼等）呻吟，发出哼哼声
The old man was groaning with pain. 老人痛得不断呻吟着。
**v.**
speak about sth. in a way that shows you are unhappy 抱怨
She sat down beside me and groaned about her working day. 她坐在我身旁，抱怨自己整日辛劳。
**n.**
[C] a long low sound that a person makes, esp. when they are in pain or unhappy （尤指疼痛或烦恼时的）呻吟，哼哼声
The groans of the injured man came from next door. 隔壁房间传来那个受伤男子的呻吟声。

**console**
**vt.**
try to make sb. feel better when they are unhappy or disappointed 安慰
Do you want to console your friend who is broken-hearted? 你想安慰你那位心碎的朋友吗？

***consolation***
**n.**
[C, U] sth. that makes you feel less unhappy or disappointed 安慰；慰藉
We tried to offer her consolation, but she kept crying anyway. 我们试图安慰她，但她只是一味地哭泣。

**burdensome**
**a.**
(fml.) creating problems for sb. 令人烦恼的；成为负担的
I am sorry your life is so burdensome; I only wish I could help in some way. 我很难过你的生活负担这么重，我只希望我能帮你点忙。

**airborne**
**a.**
1 an aircraft that is airborne is in the air 在空中的；飞行中的
We duly became airborne and flew back to the base with no further trouble. 我们按时升空飞回了大本营，没有遇到别的麻烦。
2 carried in the air 空气传播的
If the smoke had climbed to the upper atmosphere, it could have remained airborne for months, traveling much farther and possibly affecting the world's weather patterns. 如果烟飘到大气上层，它就会在那里停留数月，继而飘到更远的地方，很可能会影响地球的气候模式。

**dense**
**a.**
1 very heavy in relation to its size （物质）密度大的
The earth is denser than the other planets, and denser than the moon. 地球的密度比其他行星的都大，比月球的也大。
2 with a lot of trees, plants, or leaves growing close together 茂密的
This part of the country is covered with dense forests. 该国的这部分地区被茂密的丛林所覆盖。
3 dense smoke or gas is so thick that it is difficult to see through it （烟雾或气体）浓密的
The ship was barely visible through the dense fog. 在浓雾里几乎看不见那艘船。

**mall**
**n.**
[C] a large building with a lot of shops, restaurants, and sometimes a cinema 购物商场；购物中心

**cluster**
**n.**
[C] a small group of people or things that are very close to each other 群；组；束；串；簇
A cluster of workers gathered outside the chief's door for more pay. 一群工人聚集在主管的门外要求提高报酬。
**v.**
form a small close group 群集；聚集
People clustered around the bus stop. 人们聚集在汽车站周围。

**globalize**
**vt.**
1 make sth. become generally accepted all over the world 使全球化
Beach volleyball was introduced to the Olympic Games, which helped globalize the sport. 将沙滩排球引入奥运会促进了这项运动的全球化。
2 make a business begin operating all over the world 使（企业）全球化
As we globalize our market, the one thing that will put employers at the cutting edge is to have a workforce that is willing to give its all. 当我们使市场全球化的时候，一个能让雇主处于市场前沿位置的办法就是拥有能为公司付出一切的员工。

***globalized***
**a.**
including or affecting the whole world 全球性的
We have to face the challenges of the new globalized economy. 我们必须面对新的全球化经济的挑战。

**luncheon**
**n.**
[C, U] (fml.) lunch, esp. a formal lunch for a lot of people （尤指许多人吃的正式的）午餐

**anniversary**
**n.**
[C] a date when you celebrate sth. that happened in a previous year that is important to you 纪念日；周年纪念
The visit marks the 10th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries. 这次访问是为了庆贺两国建立外交关系十周年。

**decidedly**
**ad.**
1 in a way that is impossible to doubt and easy to see 确实无疑地；显然
The pillar that supports the house looked decidedly shaky and dangerous. 支撑房屋的柱子看起来的确摇摇欲坠，很危险。
2 in a way that shows you are very certain about sth. 坚决地；果断地
"I don't think we should listen to him," said Stevenson decidedly. “我认为我们不该听他的话，”史蒂文森坚决地说道。

**corporate**
**a.**
1 (only before noun) relating to large companies, or to a particular large company 大公司的
When I say corporate plan, I don't mean you have to live with it rigidly. 我说公司计划，并不是让你们一定要死板地去执行。
2 (fml.) shared by or including all the members of a group 全体的；集体的
In the face of the economic crisis, we should take up corporate responsibility. 面对经济危机，我们应该共同承担责任。

**compulsory**
**a.**
sth. that is compulsory must be done because of a rule or law 必须做的；义务的；强制的
In many countries, compulsory education has been adopted in order to elevate the average level of education. 许多国家采用了义务教育体制，以提高普遍的受教育水平。

**offset**
**vt.**
(offset, offset) (usu. passive) balance the effect of sth., with the result that there is no advantage or disadvantage 抵消；补偿
Their salary increase will be offset by rising prices. 他们增加的工资会被上涨的物价所抵消。
**n.**
[C] sth. that balances the effect of sth. else, so that there is no advantage or disadvantage 抵消物；补偿
In basketball, speed and sharp-wittedness are often an offset to one's small size. 打篮球时，速度和机智经常可以弥补身材矮小的不足。

**tropical**
**a.**
in or from the hottest parts of the world 热带的；来自热带的
Studies have proved that this disease is common in tropical countries. 研究已经证明，这种疾病在热带国家很常见。

**aviation**
**n.**
[U] the practice of flying planes 航空；飞行（术）
With a career in aviation, you get the opportunity to go to faraway countries. 从事航空业使你有机会到遥远的国度。

**hemisphere**
**n. [C]**
1 one half of the earth, divided between north and south by the equator （地球的）半球
The weather pattern of the southern hemisphere has no parallel in the north. 南半球的这种天气模式在北半球是找不到的。
2 one half of the brain, divided between left and right 大脑半球
It has been found that there are two specific regions in the left hemisphere which are uniquely used for language. 研究发现，左半脑有两块特定的区域是专门用于语言的。

**irony**
**n.**
1 [C, U] a strange, funny, or sad situation in which things happen in the opposite way to what you would expect 具有讽刺意味的事；出乎意料的事；啼笑皆非的事
It is an irony that the more technology we get, the less time we have to relax. 具有讽刺意味的是，我们的科技越发达，休闲的时间就越少。
2 [U] a form of humor in which you use words to express the opposite of what the words really mean 反语；反话；讥讽
The speech is full of irony, humor and compassion. 这次演讲充满了讥讽、幽默和同情。

**stubborn**
**a.**
1 very difficult to change or defeat 难以改变的；难以击败的；顽强的
This sort of disease is too stubborn to be cured with traditional therapies. 这种病太顽固了，用传统疗法很难治愈。
2 determined not to change your mind, even when people think you are being unreasonable （人）固执的，执拗的，倔强的
He is so stubborn that nobody can prevent him from doing things once he has made up his mind. 他很固执，一旦做了决定，没人能阻止。

**contemplate**
**v.**
think very carefully about sth. for a long time 思忖；思量；仔细考虑
The young surgeon contemplated the difficult kidney transplant operation. 年轻的外科医生仔细考虑了那个棘手的肾脏移植手术。
**vt.**
consider doing sth. in the future 盘算；打算
Many years ago, he contemplated writing a book about his childhood. 很多年前他就想写一本关于他童年的书。

**saturate**
**vt.**
1 fill sth. completely with a large number of things or a large amount of sth. 使充满
The smell of fish and eggs saturates the street as families prepare for breakfast. 当家家户户准备早餐时，大街上到处弥漫着鱼和鸡蛋的味道。
2 make sth. completely wet 使湿透
His work clothes were saturated with oil and had to be cleaned. 他的工作服已经被油浸透了，需要洗一下。

***saturated***
**a.**
1 (be ~ with) completely filled with things or people 充满的；充斥的
The consumer market is saturated with electronic goods. 消费者市场充斥着电子产品。
2 very wet 湿透的；浸透的
They were caught in the rain and came home with their clothes and shoes saturated with water. 他们淋了雨，回家时衣服和鞋子都被水浸透了。

**finite**
**a.**
(fml.) existing only in limited numbers or amounts or continuing only for a limited time or distance 有限的；有限制的
The overuse of finite natural resources, e.g. coal and oil, will undoubtedly result in ultimate shortages. 滥用有限的自然资源，诸如煤、石油等，必定会导致最终的资源短缺。

**literal**
**a.**
1 understanding words or ideas only in a basic and obvious way, and not showing much imagination 缺乏想象力的；刻板的
Wendy's mind was a much more literal one. 温迪的脑子比较缺乏想象力。
2 the literal meaning of a word is its most basic meaning 字面意思的；原义的
When reading a poem, you must understand it far beyond its literal sense. 读诗的时候，你必须要理解字面之外的意思。

**prose**
**n.**
[U] written language in its ordinary form, as opposed to poetry 散文（相对诗歌而言）
I love Hemingway's prose, and I think his short stories are some of the best in the language. 我喜欢海明威的散文，我认为他的短篇小说是英语作品中的佳作。

**verse**
**n.**
1 [U] (fml.) poetry, esp. poetry with a regular pattern （尤指遵循一定诗律的）诗（歌）
She wrote more than 30 novels and collections of verse. 她写了30多部小说和诗集。
2 [C] a group of words or sentences that form one section of a poem or song 诗句；诗节；（歌词的）节
The first lines gripped him, as did the next verse, and then the whole poem. 最初的几行吸引住了他，然后就是下一小节，接着是整首诗。

**cognitive**
**a.**
related to the process of knowing, understanding, and learning sth. 认知的；认知过程的
These experiments tell us a great deal about our cognitive processes. 这些实验让我们对自身的认知过程有了很多了解。

**imprison**
**vt. (usu. passive)**
1 make sb. feel that they are being kept in a place or situation that they cannot escape from 限制；束缚
Imprisoned by her own fears, Catherine has never dared to leave her home alone. 凯瑟琳被自我恐惧束缚着，从不敢独自离开家。
2 put sb. in a prison 关押；监禁
He was imprisoned for 10 years, but he still held on to his belief. 他被关押了10年，但是仍然坚持着自己的信仰。

**mundane**
**a.**
1 ordinary and not interesting or exciting, esp. because of happening too regularly 普通的；平凡的；平淡无奇的
Even such mundane routines as eating or drinking have found a place in some ballets. 即使吃饭和喝水等这些平淡无奇的日常事务也会在一些芭蕾舞中出现。
2 (fml.) relating to the world and practical matters instead of religious or spiritual ones 世俗的；尘世的
The idea of getting everyone away is to isolate them from mundane worries so that they can concentrate wholeheartedly on the task in hand. 让每个人都离开是要让他们都远离世俗的烦恼，这样他们就可以专心做手头上的工作了。

**exotic**
**a.**
1 used for describing things that are interesting or exciting because they are in or from distant foreign countries 外国产的；外国来的
The city has many restaurants with exotic foods. 这个城市有很多异国风味的餐厅。
2 interesting or exciting because of being unusual or not familiar 奇异的；别致的；异乎寻常的
Many girls like to wear exotic clothes. 许多女孩喜欢穿奇装异服。

**endow**
**vt.**
(fml.) (~ with) give a particular quality to sth., or say that sth. has a particular quality 赋予；认为具有某种品质
The general's supporters endow him with an almost godlike status. 将军的拥护者们几乎把他当 神一样看待。

**trivial**
**a.**
not very interesting, serious, or valuable 没意思的；不严重的；没价值的；琐碎的
May we never become so wrapped up in our own trivial problems that we forget to care about others. 希望我们永远不要只沉溺于自身的小问题中而忘了关心他人。

**multicultural**
**a.**
involving or including people or ideas from many different countries, races, or religions 多元文化的；多种文化融合的
We will encourage changes to the education system which place a positive value on a pluralist, diverse and multicultural society. 我们鼓励教育系统的改革，呼吁教育系统对社会的多元性、多样性和多文化性赋予正面价值。

**ambiguity**
**n.**
[C, U] the state of being unclear, confusing, or not certain, or things that produce this effect 模棱两可；不明确
The author's style suggests a certain ambiguity in his moral view. 作者的风格显示其在道德观上的模棱两可。

**circumference**
**n.**
1 [C, usu. sing.] the edge of a circle or a round object or area 周边
She would only be able to move within the circumference of that tree. 她只能在树的周边移动。
2 [C, U] the distance measured around the edge of a circle or a round object or area 圆周；周长
It's a mile around the circumference of the playground. 运动场周长一英里。

**latitude**
**n.**
[C, U] the distance of point on the earth from the equator, measured in degrees north or south 纬度

**longitude**
**n.**
[C, U] the distance east or west of the meridian, measured in degrees and minutes （地球的）经度

**renaissance**
**n.**
1 [sing.] a new interest in sth., so that it becomes popular again 复兴；重新流行
It was fashionable for men to wear their hair long, but wearing short hair has been enjoying something of a renaissance recently. 男人留长发曾经很时髦，但是近来留短发又有点重新流行起来。
2 (the R~) the period in Europe between the 14th and 16th centuries when there was increased interest in developing art, literature, science, etc. （欧洲14世纪至16世纪的）文艺复兴时期

**facet**
**n.**
[C] an aspect of sth. such as a situation or sb.'s character （情形或某人性格的）某一方面
Every facet of college life is fascinating. 大学生活的方方面面都很吸引人。

**insular**
**a.**
not interested in meeting anyone outside your own group or country, or not interested in learning new ideas or ways of doing things 与世隔绝的；思想狭隘的；固步自封的
Are we so insular that we cannot learn from others? 我们就如此思想狭隘，不能向别人学习吗？

**drawback**
**n.**
[C] a feature of sth. that makes it less useful than it could be 不足；欠缺
Living in a big city has advantages, but it also has drawbacks. 生活在大城市有好处，但也有不足。

**jet lag**
**n.**
[U] the feeling of being very tired and sometimes confused because you have traveled quickly on a plane across parts of the world where the time is different 飞行时差综合征；时差反应
The airlines have come up with a new solution to the problem of jet lag. 航空公司想出了一个对付时差综合征的新方法。

**cornerstone**
**n. [C]**
1 the basic part of sth., on which everything depends 基础；根本；基石
It was the cornerstone of the country's policy to revive state industry and national economy over the past five years. 在过去五年间重振国家工业和国民经济是该国的根本政策。
2 the stone at one of the bottom corners of a new building, often put there during a special ceremony 奠基石
The president attended the opening ceremony and laid the cornerstone of the State Library. 总统参加了开幕庆典并为国家图书馆奠基。

**Phrases and expressions**

**on sale**
(esp. AmE) available to be bought at a lower price than usual 廉价出售的
By reading the advertisement, you may find something you want on sale. 通过阅读这份广告，你也许会发现想要的某件商品正在减价。

**trade … for …**
exchange sth. you have for sth. else from others 用…交换…；相互交换
I will trade my camera for your drill. 我用我的相机来换你的钻机。

**mingle … with**
combine or make one thing combine with another 使…与…混合
The president delivered a speech that contained praise mingled with blame. 校长发表了一个褒贬兼蓄的演讲。

**be open to sth.**
be willing to consider many different possibilities 愿意考虑…
I'm sure they will be open to any comments and suggestions from everyone. 我肯定他们会愿意倾听大家任何意见和建议。

**more often than not**
usually 往往；多半
More often than not, people are not happy because they are too easily affected by the outside world. 人们觉得不幸福多半是因为他们太容易受外界影响了。

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**solo**
**ad.**
alone 单独地；独自地
Kids used to sleeping with you may get anxious when made to go solo. 习惯跟你一起睡觉的孩子一个人睡觉时会感到焦虑。
**a.**
(usu. before noun) done by one person alone, without any help 单独的；独自的
He is a little nervous as this is his first solo flight. 由于这是他的第一次单独飞行，他有点紧张。
**n.**
[C] a piece of music or a part of a piece of music that is performed by one person 独奏（曲）；独唱（曲）
She was asked by the audience to sing a solo accompanied by the piano. 观众要求她随着钢琴伴奏独唱一曲。

**aesthetics**
**n.**
[U] the study of the nature of beauty, esp. in arts such as painting and architecture （审）美学

**fragrant**
**a.**
with a pleasant smell 香的；芬芳的
Spring has come; trees are heavy with fragrant blooms. 春天来了，满树芬芳的花朵绽放。

**venerable**
**a.**
(of a person or thing) very old and respected because of their age, experience, historical importance, etc.（因年纪、经验而）受人尊敬的，德高望重的；（因历史意义等）神圣庄严的，珍贵的
Although I have never met that venerable scholar, his teachings continuously guide me toward the correct path in life. 虽然我从来没有见过那位德高望重的学者，但是他的教诲一直指引着我走向正确的人生道路。

**chunk**
**n. [C]**
1 a large amount or part of sth. 大量；大部分
One mother stated, "It's important for both of us to work, but a huge chunk of our money goes to care for our children." 一位母亲说：“重要的是我们俩都得工作，但我们的钱大部分都花在了照顾孩子上。”
2 a large thick piece of sth. 厚块；大块
The hunter cut a big chunk of meat and tossed it to his dog. 猎人割下一大块肉扔给了他的狗。

**locomotive**
**n.**
[C] the vehicle at the front of a train that pulls it 机车；火车头

**notation**
**n.**
[C, U] a set of written signs or shapes that are used in sth. such as music or mathematics 系统成套的记号；音乐符号；数学符号
Unfortunately, in some public schools, children do not learn to read or write musical notation. 遗憾的是，在一些公立学校，孩子们不学习乐谱读写。

**onset**
**n.**
[sing.] the beginning of sth., esp. sth. bad （尤指某种坏事情的）开始，发作
My body felt hot all over, the way it does at the onset of a fever. 我全身发热，就像发烧刚开始时一样。

**zigzag**
**vi.**
move forward in a line that makes very sharp angles, going suddenly from one direction to another 曲折地行进
A narrow road zigzagged down to the stream. 一条狭窄的小路曲曲折折地通向小溪。
**n.**
[C] a pattern that looks like a line of z's connected together 之字形；Z字形
The man traced a zigzag on the metal with his finger. 那个男子用手指在金属表面上画了一条Z字形的线。

**multinational**
**a.**
1 a multinational company or business has offices, shops or factories in several countries （公司或商行）跨国的
I've got a friend in Germany who says that he can get me a job with a large, multinational company here in Shanghai. 我一个在德国的朋友说他可以在上海帮我在一家大型跨国公司谋一份工作。
2 involving people from many different countries, esp. soldiers 多国的
The UN has decided to send a multinational force to help keep peace in the politically unstable area. 联合国决定在这个政治动荡地区派遣多国部队来维和。

**conceive**
**vt.**
1 (usu. in negatives or questions) imagine sth. or think of doing sth. 想象；想出
I can hardly conceive what it is like here in the winter. 我难以想象冬天这里会是什么样子的。
2 (often passive) think of sth. such as a new idea, plan, or design 构想；设想
The Apple iPad was conceived nearly 40 years ago. 几乎40年前就有了苹果平板电脑这个设想。

***inconceivable***
**a.**
so unlikely as to be difficult to believe 难以置信的
Future achievements in technology will bring about inconceivable changes. 未来的科技成就会带来难以置信的变化。

**reckless**
**a.**
not thinking about the possible bad effects of your actions 轻率的；鲁莽的
It is reckless and irresponsible of you to quit your job now. 你现在辞去工作是轻率而不负责任的。

**isolation**
**n.**
[U] the state of being separated from other people, or a situation in which you do not have the support of other people 隔离；孤立；分离
The patient had to remain in isolation until she was no longer infectious. 那个病人必须被隔离，直到她不再具有传染性。

**susceptible**
**a.**
easily influenced or affected by sth. 易受影响的
Some young people are more susceptible to pride and peer pressure than others. 有些年轻人更容易受自尊和同伴压力的影响。

**booklet**
**n.**
[C] a small thin book that gives you information about sth. 小册子
Please read this booklet about how to react in case of an earthquake. 请阅读一下这本关于如何应对地震的小册子。

**feast**
**n.**
[C] a large meal 盛宴
Most people celebrate Thanksgiving by gathering for a holiday feast with family or friends. 大多数人以亲友团聚吃节日大餐的方式来庆祝感恩节。
**vi.**
eat and drink a lot on a special occasion 大吃大喝
For most people who celebrate Christmas, the holiday season is characterized by gatherings with family and friends, feasting, and gift giving. 对于大多数庆祝圣诞节的人来说，休假旺季的特色就是亲友团聚，吃大餐和互送礼物。

**bilingual**
**a.**
1 able to speak two languages equally well 能流利地说两种语言的
When bilingual people switch from one language to another, they start thinking differently, too. 当讲双语的人从一种语言切换成另一种时，他们的思维模式也在变。
2 involving or written in two languages 两种语言的；用两种语言写成的；双语的
Many parents oppose bilingual education in schools, because they want their children to only use one language. 很多家长反对学校进行双语教育，因为他们想要自己的孩子只用一种语言。

**downside**
**n.**
[sing.] the disadvantage or negative aspect of sth. （事物的）不利方面，消极面
The downside is that I have to go work again. 不利的一面是我还得去上班。

**grope**
**vt.**
touch sb. sexually in a rough way, esp. sb. who does not want to be touched 猥亵；对…性骚扰
Albert has been accused of groping female coworkers at the office. 艾伯特被指控在办公室猥亵女同事。
**vi.**
search for sth. inside a container, bag, etc. by feeling with your hands （在包、袋等中）摸索，寻找
I grope for my car keys in my bag. 我在包里摸索着车钥匙。

**illicit**
**a.**
not allowed by laws or rules, or strongly disapproved of by society 非法的；违规的；不正当的
In this country, drinking alcohol was once illicit. 在这个国家饮酒曾一度是非法的。

***illicitly***
**ad.**
非法地；违规地；不正当地
We should not buy illicitly produced goods. 我们不应该购买非法生产的物品。

**menace**
**vt.**
threaten sb. or sth. 威胁；威吓
Two men menaced him with weapons and forced him to give up his money. 两个男人用武器威胁他，逼他交出钱。
**n.**
1 [C] sb. or sth. that is dangerous and likely to cause harm 危险人物；危险事物；威胁
The crossroad in front of the school is a menace to the children's safety. 学校前面的十字路口威胁着孩子们的安全。
2 [U] a threatening quality or feeling 威胁；恐吓
This operation was carried out as the only possible way of dealing with the menace of the drug dealers. 开展这项行动是对付那些毒贩威胁唯一可行的办法。

**snore**
**vi.**
breathe noisily while you sleep 打鼾
If you sleep on your back with your mouth open, you are likely to snore. 如果你张着嘴巴平躺着睡觉，你很可能会打鼾。
**n.**
[C] a sound you make when you breathe noisily while you sleep 鼾声；呼噜声
His snores often wake me up in the dead of the night. 他的鼾声经常在夜深人静之时把我吵醒。

**mow**
**vt.**
cut grass using a machine or tool with blades 刈，割（草等）
Tom mowed the lawn by himself so that his father might forgive him for failing his math exam. 汤姆一个人修剪了草坪，这样的话他的父亲也许会原谅他数学考试不及格了。

***lawnmower***
**n.**
[C] a machine used for cutting grass 割草机；刈草机
The faulty lawnmower chewed up the lawn. 那部有问题的割草机把草坪都弄坏了。

**irritate**
**vt.**
1 make you feel annoyed or impatient 使烦躁；使不耐烦
The child's endless questions irritated his mother a lot. 小孩无休无止的问题让他妈妈很不耐烦。
2 hurt a part of your body, making it painful, red, or swollen 使疼痛；使发红；使肿胀
The stomach produces acids during the night; without food in the morning, these acids will irritate the stomach. 晚上胃会产生胃酸，不吃早饭的话，胃酸会使胃肿胀。

***irritated***
**a.**
1 annoyed or impatient about sth. 被激怒的；不耐烦的
People are irritated and frustrated when their privacy is invaded. 当人们的隐私被侵犯时，他们又恼怒又沮丧。
2 painful, red, or swollen 疼痛的；发红的；肿胀的
Pneumonia causes the alveoli (肺泡) of the lungs to become irritated. 肺炎引起肺泡肿胀。

**perplex**
**vt.**
make you feel confused and worried because it is difficult to understand 使困惑；使茫然
It is an age-old riddle that has perplexed generations: Which came first, the chicken or the egg? 这个古老的谜困惑了几代人：是先有鸡还是先有蛋？

***perplexed***
**a.**
confused because you cannot understand sth. 困惑的；茫然的
Consumers remain perplexed about which food to buy. 消费者仍很困惑，不知道该买哪样食物。

**safeguard**
**vt.**
protect sth. or sb. from being harmed or having problems 保卫；保护
Every country has the right to safeguard its independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity. 每个国家都有权维护自己的独立、主权和领土完整。
**n.**
[C] a law, rule, plan, etc. that protects sb. or sth. from harm or problems 保障条款；预防措施
Healthcare is an essential safeguard of human life and dignity. 医疗保健是对人类生命和尊严的必要保障。

**suppress**
**vt.**
1 stop an activity, esp. by making laws or using your authority （尤指通过制定法律或运用权力）禁止（活动）
It is not clear whether, in the long run, environmental regulation will suppress economic growth. 尚不清楚环境管制从长远来看是否会遏制经济增长。
2 stop opposition or protest using military force or strict laws （凭借武力或严格的法律）平定，制止，镇压
Although there are occasional outbreaks of gunfire, we can report that the rebellion has been suppressed. 尽管偶尔还有枪炮声，但我们可以报告说叛乱已平定。
3 stop yourself feeling an emotion 忍住，抑制，压抑（自己的情感）
She could hardly suppress a smile over his charming behavior. 他举止迷人，她禁不住朝他一笑。

**wagon**
**n.**
[C] a vehicle with four wheels that is usu. pulled by horses and is used for carrying heavy loads 四轮运货马车

**ethnic**
**a.**
1 relating to a group of people who have the same culture and traditions 种族的；民族的
Your sex, ethnic background, social class, and personal style all influence your body language. 你的性别、民族背景、社会阶层和个人风格都会影响你的肢体语言。
2 used for referring to people from a particular ethnic group, when they live in a country where most people are from a different ethnic group 少数民族的
Young people and ethnic minorities have repeatedly complained about police interference. 年轻人和少数民族经常抱怨警察的干预。

**tissue**
**n.**
1 [C] a piece of soft thin paper used esp. for wiping your nose （尤指擤鼻子用的）纸巾，面巾纸
2 [U] the substance that animal and plant cells are made of （动植物细胞的）组织

**ample**
**a.**
(usu. before noun) enough, and often more than you need 足够的；充裕的；丰富的
I'm fortunate enough to have and take ample time to rest and recharge each year. 我很幸运每年都会有足够的时间来休息和充电。

**swap**
**v.**
give sth. to sb. in exchange for sth. else 交换
Do you want to swap seats? 你要换位置吗？

**folklore**
**n.**
[U] traditional stories, sayings, and beliefs from a particular region or community 民间传说；民间谚语；民间信仰；民俗
In European folklore, the bat is an evil animal, always linked with dark and evil forces. 在欧洲的民间传说中，蝙蝠是邪恶的动物，总是跟黑暗和邪恶力量联系在一起。

**credible**
**a.**
1 able to be believed or trusted 可信的；可靠的
To his parents' delight, he has become a credible and responsible person. 让他父母开心的是，他已经变成了一个可靠、负责的人。
2 considered as likely to happen or be successful 据认为可能发生（或成功）的；有实力的
He thinks that he is a credible candidate for chairman of the student union. 他认为自己是一个有望当选学生会主席的候选人。

**upfront**
**a.**
(infml.) completely honest and not trying to hide anything 坦率的；无保留的
I wish Ivan had been a bit more upfront with us. 我多希望伊凡当初能对我们坦率些。

**endanger**
**vt.**
put sb. or sth. into a situation where they might be harmed 危及；危害
Smoking during pregnancy can endanger your unborn baby's health. 孕期抽烟会危害胎儿的健康。

**caution**
**n.**
[U] careful thought and lack of hurry in order to try to avoid risks or danger 小心；谨慎；慎重
He approached life with calm and caution. 他冷静而谨慎地对待生活。

**presume**
**vt.**
think sth. is true because it is likely, although you cannot be certain 假设；认为
I presume from your accent that you are from the south of China. 我从你的口音判断你来自中国的南方。

**disregard**
**vt.**
not consider sth. important or pay any attention to it 漠视；轻视
It was easy, when we were young, to disregard future difficulties while we enjoyed the success of the present. 在我们年轻的时候很容易沉浸在当下成功的喜悦中而轻视以后的困难。
**n.**
[sing., U] the attitude of sb. who does not respect sth. or consider it important 漠视；轻视
He had a certain disregard for his own safety whenever he helped others. 每当他帮助别人时都有点不顾自己的安危。

**neutral**
**a.**
1 not showing strong feelings or opinions in the way you speak or behave （言辞或行为）不带强烈感情色彩的，观点不鲜明的
Eileen kept her voice carefully neutral. 艾琳非常谨慎地使自己的声音不带任何感情色彩。
2 not supporting or helping either side in a disagreement, competition, etc. 中立的；持平的；无倾向性的
During the war, some countries questioned whether they should join one side, join the other, or remain neutral and not fight at all. 战争时期，有些国家不知道他们是应该加入一方还是另一方，还是索性保持中立不参战。

**bureaucrat**
**n.**
[C] sb. who is employed to help run an office or government department 官僚；官僚主义者

**despise**
**vt.**
hate sb. or sth. and have no respect for them 鄙视；藐视；看不起
Honest people despise lies and liars. 诚实的人鄙视谎言和说谎者。

**constrain**
**vt. (fml.)**
1 limit sb.'s freedom to do what they want 限制；约束
On weekends, we are not constrained by our weekday routine, and we may enjoy our social life in the evening. 周末我们不再被工作日例程所束缚，晚上可以尽情享受社交生活。
2 (usu. passive) force sb. to do sth. that they do not want to do 强迫；迫使
We are constrained to take the present measures to safeguard our own interests. 我们不得不以现在这种方式来维护我们自身的利益。

**sensational**
**a.**
1 very exciting and surprising 轰动的；激动人心的
Macedonia is still an archeologically unknown land with sensational finds waiting to be discovered. 马其顿在考古学上仍是一片未知的领域，很多激动人心的发现有待发掘。
2 intended to interest, excite, or shock people 夸张的；耸人听闻的
Nowadays, newspapers always use sensational stories to attract more readers. 现在报纸总是用一些耸人听闻的故事来吸引更多的读者。

**Phrases and expressions**

**take sth. off**
have a particular amount of time away from work 从工作中抽出（时间）；休假
I think that you have worked too hard recently and really ought to take some time off for a holiday. 我认为你最近工作太辛苦了，真应该抽出时间去度度假。

**smuggle sb. / sth. into**
take sb. or sth. secretly to a place where they are not allowed to be 偷偷携带；夹带
Illegal immigrants are often smuggled into the country by boat. 非法移民经常被小船偷运进这个国家。

**license to do sth.**
(infml.) permission to do sth. that is wrong or illegal 对做坏事（或非法之事）的放纵
Being angry doesn't give you license to treat others so rudely. 你无权因为生气而对别人如此粗鲁。

**safeguard sb. / sth. from / against sth.**
protect sb. or sth. against sth. 保护…使免遭…
The company was blamed for failing to safeguard its workers against dangerous chemicals. 这个公司没有保护好工人，让他们遭受了危险化学品的侵害，因而受到指责。

**swap sth. with sb.**
exchange sth. with sb. 跟某人交换某物
Students are encouraged to swap notes with each other. 学生们被鼓励互相交换笔记。

**have an insight into**
have an understanding of what sth. is like了解；熟悉；看透；识破
We had a deep insight into the inner feelings of the woman scientist from the TV series. 我们从这部电视连续剧中深刻地体会到了这位女科学家的内心情感。

**throw / cast caution to the wind(s)**
stop being careful and do sth. you know has risks 不顾一切；鲁莽行事
At times like this, a lot of investors may feel an urge to throw caution to the wind and jump in head first. 在这种时候，很多投资者可能会不顾一切，愿意一头扎进去而不计后果。

**watch one's back**
make sure that no one does anything to harm or trick you 警惕；提防
Pitman was fearless. But Pitman was also shrewd and knew to watch his back. 皮特曼是无畏的，但是他也是精明的，知道要小心提防。

**watch (out) for**
pay close attention in a particular situation because you are expecting sth. to happen or you want to avoid sth. bad 当心；密切注意
It may sound like a win-win situation, but watch out for the terms of the deal. 这听起来像是一个双赢的局面，但是要注意协议的条款。

**open one's mind**
be ready to consider or accept new ideas 乐于考虑（接受）（新观念）
Young people are always ready to open their mind to new things. 年轻人总是乐于接受新鲜事物。

**constrain sb. from doing sth.**
restrict or limit sb. from doing sth. 限制某人做某事
The bill actually constrains the legislature from doing what they are elected to do. 这个法案实际上限制了立法机关做他们被选举来该做的事情。

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 **degrade**
**vt.**
treat sb. without respect and make them lose respect for themselves 贬低（某人）；羞辱（某人）
The examination supervisor warned students not to degrade themselves by cheating on the exam. 监考老师警告学生不要在考试中舞弊，以免自取其辱。

**adverse**
**a.**
not good or favorable 不利的；反对的；反面的
Economists fear that any conflict between the two countries could have adverse effects on global financial markets. 经济学家们担心两国之间的任何冲突都可能对全球金融市场产生不利影响。

**conform**
vi.
(~ to / with) obey sth. such as a rule or law 遵照；遵守；服从
The city has a few modern buildings in the central area which do not conform with the style of the city's overall character. 该城市中心区域有一些现代建筑跟城市的整体风格特点不相符合。

**revenue**
**n.**
[U] money that a business or organization receives over a period of time, esp. from selling goods or services （公司、机构的）收益，收入
A spokesman for the finance department said costs generally rise when revenue increases. 财务部门的发言人说收益增加成本通常会增加。

**polar**
**a.**
1 (~ opposite / extreme) sth. that is the complete or exact opposite of sth. else 完全相反；正好相反
John said he'd vote for the candidate even if his beliefs were the polar opposite of his own. 约翰说即便候选人的观点与自己的相左，他也将投票给该候选人。
2 close to or relating to the North Pole or the South Pole 地极的；近地极的；极地的
The melting of the polar icecaps and the rise in the sea level are only the most commonly cited effects of climate change. 极地冰盖融化以及海平面上升只是最常被提及的气候变化的后果。

**pastime**
**n.**
[C] sth. that you do because you think it is enjoyable or interesting 消遣；娱乐
To relieve the stress caused by her job, she turned to painting, a pastime she had loved since childhood. 为了缓解工作引起的压力，她开始画画，这是她自儿时起就喜欢的消遣。

**coincide**
**vi. (~ with)**
1 (of ideas, opinions, etc.) be the same or very similar （想法、意见等）相同，相符，极为类似
Indeed, the State's interests may not coincide with those of the individual. 的确，国家利益可能与个人利益不一致。
2 (of two or more events) take place at the same time （两件或更多的事情）同时发生
Her arrival coincided with our departure. 她到来之时正逢我们离开。

**voluntary**
**a.**
done willingly and without being forced 自愿的；自动的
Every decision is made of a person's free will, and is voluntary, unless it is effected by compulsion. 每项决定都是基于个人意愿，属自愿性质的，除非有强制要求。

**designate**
**vt.**
1 (fml.) (~ sb. / sth. as) give sb. or sth. a particular name, title, or description 把…定名为；授予…称号；把…描述为
When residents wanted to designate the Elk River as a heritage site, the mines killed the proposal. 当居民们想把埃尔克河确定为文化遗产时，该提议却被众多的矿井给毁掉了。
2 (~ sb. / sth. as) formally choose sb. or sth. for a particular purpose 任命；选定；选派
A will allows people to designate someone as receiver of their property when they die. 遗嘱使人们可以指定其去世后财产由谁继承。

**correlate**
**v.**
(~ with) if two or more facts, ideas, etc. correlate or you correlate them, they are closely connected to each other or one causes the other （使）相互关联
Rising temperatures and the associated earlier spring snowmelt correlate with increasing amounts and size of wildfires in the western United States. 气温升高及其所导致的春季融雪提前与美国西部数量日益增多、规模日益增大的山火是有关联的。

**esteem**
**n.**
[U] a feeling of respect for sb., or a good opinion of sb. 尊敬；敬重
He is held in high esteem by colleagues in the construction industry. 他受到建筑业同行的高度尊重。
**vt.**
(fml.) respect and admire sb. or sth. 尊敬；敬重
Employee qualities such as being cooperative and industrious are often esteemed by managers. 员工的合作、勤奋等品质常常为经理们所推崇。

**greenhouse**
**n.**
[C] a glass building used for growing plants that need warmth, light, and protection 温室；暖房

**mayor**
**n.**
[C] the person who has been elected to lead the government of a town or city 市长

**prone**
**a.**
likely to do sth. or suffer from sth., esp. sth. bad or harmful 易于发生某事（尤指不好或有害的事）的；很可能…的；有…倾向的
Most children are prone to junk food. 多数孩子喜欢吃垃圾食品。

**dedicate**
**vt.**
1 use a place, time, money, etc. only for a particular purpose （为某一目的而）使用
The newspaper dedicated three whole pages to pictures of the princess. 报纸用了三个整版刊登王妃的照片。
2 give all your attention and effort to one particular thing 致力于；献身于
The new president said she would dedicate herself to protecting the rights of children, the old and the homeless. 新总统说她将致力于保护儿童、老人和无家可归者的权利。

**autonomy**
**n. [U]**
1 the ability or opportunity to make your own decisions without being controlled by anyone else 自主能力；自主
Genetic engineering may threaten privacy, kill autonomy, make society look and be alike, and destroy the concept of human nature. 基因工程可能威胁隐私，扼杀自主权，使社会千篇一律，并且破坏人性这一观念。
2 freedom that a place or an organization has to govern or control itself 自治；自治权
They are willing to give this district more autonomy, but not independence. 他们愿意给该地区更多的自治权，但不会让其独立。

**precision**
**n.**
[U] the quality of being very exact or correct 精确（性）；准确（性）
To improve the precision of gene testing, scientists needed to spell out the actual DNA sequence of disease-fostering genes. 为了提高基因测试的精度，科学家们需要阐明致病基因的DNA序列。

**foster**
**vt.**
help a skill, feeling, idea, etc. develop over a period of time 促进；培养；助长
All classroom practice will be geared to encouraging and fostering not only students' learning habits but also students' creativity. 所有的课堂实践都将不仅鼓励和培养学生的学习习惯，还鼓励和培养其创造力。

**incentive**
**n.**
[C, U] sth. that encourages you to work harder, start a new activity, etc. 刺激；动力；鼓励
My girlfriend's interest in my job gave me an incentive so I worked twice as hard. 女友对我工作的兴趣给了我动力，因此我加倍努力。

**livelihood**
**n.**
[C, U] the way you earn money in order to live 生计
It was the lack of a basic livelihood that compelled the oppressed to fight for their survival. 正是由于无法维持基本的生计才迫使被压迫者为自身的生存而抗争。

**gauge**
**vt.**
make a judgment or guess about a situation, action, or person based on the information that you have （根据所掌握的信息）估计，判断
If you want to gauge public opinion about the war, look at the local media coverage concerning the deaths of the soldiers. 如果你想判断舆论对这场战争的看法，看看当地媒体有关士兵牺牲的报道吧。
**n.**
[C] an instrument for measuring the size or amount of sth. 测量仪器；计量器；量规
A gasoline gauge shows the amount of gasoline left in a car. 油表显示汽车剩余的油量。

**commonplace**
**a.**
happening or existing in many places, and therefore not special or unusual 平常的；平凡的；不足为奇的
Paid vacations of two weeks or longer are a commonplace benefit in many companies. 两周或更长的带薪假期在很多公司都是常见的福利。

**innovation**
**n.**
1 [U] the introduction of new ideas or methods 革新；创新
The duty of every teacher is to encourage creativity and innovation in the classroom. 每个老师在课堂上的职责都是鼓励创新。
2 [C] a new idea, method, or invention 新观念；新方法
Those well-meaning people who have tried to introduce innovations in schools have come up against considerable resistance from teachers, students and parents alike. 那些善意的人们尽力将一些新观念引入学校，但在老师、学生和家长中都遇到了相当大的阻力。

**automate**
**vt.**
start using computers and machines to do a job, rather than people 使自动化
The engineer used a computer program he had created to automate downloading of program updates. 该工程师用自己设计的电脑程序自动下载程序更新。

***automated***
**a.**
using computers and machines to do a job, rather than people 自动化的
One proposed solution to the growing problem of accidents caused by tired truck drivers, may perhaps be an automated highway system. 由卡车司机疲劳驾驶引起的事故越来越多，一个提议的解决方案可能就是自动化高速公路系统。

**upcoming**
**a.**
(only before noun) happening soon 即将来临的；即将发生的
I feel very confident about the upcoming debate because I believe that I can defeat my opponent's argument easily. 我对即将到来的辩论充满信心，因为我相信我能轻松驳倒对方的观点。

**medieval**
**a.**
connected with the Middle Ages (= the period between about AD 1100 and 1500) 中世纪的；中古时期的
I have seen medieval manuscripts in which one word is spelled four different ways on a single page. 我看过中世纪的手稿，同一页上一个单词竟然有四种拼写方法。

**aristocrat**
**n.**
[C] sb. who belongs to the highest social class 贵族（成员）

***aristocracy***
**n.**
[C, usu. sing.] the people in the highest social class, who traditionally have a lot of land, money, and power 贵族

**refrain**
**vi.**
(~ from) (fml.) not do sth. that you want to do 克制；抑制；忍住
International financial experts committed to refrain from competitive devaluation of our currencies and decided to promote a stable and well-functioning international monetary system. 国际金融专家承诺不使我们的货币出现竞争性贬值，并决定要促进建立稳定完善的国际货币体系。

**addictive**
**a.**
1 an activity that is addictive is so enjoyable that you do not want to stop 使人入迷的；使人沉溺的
I tell most people to avoid collecting antiques, as it is too expensive and addictive. 我告诉大多数人不要收集古董，因为它太费钱，而且让人沉迷其中。
2 if a substance, esp. a drug, is addictive, your body starts to need it regularly and you are unable to stop taking it 使人成瘾的
Doctors say that relying on these electronic devices can have the same addictive effects on users as drugs and alcohol. 医生说依赖这些电子设备会跟毒品和酒精一样让使用者上瘾。

**gossip**
**n.**
[U] information that is passed from one person to another about other people's behavior and private lives, often including unkind or untrue remarks 流言蜚语；闲言碎语；传闻
When he got to the office the next day, he found himself a target of very unkind gossip, which, of course, made him quite angry. 当他第二天去办公室时，他发现自己成了闲言碎语的对象，这当然让他很愤怒。

**extravagant**
**a.**
spending or costing a lot of money, esp. more than is necessary or more than you can afford 奢侈的；挥霍的
How is she paying for her extravagant holiday with her modest income? 她的微薄收入怎么能为她奢华的假期埋单？

**toxic**
**a.**
containing poison, or caused by poisonous substances 有毒的；由有毒物质引起的
The newly released variant of the existing cancer drug, scientists have found, is directly toxic to nerve cells. 科学家已经发现，新发布的现有抗癌药物的新品种对神经细胞有直接的毒害。

**array**
**n.**
[C, usu. sing.] a group of people or things, esp. one that is large or impressive 大群；大堆；大量
The center provides an array of services including surgery, rehabilitation and pain management. 该中心提供大量的服务，包括外科手术、康复和疼痛治疗等。

**diversion**
**n. [C, U]**
1 an enjoyable activity that you do to stop yourself from becoming bored 消遣；娱乐
We insist on requesting challenging activities even in our diversions, because without challenges, there can be no game. 我们坚持认为，即使是娱乐活动也要有挑战性，因为没有挑战，就无所谓游戏。
2 a change in the direction or use of sth., or the act of changing it 转向；转移
A magician's talk creates a diversion of attention so that people do not see how he does his tricks. 魔术师说话会转移人们的注意力，这样就没人注意他是如何变魔术的。

**hurl**
**vt.**
throw sth. using a lot of force 猛投；用力掷
He was knocked out by a stone hurled at him from the other side of the road. 他被一块从马路另一边掷来的石头击倒了。

**suffice**
**vi.**
(fml.) be enough 足够；满足要求
One example should suffice to illustrate my point. 一个例子足以阐明我的观点。

**apt**
**a.**
exactly right for a particular situation or purpose 适当的；恰当的
Which is the most apt description depends on the point or purpose of asking the question. 哪种描述最适合取决于提出问题的出发点或目的。

***aptly***
**ad.**
(~ named / described / called, etc.) named, described, etc. in a way that seems very suitable 恰当地命名/描述/称呼等
Indeed, if there is a single word that would most aptly define Monk's music, it's "freedom". 的确，如果有一个词能恰如其分地描述蒙克的音乐，那就是“自由”。

**monetary**
**a.**
(only before noun) relating to money, esp. all the money in a particular country 货币的；金融的
Monetary policies play an important role in attracting foreign investment and developing a strong economy. 货币政策在吸引外来投资、发展强劲的经济方面起着重要的作用。

**optimum**
**a.**
(only before noun) the best or most suitable for a particular purpose or in a particular situation 最优的；最适宜的
You should hold the book at a proper distance from your eyes; optimum reading distance is between 15 to 22 inches from your eyes. 你应该把书放到离眼睛适当远的距离——最佳阅读距离是15到22英寸。

**simultaneous**
**a.**
happening or done at the same time 同时的；同时发生的
The ceasefire must be simultaneous with the withdrawal of forces. 停火与撤军必须同步进行。

**contend**
**vi.**
compete against sb. in order to gain sth. 竞争；争夺
Their firm is too small to contend with large multinational corporations. 他们的公司太小，难以和大的跨国公司竞争。
**vt.**
argue or state that sth. is true 声称；断言；主张
The lawyer contended that her client had never been near the scene of the crime. 律师声称她的当事人从没到过犯罪现场。

**Phrases and expressions**

**to name only / but a few**
used after a short list of things or people to say that there are many more you could mention 略举几例
The international community is also offering assistance, including the United States, France and China, to name only a few. 国际社会也在提供援助，略举几例，如美国、法国和中国。

**sink one's teeth into sth.**
(infml.) start to do sth. with a lot of energy and determination 精力充沛地开始处理某事；专注于做某事
Playing the part of Queen Victoria is the kind of role that is made for you, the kind of role you can sink your teeth into. 维多利亚女王这个角色，就是为你而设，是一个你能倾情投入的角色。

**slave away**
work very hard 拼命干；苦干
After slaving away at the computer keyboard, you then still have to write notation signs by hand, the old-fashioned way. 辛辛苦苦用电脑键盘输入后，你还得按老办法手工写上注释符号。

**count down**
wait for sth. to happen, usu. noticing every day or moment that passes until it happens 倒数；倒计时
A giant electronic display is counting down the days to the start of the Pan-American Games here. 一块巨大的电子显示屏对即将在此举行的泛美运动会进行倒计时。

**at hand**
(fml.) needing to be dealt with now 手头的；需要马上处理的
If they would take a few seconds to understand the problem at hand, they would most likely find an easy answer and without needing a calculator. 如果他们花上一点时间去弄懂手头的题目，则极有可能不需要计算器就能找到一个简单的答案。

**contend with sth.**
have to deal with sth. difficult or unpleasant 必须处理；不得不应付
Euro Disney had to contend with many difficulties when its first financial year came to an end. 当第一个财年结束时，欧洲迪斯尼乐园不得不去应对很多的困难。

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 **hospitality**
**n.**
[U] friendly and generous behavior toward visitors and guests, intended to make them feel welcome （对客人的）友好款待，好客，殷勤
We were greatly delighted by the hospitality of the local people. 当地人热情好客，我们非常高兴。

**stitch**
**vt.**
sew two pieces of cloth together, or sew a decoration onto a piece of cloth 缝；缝合；缝补；缝缀
To make a pillow, shake the feathers into a bag, and then stitch the bag closed. 做枕头时，将羽毛抖进枕套中，然后将枕套缝合。

**entrust**
**vt.**
(~ sth. to sb.) make sb. responsible for doing sth. important, or for taking care of sb. 委托；交付
She entrusted her son's education to a private tutor. 她把儿子的教育托付给了一位私人教师。

**patch**
**vt.**
repair a hole in sth. by putting a piece of sth. else over it 修补；缝补
Carl patched his old football but it soon leaked air again. 卡尔将旧的足球补好，但很快足球又漏气了。
**n.**
[C] a small area of sth. that is different from the area around it （与周围部分不同的）斑，小块
He thanked her for the tea and put the bowl in a patch of shade. 他感谢她以茶相待，然后将碗放在一小块阴凉处。

**spectacle**
**n.**
1 (~s) [pl.] (fml.) glasses that help you see 眼镜
He took off his wire-framed spectacles, closed his eyes, and massaged the bridge of his nose. 他取下金属边框的眼镜，闭上双眼，按摩起了鼻梁。
2 [C] a very impressive show or scene 精彩的表演；壮观的场面（景象）
These days, sports brings amazing spectacles to people's lives. 如今，体育给人们的生活增添了色彩。

**handicraft**
**n.**
[C] an activity such as sewing or making baskets, in which you use your hands in a skillful way to make things 手工艺；手艺
This handicraft pottery was sold primarily at open-air or other roadside markets. 这种手工陶器主要在露天或路边市场销售。

**specialty**
**n. [C] (BrE speciality)**
1 a subject or job that you know a lot about or have a lot of experience of 专业；专门研究；专长
Computers weren't his specialty, but he accepted the assignment enthusiastically. 电脑不是他的特长，但他还是热情地接受了任务。
2 a type of food that a person, restaurant, or area is well known for （某人、饭馆或地方的）特色食品
The best waitress served the small group of tourists every specialty the restaurant had. 饭店最好的服务员给这一小群游客呈上店里的每一款特色食品。

**simplistic**
**a.**
treating difficult subjects in a way that is too simple 过分简单化的
Even if that's a bit harsh, or simplistic, it's clear that security policy is aimed at keeping potentially dangerous objects off airplanes, and it is one of many possible approaches to making things safe. 即便是有点严厉，或太过简单化，很明显安保政策旨在让那些有潜在危险的物品远离飞机，这也是众多解决安全问题的可能方法之一。

**residential**
**a.**
containing or suitable for private houses 住宅的；适于作住宅的
A few blocks from the hotel, he wandered into a residential neighborhood where he saw how local people were living. 在距离宾馆几个街区的地方，他信步走进一个居民小区，看到了当地人的生活状况。

**absurd**
**a.**
completely stupid or unreasonable 愚蠢的；荒谬的；荒唐的
What you are suggesting right now is absurd and obviously violates the law. 你现在所建议的很荒谬，而且明显违法。

**bias**
**n.**
[sing., U] an opinion about whether a person, group, or idea is good or bad which influences how you deal with it 偏见；成见；偏心
They are wondering whether the bias projected by the news media contributed to the president's defeat. 他们想知道是不是新闻媒体散播出的偏见导致了总统的失败。

**gleam**
**n. [C]**
1 an emotion or expression that appears for a moment on sb.'s face （某人脸上）闪现的光芒
The wicked gleam in his eyes chilled her to the bone. 他眼睛透出的邪恶之光令她感到寒气刺骨。
2 a small pale light, esp. one that shines for a short time （尤指短暂的）微光，闪光
I headed for the white gleam of a village in the distance and was grateful to find the one and only store that sold iced drinks. 我朝远处村庄的亮光走去，谢天谢地，我找到唯一一家卖冷饮的店。
**vi.**
shine softly 发微光；闪烁
If the tabletop gleams, it means it has been polished to a clean shine. 如果桌面反光，就表明已经擦得很光亮清洁了。

**utilize**
**vt.**
(BrE utilise) (fml.) use sth. for a particular purpose 利用；使用
Recently, his NGO (non-governmental organization) has been coordinating a program with local churches to utilize religious leaders and institutions for AIDS prevention efforts. 近来，他的民间组织一直与当地教堂合作，利用宗教领袖和机构开展艾滋病预防工作。

**cordial**
**a.**
friendly but quite polite and formal 热诚友好的
As time goes on, you will see relations among players become more friendly and cordial, even off the tennis courts. 随着时间的推移，你会发现选手们的关系变得越来越亲切友好，即便是在网球场之外。

**fellowship**
**n.**
[U] a feeling of friendship resulting from shared interests or experiences （因共同的兴趣或经历而产生的）友情，友谊
I felt very lucky to be getting the warm kind of fellowship, as I was meeting these strangers, who readily welcomed me into their community. 我遇到的这些陌生人欣然让我加入到他们当中，得到这样热情的友谊，我深感荣幸。

**thereafter**
**ad.**
(fml.) after a particular event or time 其后；此后
He lost his sight in the year of 1651, and thereafter dictated his works to the assistant. 1651年，他双目失明，此后便将他的作品口述给助手。

**linger**
**vi.**
1 stay somewhere a little longer, esp. because you do not want to leave （尤因不想离开而）逗留，流连
I had lingered too long at the glass factory and missed my evening riding lesson. 我在玻璃厂逗留太久了，错过了晚上的骑术课。
2 continue to exist, be noticeable, etc. for longer than is usual or desirable 继续存留
He rolled onto his back, saw clear skies, and smelled the lingering scent of the rain. 他翻身躺着，看着清澈的天空，闻着雨后的余香。

**impart**
**vt.**
(fml.) give a particular quality to sth. 赋予，给予（某种品质）
Unfortunately it seems that he is unable to impart any of the qualities, about which he speaks so much, to his sons. 不幸的是，这些他大谈特谈的品质看起来是无法传给他的儿子们了。

**stern**
**a.**
serious and strict, and showing strong disapproval of sb.'s behavior 严格的；苛刻的
A bank investigator was on the phone with Collins, asking in a stern voice why Collins was late with his payments for a $27,000 car bought the previous year. 一位银行调查员在电话里用严厉的语气质问科林斯为何没有及时支付前一年购车的27,000美元。

**charitable**
**a.**
1 kind and sympathetic in the way you judge people 仁慈的；宽容的；具有同情心的
With the help of some very charitable doctors, she was able to change the lives of more than one hundred kids. 在一些富有同情心的医生的帮助下，她成功改变了100多个孩子的命运。
2 relating to giving help to the poor 慈善的
This is a charitable organization, depending upon voluntary contributions from the public for its income. 这是一个慈善组织，收入主要来自公众的捐赠。

**oversee**
**vt. (oversaw, overseen)**
1 survey or watch, as from a higher position 俯瞰；眺望
I stood up and went to look out a window overseeing the driveway where my dad had just pulled in. 我站起来，走到窗边朝外看，那儿可以俯瞰到我爸爸刚才停车的车道。
2 watch sth. in order to check that it works or happens in the way it should 监督；管理
Her father worked for an insurance company and in 1924 oversaw safety procedures during the construction of the city's first skyscraper. 他父亲曾任职于一家保险公司，在1924年负责该城市第一栋摩天大楼建设的施工安全监管。

**melody**
**n.**
[C] a tune or song, esp. a simple one （尤指简单的）曲调，歌曲
With great vigor, he began whistling a melody of recent popularity. 带着极大的热情，他吹起了一首最近很流行的曲子。

**nickname**
**vt.**
give sb. a nickname 给…起绰号；给…起诨名
Her family nicknamed her "Little Potato" because she loved eating potatoes. 因为她喜欢吃土豆，她的家人昵称她为“小土豆”。
**n.**
[C] an informal name that your friends or family call you that is not your real name 绰号；诨名
One area in the central US, stretching from Texas to South Dakota, has earned a nickname from all the bad storms it gets. It's called "Tornado Alley". 美国中部有一片区域，从得克萨斯州延伸至南达科他州，因为常遭暴风雨，得了一个绰号，叫“龙卷风走廊”。

**cobbler**
**n.**
[C] (old-fashioned) sb. who makes and repairs shoes 鞋匠

**referee**
**v.**
be the referee of a game 当裁判；为…担任裁判
The match will be refereed by 39-year-old Belfast primary school headmaster, Mr. Callahan. 比赛将由39岁的贝尔法斯特小学校长卡拉汉担任裁判。
**n.**
[C] sb. who makes sure that the rules of a sport such as football, basketball, or boxing, are followed （体育比赛的）裁判（员）
During the soccer match, the referee gave a red card to the player who had purposely pushed one of his opponents to the ground. 在这场足球赛中，裁判给了那名故意推倒对方的球员一张红牌。

**bully**
**vt.**
threaten to hurt sb. or frighten them, esp. sb. smaller or weaker 欺侮，恐吓（尤指以大欺小，恃强凌弱）
There is much talk in the media that bullying smaller and younger children by bigger and older kids is a growing problem in US schools, which must be stopped immediately. 美国学校里年轻人恃强凌弱的问题越来越严重，这种现象必须马上加以制止，媒体对此有大量的讨论。

***bullying***
**n.**
[U] behavior that frightens or hurts sb. smaller or weaker 恃强凌弱（行为）
More than 12,700 pupils a year are kicked out of school permanently, most as a result of bullying. 每年都有超过12,700名学生被永久性开除，大部分都是由于校园施暴行为。

**fury**
**n.**
[sing., U] extreme, often uncontrolled anger 暴怒；狂怒
Don't go into a fury so often and over only the slightest reasons; it will make you look bad and damage your health. 不要因为很小的事情就动不动勃然大怒，这不但有损风度，而且也有害健康。

**vent**
**vt.**
express feelings of anger, hatred, etc., esp. by doing sth. violent or harmful 发泄，宣泄（怒火、仇恨等）
Management has decided to give employees a forum to vent their anger, and where they can talk about the things that they feel went wrong at work. 管理层已经决定为员工开设一个论坛以让其发泄怨气，在此他们可谈论工作中感受到的种种问题。
**n.**
[C] a hole or pipe through which gases, liquid, etc. can enter or escape from an enclosed space or container 通风孔；排气道；漏孔
I just wasn't paying enough attention and I slammed my head into an air vent. 我只不过没注意，一头撞在了通风孔上。

**undutiful**
**a.**
lacking a sense of duty 未尽职的；未尽本分的
Sadly, her father looks upon his daughter as undutiful and thankless. 悲哀的是，她父亲认为她不忠不孝，忘恩负义。

**sin**
**n.**
1 [sing.] an action or way of behaving that you think is morally wrong （道德上的）罪恶，罪过
She regarded gossip as a mortal sin, and encouraging it almost as bad. 她认为搬弄是非是一大罪过，纵容此举也一样恶劣。
2 [C, U] an action, thought, or way of behaving that is wrong according to religious laws （宗教上的）罪，罪孽
I wonder if there really is such a thing as "original sin". 我想知道是否真有“原罪”一说。

**rash**
**a.**
acting or done too quickly, without considering the effects of your actions 鲁莽的；轻率的
He says it's rash to accuse anyone of murder without concrete evidence against him / her. 他说没有确凿证据而指控某人谋杀是轻率的。

***rashly***
**ad.**
鲁莽地；轻率地
We tend to act rashly when we're nervous or upset. 当我们紧张或难过时，我们可能草率行事。

**ponder**
**v.**
(fml.) spend time thinking carefully and seriously about a problem, a difficult question, or sth. that has happened 仔细考虑；深思
The story did bring us something to ponder: Human beings and wild animals can be good friends, if they trust one another. 这个故事确实带给我们值得深思的东西：如果彼此信任，人类和野生动物可以成为好朋友。

**fabric**
**n.**
1 [sing.] the basic structure of a society or organization （社会或组织的）结构，构造，组织
One of the most obvious differences in the social and cultural fabric between post-World War II and pre-World War II America is the massive and pervasive exposure of American youth to television. 美国的社会和文化构成在二战前后的一个最明显的差异就是美国青年一代可普遍接触到大量的电视节目。
2 [C, U] cloth, esp. when it is used for making things such as clothes or curtains 布；织物；织品；布料
Silk is a type of fabric that is both lightweight and beautiful. 丝绸是一种既轻又美的织物。

**amend**
**vt.**
(fml.) correct or make small changes to sth. that is written or spoken 修改；修订
We reject any suggestion that the law should be amended. 对于法律需要修订的建议，我们一概否决。

**ensue**
**vi.**
(fml.) happen after or as a result of sth. 继而发生；因而发生
Feelings of powerlessness and despair often ensue if people can't bring their problems under control. 如果人们不能把控自己的问题，往往会感到无力和绝望。

**pierce**
**vt.**
make a small hole in or through sth., using an object with a sharp point 刺入；刺穿；刺破
Some distance away, sharp sirens pierced the silence of the dark night. 不远处，尖锐的警报声划破了黑夜的宁静。

**infectious**
**a.**
(of a disease) caused by bacteria, etc. that are passed on from one person to another （指疾病）传染的，感染的
The plague is a very infectious disease that spreads quickly and kills large numbers of people. 瘟疫是一种传染性很强的疾病，传播快，死亡率高。

**wretched**
**a.**
(of a person) feeling ill, sick or unhappy （人）感到不适的，难受的，不愉快的
I believe that seeing my grandfather die from cancer was the most wretched experience of my whole life. 我觉得眼睁睁地看着爷爷死于癌症是我一生之中最悲痛的经历。

**void**
**n. [sing.]**
1 a feeling of great sadness that you have when sb. you love dies or when sth. is taken from you 空虚感；孤寂感
The dead tend to leave a void which is filled with pain and sorrow, and nothing in the world can fill it. 逝者会给生者留下充满痛苦和悲伤的孤寂，这种孤寂是世间一切都无法填补的。
2 a situation in which sth. important or interesting is needed or wanted, but does not exist 空白
Presently, a loss of oil, most people say, would create a void that cannot be filled by any other energy source. 目前，大多数人都说石油的缺失将产生其他任何能源都无法填补的空白。

**invariably**
**ad.**
always or almost always 总是；几乎总是
Whenever she failed to comprehend what she was hearing, she invariably laughed from embarrassment. 每当她理解不了听到的东西的时候，她总是尴尬地笑笑。

**Phrases and expressions**

**stitch up**
put stitches in cloth or a wound in order to fasten parts of it together 把…缝合；缝拢
When doctors stitch up an open wound, they join the skin together so that it will heal. 当医生缝合开放性创伤时，他们将皮合拢以便伤口愈合。

**live up to sth.**
be as good as what was expected or promised 符合（期望）；实践（诺言）
The hard part was writing songs that could live up to their promise. 最难的部分是写出符合他们期望的歌曲。

**drop in**
(infml.) make a short visit somewhere 顺便访问
The next time you drop in, I will return the book you lent me. 下次你来的时候，我会把你借给我的书还给你。

**give out**
give sth. to each person in a group 分发某物
People were very excited when the television station's management was giving out free tickets to the filming of a very popular show. 电视台管理层正在发放参加一档很受欢迎的电视节目录制的免费票，人们非常兴奋。

**play fair**
do sth. in a fair and honest way 公平办事；按规则做
We know about Sweden that their teams play with a lot of spirit and determination, and that they play fair as well. 对于瑞典的球队，我们知道，他们在比赛中斗志高昂、意志坚定，而且遵守公平竞争原则。

**come away**
leave in a particular state or condition （在某种状态或条件下）离开
I came away from the meeting with the feeling that my colleagues didn't really approve of me. 我从会议离开时，感觉我的同事并不是真的很赞同我。

**be hard on sb.**
have a bad effect on sb. 对某人有害
Moving can be hard on children of any age. 搬家对任何年龄的孩子都有负面影响。

**endeavor to do sth.**
(fml.) try very hard to do sth. 努力做某事；尽力做某事
Each year American Museum of Natural History scientists endeavor to gain more knowledge about the genetics of prehistoric humans. 每年，美国自然历史博物馆的科学家都努力去探求有关史前人类基因特征的知识。

**take pride in**
feel very pleased about sth. or sb. you are closely connected with 对…感到自豪
They take great pride in their daughter: She is now a famous scientist. 他们的女儿现已成为著名的科学家，他们感到非常自豪.

**pierce sb.'s heart**
make sb. feel a strong emotion such as pain, sadness, or love 让某人心如刀绞
The sad news of her grandmother's death pierced Melanie's heart, and her eyes immediately filled with tears. 奶奶过世的噩耗让梅拉妮心如刀绞，眼里一下子充满了泪水。

**carry on sth.**
continue sth. that sb. else started 继续（他人已开始的事）
What you can't do is carry on covering up the problems; otherwise, things will go seriously wrong. 你不能继续掩盖问题了，否则情况会变得很糟。

**6-A**

 **hum**
**n.**
[sing.] a low continuous noise made by a machine or a lot of people talking 机器的嗡嗡声；（很多人）嗡嗡的说话声
All he heard was the ticking of a clock and the hum of the air-conditioning. 他所听到的都是时钟的嘀嗒声和空调的嗡嗡声。
**v.**
make musical sounds with your lips closed 哼（曲子）
I've forgotten the words of the song, so I just hum along with the tune. 我忘记了歌词，所以我只好跟着曲调哼哼。
**vi.**
make a low continuous sound 发出连续低沉的声音
The bees were humming in the garden. 蜜蜂在花园里嗡嗡地叫。

**meadow**
**n.**
[C] a field where grass and wild flowers grow 草地

**standpoint**
**n.**
[C] a way of considering sth. 立足点；立场；观点
As his daughter, I have to put aside my own emotions and look at the problem from my father's standpoint. 作为女儿，我不得不抛开自己的情绪，从我父亲的角度来看问题。

**gigantic**
**a.**
extremely large 巨大的；庞大的
The ground floor of the museum is taken up by the skeleton of a gigantic whale. 一头巨大的鲸鱼骨架占据了博物馆的底层。

**radiate**
**vi.**
if things radiate from a central point, they spread out in different directions from that point 从中心向四周散开；从中心辐射状发出
Most of Britain's motorways radiate from London to its surrounding suburbs. 英国的大多数高速公路从伦敦向周围郊区延伸。
**v.**
1 produce heat, light, or energy 辐射；发射
In the winter, the thick walls absorbed the sun's warmth during the day and radiated the heat at night. 冬天，厚厚的墙壁白天吸收太阳的热量，晚上释放出热量。
2 show a particular feeling or attitude in your expression or behavior 流露，显示（感情或态度）
Despite the pressure he perceived from the large audience looking only at him, he radiated confidence and energy; he was ready to sing for them now. 尽管他感受到了被众多观众注目的压力，但他仍散发出自信和活力；他现在已经准备好为大家演唱了。

**claw**
**vi.**
(~ at) try to take hold of sth. with your hands （用手）抓住
Her two-year-old son was clawing at her skirt. 她两岁的儿子紧紧地抓着她的裙子。
**v.**
attack sb. or try to cut or tear sth. using your fingernails （用指甲）抓，掐
The animal trainer was seriously hurt when one of the lions clawed his back. 驯兽员伤得很严重，背部被一只狮子抓伤了。
**n.**
[C, usu. pl.] the sharp curved part at the end of some animals' toes, e.g. a cat （猫等动物的）爪，脚爪
These lobsters were so big that just the meat in their claws was enough to make a meal. 龙虾很大，光是钳子里的肉就足够美餐一顿。

**tug**
**v.**
pull sb. or sth. by making a short strong movement 猛拉；使劲拉；用力拖
The two boys tugged at one another, and fought over who would get to ride the bicycle first in the street. 两个男孩互相拉扯着，争抢谁先骑车上街。
**n.**
[C] a short strong pull 猛拉；拖；拽
With a couple of tugs, Jack pulled in the net, which was full of large fish. 杰克用力拉了几下，把网收了起来，里面全是大鱼。

**evacuate**
**v.**
leave a building or other place because it is not safe 撤离，撤出（某危险建筑物或地方）
The college chemistry lab was on fire, and the campus police told everyone to evacuate the building as quickly as possible. 大学化学实验室着火了，校警让所有人尽快从大厦中撤离。

**convict**
**n.**
[C] sb. who is in prison because they have committed a crime 已决犯；（服刑中的）囚犯
The police are trying their very best to hunt down and catch the escaped convict. 警方正在尽他们所能搜寻、抓捕在逃囚犯。
**vt.**
prove in a court of law that sb. is guilty of a crime （在法庭上）证明…有罪，宣判…有罪
If convicted of the charge, he would face a prison sentence of six years. 一旦控告成立，他将会面临六年的牢狱之灾。

**tangle**
**n. [C]**
1 the untidy shape that things make when they are twisted round each other or round sth. else 纠结的一团；乱糟糟的一堆
It took the mother a very long time to comb through her small daughter's hair, which had got into an almost hopeless tangle. 妈妈花了很长的时间才把小女儿乱糟糟地缠成一团的头发梳理好。
2 a situation that is difficult to deal with because things are not organized properly 混乱
The small export company had to employ a lawyer to straighten their legal tangles which developed from their lack of knowledge about international trade laws. 这家小型出口公司得雇一位律师，来把由于自身缺乏国际贸易法知识所引发的法律纠纷理出头绪。
**v.**
(*also* ~ up) become twisted together, or make sth. become twisted together, in an untidy mass （使）缠结在一起；（使）乱成一团
My new long skirt got tangled up in the wheel of my bike. 我的新长裙缠进了自行车轮子里。

**innumerable**
**a.**
(fml.) too many to be counted 数不清的；无数的
Being a father of five children, he seems to have innumerable duties to fulfill. 作为五个孩子的父亲，他似乎有数不清的责任需要履行。

**clasp**
**vt.**
hold sb. or sth. tightly with your hand 紧握；抓
To keep his daughter warm, he clasped her in his arms for it was extremely cold. 天气很冷，为了给女儿保暖，他把她紧紧抱在怀里。
**n.**
[sing.] a way of holding sth. tightly 紧抱；拥抱；握紧
He held his girlfriend's hand in a strong and warm clasp. 他握着女友的手，有力而充满温情。

**permeate**
**v.**
1 (of an idea, an influence, a feeling, etc.) affect every part of sth. （思想、影响、感情等）感染，传播，扩散
The power of money permeates every aspect of our existence. 金钱的力量浸透到我们生活的方方面面。
2 (of a liquid, gas, etc.) spread to every part of an object or a place （液体、气体等）渗透，弥漫，扩散
The fragrance of flowers permeates every room. 花朵的芬芳弥漫着每个房间。

**casualty**
**n.**
1 [C] sb. or sth. that is damaged or suffers as a result of sth. else 受害者
The car industry has been only one of the casualties of the economic recession; there are numerous others as well. 汽车行业只是经济衰退的受害者之一，还有无数其他行业也深受影响。
2 [C, usu. pl.] sb. who is injured or killed in an accident or military action （事故、战争中的）死伤者，伤亡人员
In this fire accident, most of the casualties were immigrant women. 这次火灾事故的死伤者大多是女性移民。

**landmine**
**n.**
[C] a bomb hidden under the ground that explodes when sb. moves over it 地雷

**ammunition**
**n.**
[U] bullets, bombs, etc. that can be fired from a weapon 弹药
The fighting should cease soon because both sides are running out of ammunition. 战斗应该马上就会结束，因为双方都没有弹药了。

**flush**
**vi.**
become red in the face, e.g. when you are angry or embarrassed （生气或尴尬时）脸红
It doesn't bother me that I flush whenever I am embarrassed because many people do so. 我一尴尬就脸红，对此我觉得无所谓，因为很多人都这样。
**vt.**
clean sth. by pouring a lot of water over it or through it 冲刷；冲洗
Without an adequate water infrastructure, city residents depended on rainwater to flush away human waste and refuse. 没有足够的排水基础设施，城市居民依靠雨水把人类排泄物和垃圾冲走。
**n.**
[C, usu. sing.] a red color that appears on sb.'s face because they are hot or ill, or feeling angry, embarrassed, or excited 脸红；潮红；红晕
A flush spread across her face when she realized that it was she who was the object of their joke. 当她意识到他们开玩笑的对象是她自己时，她涨红了脸。

***flushed***
**a.**
looking red because you are hot or ill, or feel angry, embarrassed, or excited 脸红的；发红的；潮红的
The patient's flushed face told the doctor that he was running a fever. 医生从病人潮红的脸上得知他正在发热。

**appalling**
**a.**
very unpleasant and shocking 令人震惊的；骇人的
The story they told of their terrible experience during their kidnapping was appalling. 他们讲述的自己被绑架的恐怖经历骇人听闻。

**blaze**
**n.**
1 [C, usu. sing.] a large fire that causes a lot of damage, esp. when a building is burning 熊熊大火；烈火
Forty-five women were killed in the blaze at a drug addiction treatment center. 戒毒中心的大火使45名女子丧生。
2 [sing.] a strong bright light or area of color 强烈的光；光辉；闪耀
At night, the city's downtown area is a blaze of bright lights and loud music spilling out from the many clubs. 这座城市的闹市区夜晚灯火辉煌，充斥着从许多夜总会传出的喧嚣的音乐。
**vi.**
1 burn strongly and brightly 熊熊燃烧
The campfire blazes, and men and women merrily dance around it. 篝火熊熊燃烧了起来，男男女女围着它欢快地跳着舞。
2 shine very brightly 发强光；闪耀
The sun strikes their plate-glass windows and makes them blaze as if the whole building were on fire. 太阳照在他们的大玻璃窗上，发出耀眼的光芒，好像整个建筑着火了一样。

**overturn**
**vt.**
1 turn sth. so that its bottom or side is upward 使翻转；打翻
Playing with his toy cars, the boy made them crash into each other and overturned them all. 那个男孩在玩玩具车时，让它们相互撞击，全都撞翻了。
2 say officially that sth. such as a decision or law is wrong and change it 推翻，废除（决定、法律等）；使无效
He accused his opponents of wanting to overturn the government. 他指控他的对手企图推翻政府。

**massacre**
**n.**
[C, U] the killing of a lot of people 大屠杀
There were terrible massacres of civilian residents in the cities during World War II. 二战中有许多针对城市平民的大屠杀。
**vt.**
kill a lot of people 大屠杀
The enemy set fire to the houses and massacred all the villagers. 敌人放火烧了房子，而且屠杀了所有的村民。

**corpse**
**n.**
[C] a dead body, esp. of a human being （尤指人的）死尸，尸体
For over a year, Jack lay in his hospital bed; sadly, he had become a living corpse. 一年多来，杰克躺在医院的病床上，令人伤心的是，他已经成了一个活死人。

**pervasive**
**a.**
spreading through the whole of sth. and becoming a very obvious feature of it 贯穿始终的；显而易见的；四处弥漫的
Computer games have become a pervasive form of entertainment since the 1990s. 电脑游戏从20世纪90年代开始已经变成了一种普遍的娱乐活动。

**slum**
**n.**
[C, often pl.] a poor area of a town where the houses are in very bad condition 贫民区
Born in a slum, living in an orphanage since his parents died, this kid has been kicked around all of his life. 这个孩子在贫民窟里出生，父母去世后在孤儿院长大，一辈子都任人践踏。

**minimal**
**a.**
extremely small in amount or degree, or as small as possible 极小的；极低的；最低限度的
Fortunately, the storm only did minimal damage to the crops. 幸运的是，暴风雨对庄稼造成的损害很小。

**coverage**
**n. [U]**
1 extent to which sth. is covered 覆盖范围；覆盖程度
People in remote areas need more satellites to provide telephone coverage. 边远地区的人们需要更多人造卫星来扩大电话覆盖范围。
2 reporting of events, etc. 新闻报道
In California, stories about wild fires receive extensive coverage in the news media; however, stories about international events receive relatively little coverage. 在加州，新闻媒体对山火进行广泛的报道，然而，对国际事件的新闻报道却相当少。

**furnace**
**n.**
[C] a large enclosed container in which you burn fuel, used for heating a building or for an industrial process such as making metal liquid 火炉；暖气炉；熔炉
It's cold in here — should I turn on the furnace? 这里很冷，我可以把暖气炉打开吗？

**robbery**
**n.**
[C, U] the crime of taking money or property illegally, often by using threats or violence 抢劫罪
The bank robbery, which took place at dawn, shocked the people of the small town. 发生在黎明时分的银行抢劫案使整个小镇的人都很震惊。

**brood**
**vi.**
think and worry about sth. a lot 沉思；忧伤；担忧
So, you got a bad grade on your exam; don't brood over it, but study better for the next one. 这么说，你考得不好。别想了，但要好好学习准备下次考试。
**n.**
[C] a group of young birds who all have the same mother and were born at the same time 同窝幼鸟
The hen brought up a brood of young chicks. 母鸡带大了一窝小鸡。

**resident**
**n.**
[C] sb. who lives in a particular place 居民；定居者；住客
We had already closed the party down shortly after midnight, following complaints from residents. 半夜刚过，收到居民投诉后，我们的派对就停了。

**stray**
**a.**
lost or without a home 迷路的；走失的；无家可归的
Too many stray cats and dogs are homeless because their owners simply abandon them thinking the animals can survive on their own. 太多的流浪猫、流浪狗无家可归，因为它们的主人认为动物能够自己生存就抛弃了它们。
**vi.**
move away from the correct place or path 走离；偏离；走失；迷路
In the tale of "Little Red Riding Hood", the girl strayed from the road and got eaten by the "big bad wolf". 在《小红帽》的故事中，小姑娘走迷了路，被“大灰狼”给吃掉了。

**scrap**
**n.**
[C] (~ of) a small piece of sth. such as paper or cloth （纸、布等的）碎片，小块，零屑
I wrote down his phone number on a scrap of paper. 我在一张小纸片上写下了他的电话号码。
**vt.**
decide not to continue with sth. such as a plan or an event 放弃；抛弃
If negotiations succeed, intended plans to lengthen military service from 15 to 18 months will also be scrapped. 如果谈判成功的话，打算将服兵役时间从15个月延长至18个月的计划也会被放弃。

**edible**
**a.**
fit or suitable to be eaten 适宜食用的
The apple got rotten, so it is no longer edible. 苹果腐烂了，所以不能吃了。

**warehouse**
**n.**
[C] a big building where large amounts of goods are stored 货仓；仓库

**summon**
**vt.**
1 *also* (~ up) manage to produce a quality or a reaction that helps you deal with a difficult situation 鼓起（勇气）；振作（精神）
After her long, sleepless night, Ruth took a deep breath and summoned all her courage to put into words what she had decided to say. 经历了一个漫长的无眠之夜后，露丝深吸一口气，鼓起所有的勇气把她决定要说的事情讲了出来。
2 (fml.) officially order sb. to come to a place, esp. a court of law 召见，召唤，传唤（某人到庭）
The dean has summoned all teaching staff to a meeting for a discussion of the school's budget cuts this afternoon. 今天下午院长已经召集所有教师开会，讨论学校预算缩减的问题。

**jealous**
**a.**
1 (fml.) (~ of) wanting very much to protect or keep sth. 小心守护的；唯恐失去的
Don't complain any longer. You should be more jealous of all that you possess at the moment. 不要再抱怨了！你应该更加珍惜你现在拥有的一切。
2 slightly angry because sb. else has sth. you would like, or can do sth. you would like to do 妒忌的；妒羡的
Professor Paine is in a delicate situation because one of her colleagues is very jealous of her success. 佩因教授的处境很微妙，因为她的一个同事非常嫉妒她的成功。

***jealously***
**ad.**
1 protectively; watchfully 小心守护地；唯恐失去地
They had become very famous and strangers often bothered them; so, they guarded their privacy jealously. 他们已非常出名，经常被陌生人骚扰。所以，他们小心翼翼地保护着自己的隐私。
2 with envy 妒羡地；妒忌地
She gazed jealously at her friend's new red sports car. 她妒忌地盯着她朋友的红色新跑车。

**residue**
**n.**
[C] the part of sth. that remains after the rest has gone or ended 残余；剩余
Peeling fruit and vegetable skins will help avoid eating residues of farm chemicals. 对水果蔬菜去皮有助于避免食入残留农药。

**dilute**
**a.**
(of a liquid) made weaker by adding water or another substance 稀释了的；冲淡了的
I wonder whether this is the dilute solution that we can use in our experiment. 我想知道这是否就是我们在实验中可以使用的稀释溶液。
**vt.**
1 make a liquid weaker by adding water or another substance in it 稀释；冲淡
Her coffee was too strong, so she diluted it with water; then she added milk to improve the flavor. 她的咖啡太浓了，所以加了些水来稀释，随后加入牛奶来提味。
2 make sth. less strong or effective 削弱；降低
Serious attention is being given to diluting the value of personal tax allowances. 降低个人收入免税额度一事正受到人们的密切关注。

**nutrition**
**n.**
[U] food considered as sth. that keeps you healthy 营养；滋养
Good nutrition is essential if patients are to make a quick recovery. 如果病人要恢复得快的话，好的营养是必需的。

**naive**
**a.**
1 (of people and their behavior) innocent and simple 天真的；率直的
Generally, humans start as naive young children and grow into mature adults, but there are some, who, it seems, resist growing up. 总的说来，人一开始都是天真无邪的儿童，然后成长为成熟的大人。但有一些人似乎拒绝长大。
2 lacking experience of life, knowledge or good judgment and willing to believe that people always tell you the truth 毫无经验的；幼稚的；无知的；轻信的
It is naive to expect that any society can resolve all of the social problems it faces, once and for all. 指望任何社会都能一劳永逸地解决面临的所有社会问题是幼稚的。

**inflict**
**vt.**
make sb. suffer sth. unpleasant 使（某人）遭受（不愉快的事）；使承受
The ever-lasting downpour of rain inflicted loss of property, disease and even deaths upon the population in the small valley below the dam. 持续不断的瓢泼大雨给住在堤坝下面小山谷里的民众造成了财产损失、疾病，甚至死亡。

**Phrases and expressions**

**radiate from**
spread out from sb. or sth., as with rays 自…发出
The tents were collecting both the heat that radiated from the ground and the rays that came from the sun. 帐篷吸收着地面散发出来的热量以及太阳光线的热量。

**conceive of**
(fml.) imagine a particular situation or think about sth. in a particular way 想象，设想，构想（某一具体情况）
Many people can‘t conceive of a dinner without meat or fish. 很多人无法想象一个没有肉或鱼的晚宴。

**in the direction of**
heading for or traveling toward 朝…方向
On a hot summer day, the little boy was running hurriedly in the direction of the small lake, jumped in and went for a swim. 在一个炎热的夏日，小男孩匆忙跑向小湖，跳进去游泳。

**stay down**
remain in a prone, squatting, or sitting position 卧倒；蹲伏
All of the soldiers stayed down while the enemy shells were exploding. 当敌人的炮弹爆炸时，所有的士兵都卧倒了。

**press … to …**
push sth. closely and firmly against sth. 使…紧靠…
Mary's cell phone reception was so weak that even if she pressed the receiver to her ear, she still couldn't hear what Tom was saying. 玛丽的手机信号接收效果太差了，即使她把电话听筒贴在耳朵上，还是无法听清楚汤姆在说什么。

**line … with …**
form a layer over the inside surface of sth. 铺，垫（某物内部）
You should line the boxes with paper before you store your new shirts in them. 箱子用纸铺好后，再往里面放你的新衬衣。

**dive into**
jump into 跳入；钻进
Against her parents' expectations, the little girl was completely fearless, and she ran to the end of the springboard and dived into the water. 父母没有想到的是，小女孩完全无所畏惧，她跑向跳板的末端，跳入了水中。

**fly at**
attack sb. violently 扑向；猛烈攻击
The mad man suddenly flew at me; he was kicking and scratching, and all I could do was to call for help. 那个疯子突然向我扑来，他又是踢又是抓，我所能做的只能是大喊求助。

**next to nothing**
very little 几乎没有；极少
I know next to nothing about cars, and I'm not interested in them either. 我对轿车知之甚少，而且也不感兴趣。

**weave one's way around / through / to sth.**
move somewhere by turning and changing direction a lot 迂回穿行
There were so many people in the street that William had to weave his way through the crowds. 街上到处都是人，威廉不得不在人群中迂回穿行。

**huddle together**
move close together in order to stay warm, feel safe, or talk （使）挤作一团；（使）聚在一起
It was so cold outside that beggars had to huddle together for warmth. 外面太冷了，乞丐们不得不挤在一起相互取暖。

**6-B**

 **orphan**
**n.**
[C] a child whose parents have died 孤儿
Not many relatives and friends of Jobs knew that he was an orphan adopted by Paul and Clara Jobs in 1955. 乔布斯的亲戚和朋友中没有多少人知道他是1955年被保罗和克拉拉夫妇收养的孤儿。

**essence**
**n.**
[sing.] the most important part of sth., usu. the part that gives it its general character 实质；本质；精髓
The essence of good teaching lies in how to teach students to form good study habits. 良好教育的本质在于如何教育学生养成良好的学习习惯。

**terrace**
**n. [C]**
1 a flat area outside a house, restaurant, hotel, etc., used for sitting and eating meals 露天平台
2 a row of houses all of the same type, built so that they join together （风格相同、互相连接的）排屋

**cliff**
**n.**
[C] the steep side of an area of high land 悬崖；峭壁
We got completely lost, and we sat together on the cliff, waiting for rescue. 我们完全迷失了方向，于是一起坐在悬崖上，等待救援。

**scent**
**n.**
[C] a particular smell, esp. a pleasant one 气味；（尤指）香味
After the rain, the air was filled with the scent of grass and flowers. 雨后空气中满是花草的香味。
**vt.**
1 make sth. have a particular smell 使充满…气味
My mom's living room, always scented with freshly cut flowers, was my favorite place in the house. 妈妈的起居室总是弥漫着新采摘鲜花的香味，是家里我最喜欢的地方。
2 find sth. by using the sense of smell 嗅出；闻到
The hunting dog had scented a fox nearby. 猎狗嗅出附近有狐狸。

**crisp**
**a.**
(*also* ~y) (of food) pleasantly hard and dry 脆的；酥脆的
An open bag of potato chips must be closed and stored properly to stay crisp; otherwise, they will become soft and unattractive to eat. 开袋的薯片必须密封存放好以保持松脆。否则，就会变软不好吃了。
**n.**
[C, usu. pl.] (AmE chip *or* potato chip) a thin flat round piece of potato that has been cooked in fat and is eaten cold 炸薯片

**toast**
**n.**
1 [U] bread that has been heated until its outside is brown and hard 烤面包；吐司
The young child's face was covered with butter and was dotted with toast crumbs. 孩子的脸上沾着一层黄油，还有一些面包屑。
2 [C] an occasion when people all drink together and say sb.'s name in order to show their admiration or good wishes 祝酒；干杯
At the wedding, the bride's father invited everyone at the table to propose a toast to the bride and groom. 在婚礼上，新娘的父亲邀请在座的每一位为新娘新郎干一杯。
**vt.**
1 make bread into toast 烘烤（面包）
She sat by the campfire and toasted a loaf of bread. 她坐在篝火旁烤了一条面包。
2 drink a toast to sb. 为…干杯；为…祝酒
I am honored to be standing here today to toast him and his bride. 今天，我很荣幸地站在这儿为他和新娘敬酒。

**fragrance**
**n. [C, U]**
1 a pleasant smell 芳香；香味
The flowers of these beautiful trees have a delicate honey-like fragrance. 这些漂亮的树上开出的花朵有种细腻的蜂蜜似的香味。
2 a liquid with a pleasant smell that people put on their skin 香水

**lieutenant**
**n. [C]**
1 an officer of low rank in most armed forces 陆军中尉；海军上尉
2 a US police officer of middle rank （美国警察部队的）中尉

**battalion**
**n.**
[C] a large group of soldiers that consists of three or more smaller groups called companies 营（由3个或3个以上的连组成）

**dispatch**
**vt.**
(fml.) send sb. or sth. somewhere 派遣；发送；派送
Goods are normally dispatched within 24 hours of our receiving your order. 货物通常会在收到您订单的24小时内发出。

**breast**
**n. [C]**
1 the top front part of a jacket or coat （夹克或上衣的）胸部，上身前部
2 one of the two round soft parts on the front of a woman's body that produce milk when she has a baby （女子的）乳房

**deploy**
**vt.**
1 organize or move soldiers, military equipment, etc. so that they are in the right place and ready to be used 部署，调度（军队或武器）
The evidence indicates that deploying more foot patrol police officers in high-crime neighborhoods can help make substantial progress in the fight against crime. 证据表明，在犯罪频发的住宅区多派些步行巡警有助于在打击犯罪方面取得实质性进展。
2 (fml.) use sth. 使用；利用
You must deploy all your skills and tactics to solve this unusual and difficult problem. 你必须施展所有的技巧和手段来解决这个非同寻常的难题。

**timid**
**a.**
shy and nervous 羞怯的；胆怯的
George was timid, and he was always very nervous about speaking before large audiences. 乔治很害羞，在人多时讲话总是很紧张。

***timidly***
**ad.**
羞怯地；胆怯地
The student glanced at his angry teacher timidly. 学生胆怯地瞟了一眼怒气冲冲的老师。

**wording**
**n.**
[U] the words that are used in a particular piece of writing or speech 用词；措辞
The two sides failed to agree on the exact wording of the final report. 双方未能就一份最终报告的具体措辞达成一致。

**blush**
**vi.**
become red in the face, usu. because you are embarrassed or ashamed （因尴尬或羞愧而）脸红，涨红了脸
Little Timothy was so shy that he would blush even though he was telling the truth. 小蒂莫西很害羞，即使讲实话的时候也会脸红。
**n.**
[C] the red color that spreads over your face when you are embarrassed or ashamed （因难堪、羞愧）面部泛起的红晕
Her teacher's criticism brought a blush to her cheeks. 老师的批评使她脸颊羞红。

**brisk**
**a.**
1 moving or acting quickly 轻快的；敏捷的；迅速的
Taking a brisk walk can often induce a feeling of both relaxation and refreshment. 快走常会使人产生一种轻松和清新的感觉。
2 (of wind and the weather) cold but pleasantly fresh 凉爽的；清新的
The breeze off the Channel is usually refreshingly brisk; rarely fierce and icy. 通常，吹过海峡的微风清新凉爽，很少会冰冷刺骨。

***briskly***
**ad.**
1 轻快地；敏捷地；迅速地
The boy walked briskly along. 那男孩轻快地走着。
2 凉爽地；清新地
The breeze blew briskly on the young boy's face. 微风轻拂过小男孩的脸庞。

**sprinkle**
**vt.**
shake small amounts of a liquid or a substance such as sugar over the surface of sth. 洒（液体）；撒（粉末状物）
He sprinkled water over the towel. 他在毛巾上洒了些水。

**peanut**
**n.**
[C] a type of nut that grows under the ground inside a thin shell and that can be eaten 花生；落花生

**cookie**
**n. [C]**
1 (mainly AmE) a small sweet biscuit 小甜饼；曲奇饼
2 a file containing information about the user of a computer that is connected to a network or to the Internet 网络跟踪器（记录上网用户信息的文件）

**clutch**
**vt.**
hold sb. or sth. firmly, e.g. because you are afraid or in pain, or do not want to lose them 紧抓；紧握
The small child clutched her schoolbag with both arms as though it were her most prized possession. 小孩用双臂紧紧抱住书包，好像它是自己最宝贵的财产。

**henceforth**
**ad.**
(fml.) from this time into the future 从今往后；从此以后
Henceforth, I expect you to be punctual for class. 从今往后，我希望你能准时上课。

**giggle**
**vi.**
laugh in a nervous, excited, or silly way that is difficult to control 咯咯笑；傻笑
When the mother came into the room, the two young sisters were sitting on the bed, cross-legged and giggling. 当妈妈进屋的时候，两姐妹正盘腿坐在床上，咯咯笑着。
**n.**
[C] a high laugh, esp. a nervous or silly one 咯咯的笑声；傻笑
As soon as I entered the school, I heard the giggles of schoolgirls. 我一进学校就听到女孩子们咯咯的笑声。

**aloft**
**ad.**
high up in the air 在高处；在空中
He held the ball aloft before he threw it to his team member. 他把球举高，然后把球传给了队友。

**supervise**
**v.**
be in charge of an activity or person, and make sure that things are done in the correct way 监督；管理；指导
Tomorrow he will supervise all the pupils who are taking the English examination. 明天他将给所有参加英语考试的学生监考。

**freight**
**n.**
[U] goods that are carried by vehicles （车辆运输的）货物
Eight thousand tons of freight were landing each day in the busy harbor. 这个繁忙的港口每天都有8千吨的货物卸下。

**inventory**
**n.**
[C, U] a list giving details of all the things in a place 清单；详细目录
An inventory of all the stock has to be made before the shop can be sold. 店铺转让前必须要做一份所有库存的清单。

**tag**
**vt.**
1 （~ along) go somewhere with sb. else although you are not needed （尽管别人不需要但还是）跟着…走
Unsuspecting, and being a bit naive and trusting man, I foolishly agreed to tag along and help. 我毫无戒心，有点天真又容易相信别人，所以很愚蠢地同意跟着帮忙了。
2 fix a small piece of paper or other material to sth. to give information about it 给…加标签
You should tag the medicine bottles; otherwise I will forget which one is which. 你应该给这些药瓶贴上标签，不然的话我会忘记哪个瓶子装的是什么药。
**n.**
[C] a small piece of paper or other material that is fixed to sth. to give information about it, or fixed to sb. to show who they are 标签；标牌；胸牌
The store manager told the salesclerk to make sure that sale tags are on all coats and dresses. 商店经理告诉销售员要确认所有的大衣和裙子都贴上了销售标签。

**radius**
**n.**
[C] (pl. radii *or* radiuses) a particular distance in all directions from a central point 半径范围
All of Tom's friends helped him search for his lost computer within a radius of one mile from the school. 汤姆所有的朋友都帮他在学校周围一英里的范围内寻找他丢失的电脑。

**vicinity**
**n.**
[sing.] the area near a particular place 邻近地区；附近
After careful consideration, Mom and Dad decided to buy the vacation house in the vicinity of the lake. 仔细思考后，父母决定购买湖畔度假房。

**concise**
**a.**
expressed using only a few words, but in a way that is easy to understand 简洁的；简明的
A well-written letter should be clear, accurate, concise, complete, and courteous. 一封写得很好的信应该清楚、准确、简明、完整，而且有礼貌。

**ascertain**
**v.**
(fml.) find out sth. 弄清；查明
The police are trying to ascertain what really happened at the scene of the accident. 警方正在努力弄清在事故现场到底发生了什么。

**petition**
**v.**
ask sb. in authority to do sth. using a petition （以请愿书）要求，请求，请愿
Several organizations petitioned the government to pass bills for protecting the environment. 一些机构请求政府通过保护环境的法案。
**n.**
[C] a document signed by many people that asks sb. in authority to do sth. 请愿书
The villagers all signed a petition asking for a hospital to be built. 所有村民都在请愿书上签了字，要求盖一所医院。

**guardian**
**n. [C]**
1 sb. who is legally responsible for another person such as a child whose parents have died 监护人
The family lawyer became the children's guardian when the rest of the family was killed in a car accident. 在其他家庭成员都死于一场车祸后，家庭律师成了孩子们的监护人。
2 a person or organization that guards or protects sth. 看守者；保护者
The police are guardians of law and order. 警察是法律和秩序的护卫者。

**straightforward**
**a.**
1 clear and honest 诚实的；清楚明了的
When people ask me what I dislike most about myself, my answers are very simple and straightforward. 当人们问我最不喜欢自己的是什么时，我的回答是非常简单和直率的。
2 not complicated or difficult to understand 简单的；易懂的
Getting funding for this project was a complicated process and far from straightforward. 为这一项目寻找资金是很复杂的过程，绝非易事。

**notwithstanding**
**prep. & ad.**
(fml.) despite sth. 尽管
Notwithstanding the end of the war, the world is still a dangerous place. 尽管战争结束了，世界还很不安定。

**enclose**
**vt.**
1 surround sb. or sth. 围住
The fence enclosing the prison compound is guarded by armed guards and dogs. 围着监狱的栅栏有武装警卫和警犬保护着。
2 send sth. such as a document with a letter 把…封入信封；随信寄出…
As you can see from the enclosed resume, I have many qualities that would serve you well. 您可以从随信寄出的简历中看到，我具备多项资质，可以为您提供良好的服务。

**multitude**
**n.**
[C] (a ~ of) a very large number of people or things 大批；大量
He explained that the company's failure was due to a multitude of reasons. 他解释道，该公司的失败是由很多原因导致的。

**landmark**
**n. [C]**
1 a famous building or object that you can see and recognize easily 地标；陆标
Big Ben is one of London's best-known landmarks. 大本钟是伦敦最著名的地标建筑之一。
2 a major event or achievement that marks an important stage in a process and makes progress possible 里程碑（指在进程中有划时代意义的重大事件或成就）
The invention of musical notation is an important landmark in the history of the music. 乐谱的发明是音乐史上的重要里程碑。

**grieve**
**v.**
feel extremely sad because sb. has died （尤指因某人亡故而）感到悲痛
Survivors of the disastrous earthquake feel tremendous grief not only over the loss of their property, but especially over the death of their loved ones. 大地震幸存者感到极其悲痛，不仅在于财产损失，更是由于挚爱的人的离去。

**dogged**
**a.**
determined to achieve sth. and continuing to try despite difficulties. 坚持不懈的；顽强的
A dogged expression came over his face as he refused to answer his mother's question. 当他拒绝回答妈妈的问题时，脸上流露出倔强的表情。

**remnant**
**a.**
[C, usu. pl.] a small remaining part of sth. 残余；剩余
In many cultures on earth, remnants of ancient traditions and practices still remain today. 在世界上许多文化中，古时的传统和习俗的遗风即使在今天仍然存在。

**haunt**
**vt.**
make sb. feel worried and upset for a long time 萦绕在…心头；缠扰
Nightmares have haunted me ever since the airplane I took from Bangor to New York had engine failure and almost crashed in the cold Atlantic. 自从我乘坐的从班戈到纽约的飞机发生引擎故障差点坠毁在冰冷的大西洋之后，噩梦就一直缠扰着我。

**dwell**
**vi.**
1 (~ on / upon) spend a lot of time thinking or talking about sth. unpleasant 老是想着，唠叨（令人不快的事）
Try to be optimistic; do not let your mind dwell upon things which cannot be changed. 乐观点，不要老是想着那些无法更改的事。
2 live somewhere 居住
Jews had dwelled in England from the Norman Conquest until they were expelled by Edward I in 1290. 自诺曼征服，犹太人就一直住在英格兰，直到1290年被爱德华一世驱逐。

**plead**
**vi.**
ask for sth. in an urgent or emotional way 恳求；请求；央求
Emily had lowered her voice again, until it was almost pleading. 埃米莉的声音再次降低，都几乎是哀求了。
**v.**
say in a court of law whether you are guilty of a crime or not 申诉；答辩；辩护；抗辩
Samuel pleaded not guilty to the court. 塞缪尔向法庭申辩自己无罪。

**Phrases and expressions**

**spring to / into life**
suddenly become active, start moving, or start working 突然活跃（活动，工作）起来
With the loan from the bank, the struggling company sprang to life again. 在银行贷款的资助下，苦苦挣扎的公司又有了生机。

**in essence**
basically or fundamentally 本质上；基本上；根本上
A history textbook is not only a tool for teaching. In essence, it reflects the author's and perhaps also his country's attitude toward history. 历史教科书不仅仅是一种教学工具。它其实反映了作者对历史的态度，甚至可能还有其国家对历史的态度。

**come to life**
start to act or move as if alive （仿佛活着）开始动起来
Flowers, trees and wildlife come to life in the spring when the warm weather and long days return. 天气变暖，白昼变长，花朵、树木以及野生动物在春天里都变得生气勃勃了。

**load … with …**
put a large quantity of sth. onto or into sth. 使装满；把（大量的…）装入
She loaded my plate with grapes and plums. 她给我的盘子装满了葡萄和李子。

**check sth. off**
write a mark next to sth. on a list to show that you have chosen it, dealt with it, or made sure that it is correct 清点；登记
The teacher checked off the students' names on the list, and permitted them to enter the classroom. 老师清点了名单上学生的名字，然后允许他们进了教室。

**sprinkle …with …**
lightly cover sb. or sth. with sth. else by scattering 洒…；撒…
The woman sprinkled the dry ground with water. 那个妇女在干燥的地上洒了点水。

**out of sight**
not visible 看不见了
I drove my car so fast that the city was quickly out of sight. 我开车开得很快，一会儿就看不见这座城市了。

**tear sth. apart**
damage or destroy sth. completely by breaking it into pieces 损毁；摧毁
Both drivers got out from their vehicles and looked ready to tear each other apart. 两个司机从车里出来，都是一副要把对方撕成碎片的架势。

**piece sth. together**
put all the separate parts of an object into the correct order or position 把（物体的部件）拼合起来
The rugs are constructed by piecing together different colored strips. 这些毯子是由不同颜色的布条拼凑而成的。

**leave off**
discontinue an activity 中断，放弃（活动）
"Okay," said the teacher, "let's continue with our analysis of the Second World War where we left off when the bell rang yesterday." “好的，”老师说，“我们接着从昨天下课时中断的地方继续对第二次世界大战进行分析。”

**plead with sb. ( to do sth. )**
make an emotional appeal to sb. to do sth. 恳求某人（做某事）
The bank manager was pleading with the bank robbers to let the customers and his employees leave. 银行经理正在恳求银行劫匪放了顾客和他的员工。

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 **slump**
**n. [C, usu. sing.]**
1 a period when there is a reduction in business and many people lose their jobs （经济的）不景气，萧条
There are new concerns that the housing slump is far from over. 新的担忧是，房地产业的萧条远远没有结束。
2 a sudden decrease in prices, sales, profits, etc. （价格、销售额、利润等的）突然下跌
There is a slump in sales and profits which affects almost every industry in the country. 销售额和利润的锐减影响到国内的几乎每个行业。

**originate**
**vi.**
begin to exist or appear for the first time 发源；开始
The disease is said to have originated in the tropics. 这种疾病据说起源于热带地区。

**regulatory**
**a.**
(usu. before noun) having the power to control an area of business or industry and make sure that it is operating fairly （对工商业）具有监管权的，监管的
Although this government is providing a regulatory framework, it is not regulating the banking and the insurance industries properly. 尽管该政府提供监管机制，但其对银行和保险业并没有起到合理监管的作用。

**mortgage**
**n.**
[C] a legal arrangement by which you borrow money from a bank or similar organization in order to buy a house, and pay back the money over a period of years 抵押贷款；按揭
Most young couples now have to use most of their paycheck to pay the mortgage for their houses. 大多数的年轻夫妇如今不得不将他们大部分的薪水用于偿还房贷。

**repay**
**vt.**
(repaid, repaid) pay back money that you have borrowed 付还；偿还
Sadly, the father could no longer protect and provide for his family since he could not repay his debt. 悲哀的是，这位父亲连自己的债务都偿还不了，再也没法去保护和供养自己的家庭了。

**oversight**
**n.**
1 [U] the situation of being in charge of a piece of work and checking that it is satisfactory 监管；监督
You need to have oversight of all the management processes and services, including how they work and what they actually do. 你需要对全部的管理过程和服务进行监督，包括他们如何工作以及到底在干什么。
2 [C, U] a mistake in which you forget sth. or do not notice sth. 失察；疏忽
Now, all of us are burdened with correcting the negative results of the oversight. 现在我们都在不辞劳苦地纠正由于失察所带来的负面结果。

**subsidiary**
**n.**
[C] a company that is owned or controlled by another larger company 子公司；附属公司
She's working for an overseas subsidiary of a huge multinational corporation. 她在为一家大型跨国公司的海外子公司工作。

**shareholder**
**n.**
[C] sb. who owns shares in a company or business 股东；股票持有者
The resolutions offered during the corporation's most recent shareholder meeting received unprecedented approval. 公司最近股东大会上提出的决议取得了前所未有的认可。

**sizable**
**a.**
(*also* sizeable) fairly large 相当大的
The immigrants were sheltered in temporary housing and later were given sizable sums to help them buy homes. 移民被安置在临时住房里，后来他们得到了一大笔钱以购买房屋。

**drastic**
**a.**
extreme and sudden 激烈的；严厉的；突然的
The massive flooding from the recent hurricane caused drastic crop losses to almost all farmers in the region. 近期飓风带来的大规模洪水暴发给本地区几乎所有农民的收成造成了巨大损失。

**spiral**
**vi.**
1 continuously become worse, more, or less 不断地恶化（或增长、减少）
An accident at the nuclear power station in this densely populated area could easily spiral into a catastrophe. 在这个人口密集地区，一次核电站事故就会轻易演变成大灾难。
2 move in a continuous curve that gets nearer to or further from its central point as it goes round 螺旋形上升（下降）
The factory was on fire, and a thick cloud of smoke spiraled into the sky. 工厂着火了，浓烟滚滚，冲上天空。
**n.**
[C] a line in the form of a curve that winds around a central point, moving further away from the center all the time 螺线；螺旋线
There was a staircase at the end, a spiral of steps that would take them down to the next walkway. 末端有一段楼梯，螺旋向下，会把他们引到下一个通道。

**layoff**
**n.**
[C] an occasion when an employer ends a worker's employment for a temporary period of time because there is not enough work （因工作不多而导致的）临时解雇，裁员
I was laid off at the end of 2013 as a part of the big layoff. 2013 年末我下岗了，成为了大裁员中的一员。

**termination**
**n.**
[C, U] the end of an agreement, job, or situation 结束；终止
The job terminations were much more numerous than anyone had expected. 岗位裁减量比任何人预料的都要多得多。

**rebound**
**n.**
[C] (esp. business) a positive reaction that happens after sth. negative 复兴；振兴
Despite the rebound in the job market, unemployment remains high; many sectors of manufacturing are suffering from excess capacity, and currency tensions are still on the rise.尽管就业市场回暖，失业率仍然居高不下，制造业各部门人员过剩，资金紧张态势仍在上升。
**vi.**
hit a surface and then move quickly backward again 弹回；跳回
As the ball rebounded it struck a player on the arm and was then gathered by a yard in front of him. 球反弹起来，碰到一名球员的手臂上，接着被前面一码远的队友接住。

**tenant**
**n.**
[C] sb. who lives in a house, room, etc. and pays rent to the person who owns it 房客；租户
I tried to rent the house by the beach, but it had already been taken for the season by another tenant. 我想租下海滩边的那套房子，但是这个季度已被另一位房客租下了。

**eviction**
**n.**
[C, U] the act or process of officially forcing sb. to leave a house or piece of land（ 对房客或佃户的）驱逐

**motel**
**n.**
[C] a hotel for people who are traveling by car, where you can park your car outside your room 汽车旅馆

**expire**
**vi.**
(of a document, an agreement, etc.) be no longer valid because the period of time for which it could be used has ended （因文件、协议等到期而）失效，终止；到期
Their fat contracts are due to expire after the season. 他们的巨额合同本季度后就到期了。

**migrant**
**n.**
[C] sb. who goes to live in another area or country, esp. in order to find work （尤指为寻找工作而迁移的）移民，移居者
The human population swelled, at least temporarily, as migrants moved south. 随着移民南迁，人口出现增长现象，至少是暂时性地增长。

**metropolitan**
**a.**
(only before noun) relating or belonging to a very large city 大城市的；大都会的
When he ahd to move to metropolitan Chicago for a job, he was homesick for a very long time. 当时他为了工作不得不来芝加哥这个大都市时，很长一段时间他都很想家。

**likelihood**
**n.**
1 (in all ~) almost certainly 几乎肯定地；极可能地
If prices keep climbing, consumers will in all likelihood need to be more careful about their purchases and tighten their belts. 要是物价继续攀升，消费者极可能会勒紧裤腰带，更加谨慎购物。
2 [sing., U] the degree to which sth. can reasonably be expected to happen 可能（性）
The earlier you start smoking, the higher the likelihood that you will become addicted. 抽烟越早，越有可能上瘾。

**bureau**
**n. [C] (pl. bureaus or bureaux)**
1 a government department or a part of a government department in the US （美国政府部门的）司，局，处，署
2 an office or organization that collects or provides information 收集（提供）信息的办事处（机构）

**tumble**
**vi.**
fall down quickly and suddenly, esp. with a rolling movement 倒下；跌倒；摔倒；滚下；翻滚下来
The statue came tumbling down during the riots. 那尊雕像在骚乱中轰然倒地。

**deposit**
**vt.**
put money or sth. valuable in a bank or other place where it will be safe 将（钱或贵重物品）存入（银行或其他安全的地方）
For your convenience, your paycheck will be automatically deposited into your bank account. 为方便起见，你的工资会自动存入你的银行账户。
**n.**
[C] a part of the cost of sth. you are buying that you pay some time before you pay the rest of it 订金
To make sure that the real estate agent won't sell the house we like to someone else, we've put down a five-percent deposit on the house. 为了确保房产经纪人不把我们看好的房子卖给别人，我们已 支付了房款的5%作为订金。

**deteriorate**
**vi.**
become worse 恶化
They say that the economy is going to further deteriorate before things start to stabilize and enough new jobs will be available again. 他们说经济会进一步恶化，然后才会趋稳，并重新提供充足的新工作岗位。

**verge**
**n.**
[C] (be on the ~ of) be at the point where sth. is about to happen 濒于…；即将…
Too many regions around the world where fighting has become the daily routine are on the verge of serious humanitarian crises. 世界上有太多对战争已经习以为常的地区正处在严重人道主义危机的边缘。

**harassment**
**n.**
[U] annoying or unpleasant behavior toward sb. that takes place regularly, e.g. threats, offensive remarks, or physical attacks 骚扰；侵扰
She had to quit her job and file a lawsuit against her boss because she had been subjected to continual sexual harassment by her boss at work. 她不得不辞职，并对她的老板提起法律诉讼，因为她在工作中曾不断受到老板的性骚扰。

**certification**
**n.**
[C, U] an official document that says sb. is allowed to do a certain job, that sth. is of good quality, etc. 证书
He spent 20 minutes looking over our passports and identity cards, as well as our letters of certification from the university. 他用了20分钟时间检查我们的护照、身份证以及学校开具的证明文件。

**spectrum**
**n.**
[C] (pl. spectra or spectrums) a complete range of opinions, people, situations, etc., going from one extreme to its opposite （观点、人、情况等的）范围，幅度
We shall hear views from across the political spectrum. 我们要听取各个政治派别的看法。

**retail**
**n.**
[U] the sale of goods in shops to customers, for their own use and not for selling to anyone else 零售；零卖

**evict**
**vt.**
legally force sb. to leave the house they are living in, usu. because they have not paid their rent （通常因某人未付租金将其从房屋里）驱逐，赶出
A number of tenants have been evicted for not paying the rent. 许多房客因不交房租被赶了出去。

**bureaucracy**
**n.**
1 [U] a complicated official system that is annoying or confusing because it has a lot of rules, processes, etc. 官僚制度；官僚作风；官僚主义
She needed to know quickly what to do and grew very tired of the excessive bureaucracy. 她想快点知道要做什么，对过分的官僚主义作风已经厌倦。
2 [C, U] the people employed to run government organizations 官僚；政府官员
Like any huge bureaucracy, their military does many things that are wasteful or inefficient. 跟任何庞大的官僚机构一样，他们的军队也在很多事情上存在浪费、低效现象。

**municipal**
**a.**
relating to or belonging to the government of a town or city 市政府的；市的；市办的
Municipal government is involved in many aspects of our daily lives. 我们日常生活的诸多方面都和市政府息息相关。

**council**
**n. [C]**
1 a group of people elected to the government of a city in the US （美国的）市议会
Joe was very proud of his mom when she became elected as a member of the local city council. 乔为妈妈当选为当地市议会的议员而感到非常自豪。
2 a group of people that are chosen to make rules, laws, or decisions, or to give advice 委员会；理事会
The UN Security Council has primary responsibility for maintaining international peace and security. 联合国安理会对维护国际和平与安全负有重要责任。

**comply**
**vi.**
(fml.) do what you have to do or are asked to do 服从；遵守
John's boss put a lot of pressure on him to comply with the new company rules about safety at the workplace. 约翰的老板对他施加了很大压力，让他遵守公司关于工作场所安全的新条例。

**reclaim**
**vt.**
1 get back sth. that you have lost or that has been taken away from you 恢复；夺回
All fans were happy because their soccer team reclaimed the World Cup title from their rivals. 所有的球迷都很开心，因为他们的足球队从对手手中夺回了世界杯。
2 get back an amount of money that you have paid 取回（已付的金钱）
You might be able to reclaim the money which you overpaid for having your car serviced at the new dealership. 你也许能够取回在那家新经销商处维修汽车时多付的钱款。

**refuge**
**n.**
[U] shelter or protection from sb. or sth. 避难；庇护
We brought no proper clothing for the rain, but we found refuge from the storm in a nearby barn. 我们没有带防雨服，但是在附近的一间仓房找到了避雨处。

**donate**
**v.**
give sth., esp. money, to a person or an organization in order to help them 捐赠，捐献（尤指钱）
Festival organizers are urging visitors to donate blood and also money for injured victims to a Red Cross Earthquake Relief Fund. 节日主办方敦促来访者向红十字会地震救灾基金献血、捐款来救助伤者。

**parasite**
**n. [C]**
1 (fml.) a lazy person who does not work but depends on other people - used to show disapproval 靠他人为生的人，寄生虫（含贬义）
Instead of helping his aging parents with money, he often returned to them asking for money like a parasite. 他不但没有在钱财上帮助年迈的双亲，反而经常像寄生虫一样回家找他们要钱。
2 a plant or animal that lives on or in another plant or animal and gets food from it 寄生植物；寄生动物；寄生虫

**jelly**
**n.**
[C, U] a thick sweet substance made from boiled fruit and sugar with no pieces of fruit in it, eaten esp. on bread （不含水果块的）果酱

**subsistence**
**n.**
[U] the condition of only just having enough money or food to stay alive （勉强的）维持生活，生存，生计
Anita worked a 16-hour day, at two minimum-wage jobs, and only for subsistence of herself and her two children. 安妮塔一天工作16小时，干两份薪水微薄的工作，却仅够养活自己和两个孩子。

**surf**
**v.**
1 (~ the Net / Internet) look quickly through information on the Internet for anything that interests you 网上冲浪；浏览互联网
Once her work was finished as a housewife, she could read, watch TV, or surf the Net. 一旦干完了家庭主妇的活儿，她就可以读书，看电视，或者上网。
2 ride on waves while standing on a special board 冲浪
Going out on the ocean to surf began hundreds of years ago, among the natives of Hawaii. 数百年前，夏威夷的本地居民就开始去海上冲浪了。

**index**
**n. [C]**
1 (pl. indexes) a set of cards or a database containing information, usu. arranged in alphabetical order and used esp. in a library （尤用于图书馆的）卡片（资料库）索引
The card catalog is an index to the materials in the library. 卡片目录是图书馆的资料索引。
2 (pl. indices or indexes) (technical) a system by which prices, costs, etc. can be compared to those of a previous date （ 用于比较今夕价格、费用等的）指数
At the close of trading, the Dow Jones Index as off 28 points. 收盘时，道• 琼斯指数下跌了28点。

**brutal**
**a.**
very cruel and violent 无情的；残酷的；野蛮的；凶残的
The movie theater shooter was an exceptionally cold-hearted and brutal killer. 电影院开枪者是个凶残的杀手，极其冷酷无情。

**Phrases and expressions**

**pack up**
put things into boxes, suitcases, bags, etc. in order to take or store them 把…打包；把…装箱（盒、袋等）
We arrived too late for the concert, just as the musicians were already packing up their instruments. 音乐会我们到场太迟了，音乐家们都已经在收拾乐器了。

**wind up**
(linking verb) (infml.) be in an unpleasant situation or place after a lot has happened 以…告终
In extreme sports (such as sky diving), you take the risk that you may wind up seriously injured or even dead. 在极限运动（比如跳伞）中，你要冒可能会严重受伤甚至赔上性命的风险。

**put down**
pay part of the total cost of sth., so that you can pay the rest later 付（订金）
We put 10 percent down on the house. 我们给房子交了10%的订金。

**scrape sth. together / up**
get enough money for a particular purpose, when this is difficult （为某目的）勉强筹集，凑足（钱款）
He managed to scrape up enough money for lunch. 他设法凑齐了中午的饭钱。

**deteriorate into**
develop into a bad or worse situation 演变成；恶化成
There are fears that the situation might deteriorate into a full-scale war. 有人担心这个形势可能会恶化为一场全面的战争。

**a roof over one's head**
a place to live 栖身之所；住处
Finding a roof over their head has become a real problem for thousands of young people seeking a home of their own. 对成千上万想有一个家的年轻人来说，找到可以栖身的房子实在是成了一个难题。

**catch up with sb.**
finally find sb. who has been doing sth. illegal and punish them （终于）抓住并惩罚（某人）
The law caught up with him for 10 years of failing to pay child support to his ex-wife for his two children after he had moved to Canada. 他迁往加拿大之后，由于有十年都未支付给前妻两个孩子的抚养费而受到法律的惩处。

**for good**
permanently 永远
This time she's leaving for good. 她这次离开是再也不回来了。

**be in a position to do sth.**
be able to do sth. because you have the ability, money, or power to do it （因为有能力、金钱或权力而）能够做某事
I would like to shorten your long working hours, but I'm afraid I am not in a position to help you right now. 我很想缩短你的工作时间，但目前恐怕我无法帮你。

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 **commodity**
**n.**
[C] a product that is bought and sold 商品
Crude oil is the world's most important commodity. 原油是世界上最重要的商品。

**estate**
**n.**
[sing.] (law) all of sb.'s property and money, esp. everything that is left after they die 个人全部财产（尤指遗产）
Mrs. Smith had no children and therefore willed her entire estate to charity. 史密斯夫人没有子女，因此立遗嘱把全部遗产都捐给了慈善事业。

**real estate**
**n.**
[U] (esp. AmE) property in the form of land or houses 房地产；不动产
Joey saw his income as a house painter drop sharply when the real estate slump began. 当房地产市场开始下滑时，乔伊发现自己做漆工的收入锐减。

**intrinsic**
**a.**
being part of the nature or character of sb. or sth. 本质的；内在的；固有的
These tasks were repetitive, lengthy and lacking any intrinsic value which would interest anybody who had to perform them. 这些任务重复冗长，缺乏实质意义，难以吸引任何从事该任务的人。

**entail**
**vt.**
involve sth. as a necessary part or result 使必要；需要
John's new job as a salesperson is a great opportunity for his career, but it will entail many hours on the road and driving a long distance every day. 约翰做销售员的新工作对他的事业是个很好的机会，但这也意味着每天都要长途开车，花很多小时在路上。

**analogy**
**n.**
[C, U] a comparison between two situations, processes, etc. that is intended to show that the two are similar 比拟；比喻；类比
To explain to her students how the human heart works, the teacher drew an analogy between the human heart and a pump. 为了给学生解释人的心脏是如何工作的，老师打了个比方，把人的心脏比作水泵。

**greed**
**n.**
[U] a strong desire for more food, money, power, possessions, etc. than you need 贪婪；贪心；贪欲
People will never be happy so long as their greed exceeds their needs, and they don't comprehend the meaning of the word enough. 如果人们的贪心超过其需求而又没有完全理解幸福的含义，那么他们永远也不会幸福。

**flaw**
**n. [C]**
1 a mistake or problem in an argument, plan, set of ideas, etc. （论点、计划、思想等中的）错误，缺陷
The argument about the causes of economic trends is full of fundamental flaws. 这段关于经济趋势形成原因的论述到处都是根本性的错误。
2 a mistake, mark, or weakness that makes sth. imperfect 瑕疵；缺点
Nobody loves perfect people. It is said that flaws are what makes us human - instead of robots. 没有人喜欢完人。是人都会犯错误，除非是机器人。

**underlying**
**a.**
important in a situation but not always easily noticed or stated clearly 根本的；潜在的；隐含的
The argument relies on the underlying assumption that all criminals are dangerous. 这一观点依赖于潜在的假设——所有的罪犯都是危险分子。

**flock**
**vi.**
gather together in a large group, usu. because there is sth. interesting or exciting （通常因某种有趣或刺激的事物而）群集，聚集，蜂拥
People flocked to hear Carlos speak at the college concert hall. 人们成群结队去学校音乐厅听卡洛斯演讲。
**n.**
[C] a group of birds, sheep, or goats （禽类、绵羊、山羊的）一群
There was enough popcorn and other spilled food on the ground to attract a hungry flock of birds. 地上有足够的爆米花和其他散落的食物来吸引一群饥饿的鸟儿。

**foremost**
**a.**
the best or most important 最好的；最重要的
Our students' well-being has always been foremost in our minds at our school. 在我校，学生的健康在我们的心中一直是最重要的。

**amplify**
**vt.**
1 (fml.) increase the effects or strength of sth. 增强
People often use spices to amplify the flavor of foods, such as meat, fish and vegetables. 人们常用香料来提升肉、鱼和蔬菜等食物的味道。
2 make sound louder, esp. musical sound 放大（声音，尤指音乐声）
Nowadays, in the global context, women have the opportunity to amplify their voices not only at home but also internationally. 如今在全球背景下，不管是国内还是国际上，妇女们都有机会让自己的呼声更嘹亮。

**tulip**
**n.**
[C] a brightly colored flower that is shaped like a cup and grows from a bulb in spring 郁金香

**assimilate**
**vt.**
1 (often passive) make an idea, a person's attitude, etc. fit into sth. or be acceptable 使吸收，使接受（想法、态度等）
How to get the children of migrant workers successfully assimilated into the city community is of great significance to the sustainable development of society and economy. 如何使农民工子女成功融入到城市社会当中，对社会、经济的可持续发展具有重大意义。
2 fully understand an idea or some information so that you are able to use it yourself 透彻理解；消化；吸收
The committee will need time to assimilate this report. 委员会需要时间来吃透这份报告。

**avert**
**vt.**
prevent sth. unpleasant from happening 防止，避免（不快之事）
The diplomatic talks narrowly averted a war. 外交谈判勉强避免了一场战争。

**elastic**
**a.**
1 able to change when the situation changes 易顺应的；灵活的；随意的
Jack's plan to finance his college education was elastic enough to allow him to continue with his studies even if he would happen to lose his job. 杰克筹借自己大学费用的计划非常灵活，足以让自己继续学业，哪怕是不幸丢了工作。
2 returning to its normal or previous size or shape after being pulled or pressed 有弹性的; 弹力的
He reached into his pocket and pulled out a bundle of notes held together by an elastic band. 他把手伸进衣服口袋里，掏出一捆用橡皮筋绑在一起的便条。

**provided**
**conj.**
(*also* ~ that) used to say that sth. will only be possible if sth. else happens or is done 只要；如果…的话
You can make the change to our small company's business plan if you want, provided that your change makes sense and is beneficial to our business. 如果你愿意，可以对我们这家小公司的业务规划做修改，只要你的修改有意义且对我们的业务有益。

**retrospect**
**n.**
(in ~) thinking back to a time in the past, esp. with the advantage of knowing more now than you did then 回顾；回想
In retrospect, I made the right decision to quit my job at the corporation and start up my own business. 回想起来，我放弃公司的工作开始自己创业是正确的决定。

**cumulative**
**a.**
increasing gradually as more of sth. is added or happens 积累的；渐增的
We tend to hear a lot about smoking and lung cancer; however, all of the cumulative effects of smoking on the body are too numerous to list in only one sentence. 我们经常听到大量关于吸烟和肺癌的关系的说法。然而，吸烟对人体存在的累积效应太多了，一句话根本说不完。

**deregulation**
**n.**
[U] the process of removing the rules that control sth. such as an industry 撤销管制；解除管制
The current government's policy is for deregulation of the economy and for making the business climate more attractive to investors. 当前政府的政策是放宽对经济的管制，创造更吸引投资者的经营环境。

**beforehand**
**ad.**
before sth. else happens or is done 事先；预先；事前
I wish we'd known about the canceled concert beforehand and could have made other plans instead. 要是我们预先知道音乐会被取消就好了，这样就可以做些其他安排。

**equity**
**n. [U]**
1 (technical) the amount of money that you would have left if you sold your house and paid off the money you borrowed to buy the house （付清债务后的）房产净值
We've been slowly paying off our mortgage and building up equity in our house. 我们一直在慢慢偿还房贷，房产净值不断增加。
2 (fml.) a situation in which all people are treated equally and no one has an unfair advantage 公平；公正
Our aim is to build a society where justice and equity prevail. 我们的目标是建立一个充满正义和公正的社会。

**appraisal**
**n.**
[C, U] a statement or opinion judging the worth, value, or condition of sth. 评价；估计；鉴定
Can you tell me how I can locate a reliable art dealer, who can give me an appraisal for the old painting I found in my house? 能否告诉我怎样找到一个可靠的画商，来鉴定一下我在房子里找到的一幅古画？

**economical**
**a.**
using money, time, goods, etc. carefully and without wasting any 经济的；节约的
We offer quality products at economical prices. 我们以实惠的价格提供优质的产品。

**allocate**
**vt.**
use sth. for a particular purpose, give sth. to a particular person, etc., esp. after an official decision has been made 分配；配给
The new library project is being allocated more financial resources than were initially granted for it. 这个新图书馆项目目前获得的财力资源比当初允诺提供的要多。

**default**
**vi.**
(~ on) fail to pay money that you owe at the right time 违约；拖欠
During the housing crisis, many homeowners who had spent all of their borrowed money defaulted on their mortgages. 在房地产危机中，许多房主花光了借款，无法偿还房贷。
**n.**
[C, U] (fml.) failure to pay money that you owe at the right time （债务的）拖欠
The state government will pay off the mortgage in the event of a default.如果违约，州政府将清偿抵押的财物。

**culminate**
**vi.**
(~ in sth.) happen or exist as the final result of a process or situation 以…告终
Jennie's months of hard work at her job culminated in a successful promotion. 珍妮几个月的艰辛工作让她成功获得了提拔。

**crackdown**
**n.**
[C, usu. sing.] action that is taken to deal more strictly with crime, a problem, protests, etc. 取缔；制裁；镇压
Police officers are confident that their crackdown on crime will continue to be successful. 警方坚信他们对犯罪的打击会继续成功。

**dividend**
**n.**
[C] a part of a company's profit that is divided among the people with shares in the company 股息；红利
A corporation's profits are distributed to shareholders as dividends. 公司的利润作为红利分给了股东。

**mentality**
**n.**
[C] a particular attitude or way of thinking, esp. one that you think is wrong or stupid （尤指被视为错误或愚蠢的）心态
Young and innovative filmmakers often criticize Hollywood filmmakers for their blockbuster mentality. 有创新精神的年轻电影制片人经常批评好莱坞制片人的“唯大片”心态。

**broker**
**n.**
[C] sb. who buys and sells things such as shares in companies or foreign money for other people （为人买卖股票或外汇的）经纪人
In the six years since he got his real estate broker's license, he has sold $600 million properties. 在他获得房地产经纪人执照之后的六年中，他共卖出了6亿美元的房产。

**mercury**
**n.**
[U] a heavy silver-white poisonous metal that is liquid at ordinary temperatures, and is used in thermometers. It is a chemical element: symbol Hg. 汞，水银（一种化学元素，符号为Hg）

**thermometer**
**n.**
[C] a piece of equipment that measures the temperature of the air, of your body, etc. 温度计；寒暑表；体温计

**forthcoming**
**a.**
1 (fml.) (never before noun) provided or available when needed or asked for 随要随有的；现成的；可得到的
Don't be afraid; help will be forthcoming whenever you ask. 不要怕，不管你何时开口，都会得到帮助。
2 (only before noun) happening or coming soon 即将发生的；即将来临的
All of his colleagues anticipate his forthcoming book about the topic of California banking. 他所有的同事都期盼着他以加州银行业为题材的新书面世。

**deterioration**
**n.**
[U] the action or process of deteriorating; the state of having deteriorated 恶化；衰退；堕落
There is a gradual deterioration of the quality of the products consumers purchase for their daily use. 消费者购买的日常用品质量在逐渐下降。

**aggregate**
**n.**
[C] (fml.) the total after a lot of different figures or points have been added together 总数；合计
Our shoe manufacturing company spent an aggregate of 30 million dollars in advertising during the last three years. 过去三年里，我们鞋业公司总计花费了3千万美元打广告。

**buzz**
**n. [sing.]**
1 (infml.) a strong feeling of pleasure or excitement 高兴；兴奋
Many people are curious about the movie because there's been a lot of buzz in the media about the new Hollywood blockbuster. 许多人对该影片很好奇，因为媒体对于这部新的好莱坞大片热议纷纷。
2 a continuous noise 嗡嗡声；嗞嗞声
We enjoyed hearing the buzz of the bees as we walked through the beautiful garden. 我们走过美丽的花园时，耳边听到的蜜蜂嗡嗡声让人愉悦。

**entrepreneur**
**n.**
[C] sb. who starts a new business or arranges business deals in order to make money, often in a way that involves financial risks 企业家

**duplicate**
**vt.**
copy sth. exactly 复制
She duplicated the video to give it to her family and friends. 她把录像复制了，分发给家人和朋友。

**envisage**
**vt.**
think that sth. is likely to happen in the future 展望；设想
I can't envisage how she can be coping with the job all by herself and without help from her family. 我无法设想在没有家人帮忙的情况下，她是如何独自一人应付这个工作的。

**billboard**
**n.**
[C] a large sign used for advertising 广告牌（板）

**ambiguous**
**a.**
1 confusing or not definite, and so difficult to understand 不明确的；难以理解的；暧昧的
Jack felt his role in the company had always been ambiguous, and it should have been clearly defined from the day he started his job. 杰克觉得他在公司的角色一直不明确，其实早在刚开始工作的时候就应该有清晰的定位。
2 not clear, or capable of being understood in more than one way 含糊不清的；模棱两可的
Due to the ambiguous nature of the question itself, it was difficult to give an answer. 由于问题本身模棱两可，很难给出一个答案。

**buck**
**vt.**
oppose sth. in a direct way 反抗；抵抗
We are proud to say that the local decline in crime bucked a nationwide trend. 我们可以自豪地说，本地的犯罪率与全国的上升趋势相反，正在下降。

**blunder**
**vi.**
1 (~ into) enter a place or become involved in a difficult situation by mistake 误入（某地）；不小心陷入（困境）
She realized too late that she had blundered into a party which was a trap. 她意识到自己参加晚会已经误入陷阱时，为时已晚。
2 move in an unsteady way, as if you cannot see properly 踉踉跄跄地走；跌跌撞撞
Jack tried to be considerate and not turn on the light to avoid waking me up, but I could hear him blundering around the bathroom in the dark. 杰克试图体贴我，不开灯以免惊醒我，但我还是能听到他在漆黑的盥洗间里跌跌撞撞。

**arena**
**n. [C]**
1 the people and activities involved with a particular subject or activity 领域；活动舞台
Congress is always an arena for political discussions and many times, there are opposing views. 国会一直是政治争论的舞台，许多时候都存在着对立的观点。
2 a large area that is surrounded by seats, used for sports or entertainment 竞技场；表演场地
A sports arena, also called a stadium, can host many large events, such as concerts and fairs besides sports. 运动竞技场，也叫体育场，除了承办体育赛事之外，还可以承办音乐会和交易会等大型活动。

**fad**
**n.**
[C] sth. that people like or do for a short time, or that is fashionable for a short time 一时的狂热；时尚；风尚

**Phrases and expressions**

**any number of sth.**
a large quantity of people or things 很多人；好多某事物
Fried chicken can be prepared in any number of tasty ways. 炸鸡可以做成各种不同的口味。

**let in**
allow sb. to enter a house, room, etc. 允许（某人）进入（房子、房间等）
Burke had the window open to let in fresh air. 伯克把窗户打开让新鲜空气进来。

**miss out (on)**
lose an opportunity to do or have sth. 错过机会；错过
Of course, I'm coming to your party; I don't want to miss out on all the fun! 我当然要来你的聚会——我可不想错失玩乐的机会。

**set in**
(of rain, bad weather, infection, etc.) begin and seem likely to continue （雨、恶劣天气、感染等）到来，开始
The kids should go outside and play before the rain sets in again. 再次下雨之前孩子们应该到外边去玩玩。

**in (the) aggregate**
(fml.) added together as a total or single amount 总共；作为总体
Shareholders of the corporation were satisfied as dividends for the year amounted in the aggregate to 25 million dollars. 该公司本年度红利总计达到2,500万美元，股东们都很满意。

**sell off**
sell sth. quickly and for a low price, usu. because you need money （通常因需要钱而快速地）廉价出售
The Smith family sold off everything they couldn't take with them: their house, their furniture, their cars, etc., so they could move to a city where they all could find jobs. 史密斯一家将所有无法带走的东西都廉价处理掉了——他们的房子、家具、汽车等——以便搬到一个全家都能找到工作的城市。

**be limited to sth.**
exist or happen only in a particular place, group, or area of activity 局限于某处（团体，活动范围）
Education is no longer limited to schools and it is a process of lifelong learning. 教育不再局限于学校，它是贯穿终生的学习过程。

**buy up**
buy large amounts of sth. or all of it that is available 大量买进；全部买下
The local population is opposed to the fact that real estate developers are buying up all of the land on the island. 房地产开发商们要把岛上所有的土地全部买下，当地民众表示反对。

**see for yourself**
check what sb. has told you by looking at it 亲自去看
If you do not believe that it is snowing, go and see for yourself! 你要是不相信正在下雪，那你就自己去看看吧。

**strike it rich**
suddenly make a lot of money 发大财；暴富
She expects to strike it rich as soon as her firm goes public with its stock shares. 她寄望于公司股票一上市她就能发大财。

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 **baffle**
**vt.**
confuse sb. completely; be too difficult or strange for sb. to understand or explain 使困惑；难住
The mystery that baffled him most was Jos' sudden disappearance from the lakeside cottage. 最让他困惑的谜团是乔斯在湖边小屋的突然失踪。

**provocative**
**a.**
intended to make people angry or upset; intended to make people argue about sth. 挑衅的；煽动的；引起争端的
For our conservative small town, "sexual harassment at the workplace" was a particularly provocative topic. 对我们这个风气比较保守的小镇来说，“工作场所的性骚扰”是特别令人义愤填膺的话题。

**opinionated**
**a.**
having very strong opinions that you are not willing to change 固执己见的；顽固的
Ever since I've known Betty, she has been very opinionated, and she thinks that she is right about everything. 自从我认识贝蒂起，她一直都十分固执，认为自己每件事都是对的。

**dispense**
**vt. (fml.)**
1 (~ with) not use or do sth. that people usu. use or do, because it is not necessary （因无必要而）摒弃；不用（做）
You can apply for a license from your local council, which means that you can dispense with the formality. 你可以向当地委员会申请一个许可证，从而就可以省掉正式手续。
2 give sth. to people, esp. in fixed amounts （尤指以固定数额）分发，分配（某物）
A soup kitchen was set up by the Red Cross which dispensed food to over a thousand refugees. 红十字会设立了施舍处，为一千多难民分发食物。

**courtesy**
**n.**
1 [C] sth. you do or say to be polite 礼貌的行为（言语）
When hiking in the hills, we met a young man, exchanged courtesies, and talked for a while. 当我们在山中徒步游玩的时候，碰见了一个年轻人，我们互致问候，并聊了一会儿。
2 [U] polite behavior and respect for other people 有礼的举止；礼貌
I'm upset because you didn't even have the courtesy to inform me that I might not be giving the lecture which I've prepared for next week. 我很难过，因为你甚至都没有礼节性地通知我：我为下周准备好的演讲不能做了。

**obese**
**a.**
(fml. or medical) (of people) very fat, in a way that is not healthy 臃肿的；虚胖的；病态肥胖的
We often find that teenage girls who are just slightly overweight see themselves as massively obese. 我们常常发现十几岁的小女孩稍微超重就认为自己极其肥胖了。

**gorge**
**v.**
eat or drink so much of sth. that you cannot eat or drink any more 拼命吃喝；塞饱
Luke doesn't eat much in the presence of his mother; yet, every time she is away, he gorges himself with pizza, ice cream, candies and other junk food. 妈妈在场的时候，卢克吃得不多，然而每次趁她不在的时候，他都狼吞虎咽，大吃比萨、冰淇淋、糖果和其他垃圾食品。
**n.**
[C] a deep narrow valley with steep sides （山）峡；峡谷
We believe that it is the water from the spring that makes the river that snakes along the gorge a few hundred meters away. 我们相信是泉水形成了几百米外沿峡谷蜿蜒流淌的小河。

**humane**
**a.**
showing kindness toward people and animals by making sure that they do not suffer more than is necessary 善良的；仁慈的；人道的
To have an ideal world, our international community needs to end wars, hunger and disease and aim for a just and humane society. 为了实现理想世界，国际社会需要结束战争，消除饥饿和疾病，建立一个公平人道的社会。

**ideological**
**a.**
based on strong beliefs or ideas, esp. political or economic ideas 思想上的；思想体系的；意识形态的
Despite wide ideological disagreements, they remained friends, mutually respectful and mutually supporting. 他们尽管意识形态上存在巨大的分歧，但依然是朋友，相互尊敬，相互支持。

**cradle**
**vt.**
hold sth. gently, as if to protect it 轻拥；轻抱；捧住
He cradled the baby in his arms, his hands cupping her tiny skull.他轻轻地抱住婴儿，双手捧着她的小脑袋。
**n.**
[C] a small bed for a baby which can be pushed gently from side to side 摇篮
When the new baby was born, her grandparents brought over the beautiful old hand-made cradle, which they had saved since their children had outgrown it. 宝宝出生的时候，外公外婆带来了手工制作的漂亮老式摇篮，这摇篮他们在自己的儿女长大不用后就一直保存至今。

**insulate**
**vt.**
1 (~ sb. / sth. from / against) protect sb. or sth. from unpleasant experiences or influences 使免除（不愉快的经历）；使免受（不良影响）；隔离
All around the world, extremely wealthy people live a rather protected lifestyle and are insulated from the suffering lives of the poor all around them. 纵观世界，巨富之人的生活都是被重重保护起来的，不受周围贫苦民众苦难生活的影响。
2 protect sth. with a material that prevents heat, sound, electricity, etc. from passing through 使隔热；使隔音；使绝缘
The roof is adequately insulated against extremely hot or extremely cold weather. 屋顶对极热和极冷的天气隔绝效果很好。

**presumption**
**n.**
1 [C, U] (law) the act of supposing that sth. is true, although it has not yet been proved or is not certain 推定；假定；假设
I cannot make a statement about John's complaints against his neighbors based on presumptions since I don't really know anything about his case. 我不能仅凭推测就对约翰投诉邻居发表意见，因为我确实对这个案子一无所知。
2 [C] sth. that is thought to be true or probable 可能的事；认为真实的事
There is a general presumption that fatty foods are bad for your heart. 人们普遍认为含脂肪多的食物对心脏不好。

**milestone**
**n. [C]**
1 a very important stage or event in the development of sth. 重要事件；转折点；里程碑
Rituals mark a person's milestones in life and at work, and they bring members of the family together to celebrate those moments. 各种仪式标志着一个人生活和工作中的重要事件，能够将家庭成员聚在一起庆祝这些重要时刻。
2 a stone by the side of a road that shows how far it is to the next town and to other places 里程碑
The group of hikers, tired and thirsty, hoped that the next milestone might be reached soon. 这群远足者又累又渴，希望很快就能到达下一个里程碑。

**hesitant**
**a.**
slow to speak or act because you feel uncertain, embarrassed or unwilling 犹豫的；踌躇的；不情愿的
Bill was a little hesitant at first to speak before an audience, but he quickly blossomed into an eloquent speaker. 比尔在听众面前刚开始说话有点犹犹豫豫，但很快变得能言善辩。

**intellect**
**n.**
1 [C, U] the ability to understand things and to think intelligently 才智；理解能力；思维能力
This postgraduate course shapes intellect and enthusiasm, and it provides practical and professional skills. 这门研究生课程培养学生的思维能力和热情，并传授实际的专业技能。
2 [C] sb. who is very intelligent 才智出众者
He is a first-rate intellect and he impresses people with his organization and his thoughtfulness. 他才智一流，组织能力和深思熟虑令人印象深刻。

**gross**
**a.**
1 very unpleasant 令人不快的；令人恶心的；使人厌恶的
I tried to eat the tablets. They were so gross that I spit them out again. 我想把这些药片吃下去，但太难吃了，我又吐了出来。
2 (only before noun) being the total amount of sth. before anything is taken away 总的；毛的
In some countries today, gross investment accounts for roughly 15 percent of national income. 在今天的某些国家，投资总额大约占到了本国收入的15%。

**irrespective**
**ad.**
(~ of) used when saying that a particular fact has no effect on a situation and is not important 不受某事物影响；不考虑某事物；不问某事物
The way you approach practice greatly affects how much you improve, irrespective of your talent. 不管你才能如何，你的训练方式会极大地影响进展程度。

**disposal**
**n.**
[U] the process of getting rid of sth. 丢掉；清除；处理
The new bill will also place a duty on council members to include recycling in their waste disposal plans. 新法案还将使议员们承担职责，把垃圾的回收利用包含在废物处理计划中。

**hardy**
**a.**
strong and healthy and able to bear difficult living conditions 能吃苦耐劳的；坚强的；强壮的
A few hardy joggers were out running in the cold. 几个强健的慢跑锻炼者正在户外的寒冷天气中跑步。

**Confucian**
**a.**
of or relating to Confucius or Confucianism （与）孔子（有关）的；（与）儒家（或儒学、儒教）（有关）的
Business in China is still conducted in a traditional Confucian manner where politeness and the search for constructive relationships are of the essence, and successful business follows the establishment of such relationships. 在中国，做生意仍然以传统的儒家方式进行，十分讲究“礼”和建设性的“关系”，在建立各种关系后生意才会成功。

**doctrine**
**n.**
[C, U] a belief or set of beliefs held and taught by a church, political party, or other group 教义；主义；学说；信条
The doctrine was based on three fundamental principles. 该学说基于三个基本原则。

**clash**
**vi.**
1 (of beliefs, ideas or personalities) be very different and opposed to each other 迥然不同；不相容；抵触
I want you to have your own thoughts and feelings, even if they clash with mine. 我想让你拥有自己的思想和感受，即使它们和我的迥然不同。
2 come together and fight or compete in a contest 打斗；冲突；比赛
Eileen didn't intend to, but she clashed with a conceited woman while visiting a fashion show. 艾琳观看时装秀的时候，和一位傲慢的女士发生了冲突，尽管她不是故意的。

**offspring**
**n.**
[C] (pl. offspring) a person's child or children 子女；子孙；后代
Genes are the structures that carry inheritance information from parents to offspring. 基因是父母传递给子女的遗传信息结构。

**infringe**
**vt.**
do sth. that is against a law or sb.'s legal rights 违背；触犯（法律）
It suggested that second marriages would substantially infringe the rights of inheritance of the members of the first family. 这意味着再婚将极大地侵害前一个家庭成员的继承权利。

**curfew**
**n. [C, U]**
1 (AmE) the time, decided by a parent, by which a child must be home or asleep in the evening （父母规定的）儿童晚间必须回家（睡觉）的时间
Fathers and mothers must understand the wisdom and purpose of a nighttime curfew for teenagers.父母们必须要理解给青少年规定晚上回家时间的智慧和目的。
2 a law that forces people to stay indoors after a particular time at night, or the time people must be indoors 宵禁令；宵禁时间
During the wartime, people usually went back home as early as possible because the evening curfew applied. 战时，因为夜间宵禁令的实施，人们通常会尽早回家。

**defiance**
**n.**
[U] open refusal to obey sb. or sth. 违抗；反对；拒绝服从
The committee was satisfied that the gesture of defiance by the chair remained within rules and had been well handled by the board of directors. 主席的对抗姿态并不违反规定，而且已由董事会很好地解决，委员会对此很满意。

**indignation**
**n.**
[U] feelings of anger and surprise because you feel insulted or unfairly treated 愤怒；愤慨；义愤
The police officers and body guards have to protect public speakers who may arouse audience indignation or worse. 警察和保镖必须保护那些会引发听众愤怒甚至更糟情形的公共演讲者。

**obedience**
**n. [U]**
the practice of doing what sb. tells you to do, or of obeying a law or rule 服从；顺从；遵纪守法
Children were taught to show their parents obedience, duty, and respect. 孩子们接受的教育就是顺从、本分以及尊重父母。

**extinguish**
**vt.**
1 destroy an idea or feeling, or make it stop existing 使（想法、感情）破灭；使消亡
Continuing budget cuts in education quickly extinguished any hopes for affordable public education. 教育预算的持续削减很快就使希望公共教育能负担得起的所有想法破灭了。
2 make a fire stop burning or a light stop shining 熄灭；扑灭
When a fire starts, detecting, containing and extinguishing the flames are the three main principles of immediate action. 火灾发生时，探测、控制、扑灭火焰是采取及时行动的三个主要原则。

**submission**
**n.**
1 [U] the act of accepting that sb. has defeated you and that you must obey them 屈服；投降；归顺
The army intends to take the city or simply starve it into submission. 军队打算攻占这个城市，或者直接以饥饿迫其屈服。
2 [C, U] the act of giving a plan, piece of writing, etc. to sb. in authority for them to consider or approve, or the plan, piece of writing, etc. itself 呈送；提交；呈递；提交的计划（作品等）
The application for a building permit does not require the submission of any detailed plans. 申请建筑许可证并不要求提交任何详细方案。

**propaganda**
**n.**
[U] (usu. disapproving) ideas or statement that may be false or exaggerated and that are used in order to gain support for a political leader, party, etc. 宣传；鼓吹
These recent news reports clearly contain elements of propaganda. 这些最近的新闻报道明显含有宣传的成分。

**portrait**
**n.[C]**
1 a painting, drawing, or photograph of a person, esp. of the head and shoulders 肖像；画像
Shop windows containing the president's portrait were also smashed and vehicles were overturned by the angry people. 装有总统肖像的橱窗被愤怒的人们打碎，汽车也被掀翻了。
2 a detailed description of sb. or sth. 详细的描述；描绘
Although basically a ghost story, this short novel is a piercingly accurate portrait of childhood in the 1950s. 尽管基本上只是个鬼故事，但该短篇小说却敏锐准确地描述了20世纪50年代的儿童生活。

**militant**
**a.**
using, or willing to use, force or strong pressure to achieve your aims, esp. to achieve social or political change 动武的；好战的
Rising unemployment and fear of job losses weakened the dominance of militant members of our unions. 失业率的上升和对失去工作的恐惧削弱了我们工会中好斗分子的主导地位。
**n.**
[C] sb. who uses militant methods to achieve sth. 好斗分子；激进分子
Over the next two days, 30,000 troops and police were reported to be engaged in searches for suspected militants. 据报道，随后两天，有三万军队和警察出动来搜寻嫌疑武装分子。

**heritage**
**n.**
[sing., U] the history, traditions and qualities that a country or society has had for many years and that are considered an important part of its character 遗产（指国家或社会长期形成的历史、传统和特色）
Manchester has a rich cultural, economic, and sporting heritage. 曼彻斯特具有丰富的文化、经济和体育传统。

**overlap**
**n.**
[C, U] the amount by which two activities, ideas, things, etc. overlap（两种活动、观点、事物等）交搭的数量，重叠的部分
He has emphasized that there is a good deal of overlap in the figures. 他强调指出，在这些数字中有许多部分重叠。
**v.**
if two or more things overlap, part of one thing covers part of the other 交搭；（与）（某物）部分重叠
One of his two front teeth slightly overlapped the other. 他两颗门牙有点相互交错。

**methodology**
**n.**
[C, U] a system of methods used in a particular area of study or activity 方法学；方法论；系统方法
This new teaching methodology is based upon a careful examination of the relationship between theory and practice. 新的教学法是在对理论和实践的关系进行仔细研究的基础上提出的。

**preach**
**vt.**
express a strong opinion and try to persuade other people to accept it 灌输；竭力劝导
The people felt that the prime minister was trying to preach peace and tolerance rather than to explain the steps he would take to accomplish the important endeavor. 人们感到首相只是在鼓吹和平和忍耐，根本不解释他为了完成这一重要尝试所采取的步骤。
**v.**
talk about a religious subject at a religious meeting, esp. in church （尤指在教堂里）布道，讲道
He was invited to preach in several other churches in the neighborhood. 他应邀前往附近其他几个教堂布道。

**armor**
**vt.**
provide (sb.) with emotional, social, or other defenses 为…提供（感情、社交或其他方面的）防御
As was expected, she had mentally armored herself against the inevitable criticisms. 正如大家所料，她已经在心理上把自己保护起来，以应对不可避免的批评。
**n.**
[U] metal or leather clothing that protects your body, worn by soldiers in battles in past times 盔甲；甲胄
There was a man on guard, wearing leather armor and a helmet that didn't match. 有个人在站岗，穿戴的皮甲和头盔都不相配。

**confer**
**vt.**
(fml.) give sth. such as authority, a legal right, or an honor to sb. 授予（权力、权利或荣誉等）
The children happen to be born in a country where birth confers the right of citizenship. 这些孩子们刚好出生在一个出生就授予公民权的国家。
**vi.**
discuss sth. with other people in order to reach a decision 讨论；商谈；商议；协商
Political leaders were conferring with economists on how to best ease the economic depression. 政界领导正在与经济学家商讨如何才能最大程度地减轻经济衰退。

**blueprint**
**n. [C]**
1 a plan for achieving sth. 行动方案；计划蓝图
This booklet isn't a blueprint for developing an effective policy, but a guide. 这个小册子并不是形成有效政策的蓝图，而只是一个指南。
2 a photographic print of a plan for a building, machine, etc. on special blue paper 蓝图；设计图
These WII documents contain the blueprint for a nuclear bomb which Hitler ordered his team of scientists to develop. 这些二战期间的文件含有希特勒命令他的科学家团队研发核弹的设计图。

**pudding**
**n.**
[C, U] a cooked sweet dish served after the main course of a meal 布丁（主食后的甜点）

**Phrases and expressions**

**gorge (oneself) on sth.**
eat until you are too full to eat any more 贪婪地吃；狼吞虎咽
After you've gorged yourself on all the "all-you-can-eat buffet", you will be too tired to go out with us and have fun. 当你狼吞虎咽地吃完“不限量自助餐”所有的东西，你也就疲倦了，没法跟我们出去玩乐。

**lose weight**
take off weight 减轻体重

**tiptoe around sth.**
try to avoid dealing with a difficult or embarrassing subject or problem 避而不谈（困难或尴尬的话题或问题）
I already know what everyone is saying about me; so, you know you don't have to tiptoe around that subject with me. 我已经知道别人怎么说我，所以，你知道，就这个话题是不用跟我绕圈子的。

**in terms of**
regarding; concerning 就…而言；从…方面说来
For many businesses the administration of employees' expense accounts can be an unwanted headache, both in terms of time spent and cost. 对许多企业来说，对雇员开支账户的管理，不管是时间还是成本花费，都是令人棘手和头疼的问题。

**get away with sth.**
escape blame, punishment, or undesirable consequences for (an act that is wrong or mistaken) 逃避，躲过（错误行为）所带来的责备（惩罚或后果）
Luke never could get away with lying to his mother. 卢克对他妈撒谎的话，是绝对逃脱不了惩罚的。

**at one's disposal**
available for one to use at any time 由某人支配；供某人使用
I don't see why we can't open up a new community center; it should be easy with all the resources that we have at our disposal. 我不明白为什么不能开设新社区中心，以我们手头的所有资源这是容易办到的。

**force sth. on / upon sb.**
make sb. do or accept sth. even though they do not want to 把…强加于…
It is unwise to force your own views on other people. 把你的观点强加给别人是不明智的。

**provide for sb. / sth.**
give sb. the things they need to live, such as money, food, etc. 提供生活所需
You will give your time to care for the children, provide for all their needs and take them out regularly. 你要抽出时间照看孩子，提供他们需要的一切，并定期带他们出去玩。

**have authority over**
be able or have the power to control or manage 具有对…的管辖权
Students at the university have authority over their own learning. 该大学的学生有权管理自己的学习。

**don't get me wrong**
(spoken) used when you want to make sure that sb. understands your comments correctly, esp. when you are criticizing sth. （尤指在批评某事时）不要误解我，不要曲解我
Don't get me wrong – we're not asking for any favors from the referee. 不要误解我——我们并不是想让裁判有任何偏袒。

**for one's part**
used when saying what a particular person thinks or does, as opposed to other people 就…而言
For my part I would gladly forgive him for anything that might still need forgiveness. 对我来说，我会很乐意地宽恕他所有仍需要宽恕的事情。

**have a high / low / good / bad opinion of sb. / sth.**
think that sb. or sth. is very good or very bad 对（某人或某事）有（很高、很低、很好、很坏的）评价
Most people had a low opinion of the politicians and felt that they were not dedicated. 大多数人对这些政客们的评价很低，觉得他们没有奉献精神。

**the proof is in the pudding**
(*also* the proof of the pudding is in the eating) used to say that you can only know whether sth. is good or bad after you have tried it 布丁好不好，吃了才知道（评价事物的好坏只能凭实践检验）

**8-B**

 **column**
**n. [C]**
1 an article on a particular subject or by a particular writer that appears regularly in a newspaper or magazine （报纸或杂志的）专栏（文章）
He will place an announcement in the personal column of The Daily Telegraph. 他将在《每日电讯报》的个人专栏发布一则通告。
2 a tall solid upright stone post used to support a building or as a decoration 支柱；柱；圆柱
In traditional architecture, columns have the primary purpose of supporting the massive weight of a structure such as a palace, temple or cathedral. 在传统建筑中，圆柱主要用在诸如宫殿、庙宇和教堂等建筑物上作为主要承重物。
3 one of two or more areas of print that go down the page of a newspaper or book and that are separated from each other by a narrow space （报纸或书页上的）栏
Each page of this book has two columns. 这本书每页有两栏文字。

**suicide**
**n.**
1 [C, U] the act of killing yourself deliberately 自杀
There have been millions of suicides in the history, but none for this reason. 历史上曾发生过数百万起自杀事件，但是为此原因而自杀的倒没有。
2 [U] a course of action that is likely to ruin your career, position in society, etc. 自杀性行为；自取灭亡的行为
In 1962, the conservative writer James Burnham solemnly defined liberalism as the ideology of Western suicide. 在1962年，保守派作家詹姆斯•伯纳姆正式将自由主义定义为西方世界自我毁灭的思潮。

**arrogance**
**n.**
[U] the behavior of a person when they feel that they are more important than other people, so that they are rude to them or do not consider them 傲慢；自大
For many famous persons throughout history, extreme arrogance became the character flaw that caused their downfall. 对历史上许多著名人士来说，其极度自负的性格缺陷导致了自身的失败。

**ascribe**
**vt.**
(~ sth. to sth. / sb.) consider that sth. is caused by a particular thing or person 把…归因于；认为…是由于
The doctor ascribed the success of the operation to the perfection of a new instrument used. 医生认为手术成功是因为使用了一台功能完善的新器械。

**rear**
**vt.**
care for young children or animals until they are fully grown 抚养；养育；培养
It's nice that she spends a lot of time rearing animals, but she should spend more time with her parents and family as well. 她花费大量的时间养动物，这确实很好，但她也应该花更多的时间与父母和家人在一起。
**n.**
[sing.] (usu. the ~) the back part of sth. 后部
At the rear of the big house, I met Mick, the Irishman, who invited me to share his meal.在那所大房子的后面我遇见了那个爱尔兰人米克，他邀请我一起吃饭。
**a.**
(only before noun) at or near the back of sth. 后面的；后部的
Keep your front and rear lights in good working order and don't forget to switch them on.保证前后车灯工作正常，且不要忘记打开。

**contention**
**n.**
1 [C] (fml.) a belief or an opinion that you express, esp. in an argument （尤指争论时的）看法，观点
Sufficient research evidence exists to support this contention. 有充足的研究证据来支持该论点。
2 [U] (fml.) angry disagreement between people 争吵；争执；争论
They generally tried to avoid subjects of contention between them. 他们通常尽量避免引发他们之间争论的话题。

**liar**
**n.**
[C] a person who tells lies 撒谎者

**sniff**
**vi.**
criticize sth. or suggest it is not good enough for you 对…嗤之以鼻；轻蔑地批评
"I think you're all disgusting," Mrs. Doran sniffed. “我觉得你们都挺叫人恶心的，”多兰夫人嗤之以鼻地说道。
**v.**
breathe in noisily through your nose, e.g. because you have been crying （哧哧地）以鼻吸气，抽鼻子
When he sniffed, he noticed a smell of burning rubber, so he pulled his car to the side of the road and checked the tires and brakes. 他吸了下鼻子，发现有股胶皮烧焦的味道，因此就把车停到路边，检查了轮胎和刹车。

**contempt**
**n.**
[U] a feeling that sb. or sth. is not important and deserves no respect 轻蔑；轻视；鄙视
She was seated in her chair like a cold stone statue, her face turned upward and away as a sign of indignation and contempt over so much gossip at her workplace. 她像一尊冷冰冰的石头雕像坐在椅子上，扭过脸朝上看，对工作场所有这么多闲话表现出愤怒和不屑。

**sociology**
**n.**
[U] the scientific study of the nature and development of society and social behavior 社会学

**biochemistry**
**n.**
[U] the scientific study of the chemistry of living things 生物化学

**intermediate**
**a.**
(usu. before noun) 1 having more than a basic knowledge of sth. but not yet advanced; suitable for sb. who is at this stage 中级的；中等的；适合中等程度者的
The badminton club holds coaching sessions for beginners and intermediate players on Friday evenings. 羽毛球俱乐部每周五晚上为初级和中级学员开设培训课程。
2 situated between two places, things, states, etc. （两地、两物、两种状态等）之间的，中间的
As an intermediate step toward advanced activities, I recommend writing lots of structurally guided short essays, which should contain a certain amount of new words that were learned. 作为通向高级阶段的中间步骤，我建议多写有结构引导的短文，这些短文应该包含一定量的已学生词。

**warrant**
**vt.**
make an action seem reasonable or necessary 使合理；使成为必要
The accusations are serious enough to warrant an investigation. 这些指控很严重，有必要进行一次调查。
**n. [C]**
1 a document written by a judge that gives the police permission to do sth., e.g. to arrest sb. or to search a house （法官授权警方采取行动的）令状，逮捕令，搜查令
The judge agreed to sign a warrant for Tom's arrest as soon as it was clear he was a suspect in the robbery of the school's computers. 法官同意一旦确定汤姆是学校电脑抢劫案的疑犯，就签署对他的逮捕令。
2 (fml.) a reason for doing sth. （做某事的）理由
There is some warrant for holding back full-scale aid for the region which suffered only minor damage by last week's earthquake. 对上周地震中只蒙受了较小损失的地区不作全面援助是有一定理由的。

**articulate**
**vt.**
(fml.) express or explain your thoughts or feelings clearly in words 明确表达；清楚说明
The absence of punctuation is also a part of Anna's style, but in addition to this, you can sense her struggle to articulate her thoughts clearly in the foreign language. 标点符号的缺失也是安娜风格的一部分，而且你还能够觉察到她在努力用外语把自己的思想表达清楚。
**a.**
(of a person) good at expressing ideas or feelings clearly in words 善于表达的
He is polished, charming, articulate and an excellent negotiator. 他不但优雅迷人，而且能言善辩，是个很优秀的谈判者。

**reproach**
**n.**
[C, U] an expression of criticism and disappointment because of sth. bad that sb. has done 责备；指责；责怪
I didn't damage your computer keyboard, so don't direct your reproach at me but blame someone else or yourself, instead! 我又没有搞坏你的电脑键盘，所以不要指责我，而应该责怪你自己或其他人。
**vt.**
criticize and feel disappointed with sb. for sth. they have done 责备；责怪
Just because I drove your car once doesn't mean you have the right to reproach me every time something is wrong with it! 总不能说因为我开过一次你的车，你就有权每次车出了问题就怪我。

**subordinate**
**vt.**
(~ sb. / sth. to) put sb. or sth. in a less important position 使处于次要地位；使从属于…
The message it conveyed was a simple one: There would be no peace and harmony until individuals are subordinated to society, as parts of an organism are subordinated to the whole. 这里传达了一个简单信息：只有个人从属于社会，安宁和和谐才会出现，正如在有机体中，部分须从属于整体。
**a.**
in a less important position than sb. else 次要的；下级的；从属的
Opera is a form of art in which words are subordinate to vocal music. 在戏剧这种艺术形式中，唱腔不如声乐重要。

**admittedly**
**ad.**
used, esp. at the beginning of a sentence, when you are accepting that sth. is true （尤用于句首）诚然，无可否认
Admittedly, financial conditions in the academy are a little tighter than they once were. 诚然，该研究院的财政状况比以前要困难一些。

**administer**
**vt.**
make sure that sth. is done fairly and in a correct way 施行；执行
The powers of parents and guardians include the power of administering reasonable punishment. 父母和监护人的权力包括实施合理的惩罚。

**vow**
**v.**
make a formal and serious promise to do sth. or a formal statement that is true 起誓；立誓；发誓
He's vowed never ever to talk about anything personal in public again. 他发誓再也不在公共场合谈论任何私事。
**n.**
[C] a serious promise 誓言；誓约
As she took her wedding vows, she was saying goodbye to her life as an independent woman. 当她结婚宣誓时，她也正在向自己的单身生活告别。

**clamp**
**vt.**
(~ to / around / on) put or hold sth. firmly in position 夹住；固定
Helen kept the bluetooth device of her mobile phone clamped to her ear and an anxious eye on her watch. 海伦把手机的蓝牙设备夹在耳朵上，眼睛急切地看着表。

**unanimous**
**a.**
(of two or more people) fully in agreement （两或多人）一致同意的，无异议的
There was unanimous agreement in the student senate that tuition hikes imposed by top university officials had to be put to a stop. 学生议会一致同意，学校高层官员推行的提高学费的做法必须予以终止。

**scrutiny**
**n.**
[U] (fml.) careful and thorough examination 仔细检查；认真彻底的审查
This was an economically critical time, when many politicians came under public scrutiny. 在这个经济上的紧急关头，很多政治人物都在接受公众的审查。

**dyslexia**
**n.**
[U] (medical) a condition that makes it difficult for sb. to read and spell 诵读困难

***dyslexic***
**a.**
诵读困难的

**psychiatrist**
**n.**
[C] a doctor trained in the treatment of mental illness 精神科医生

**tub**
**n.**
[C] a large round container without a lid, used for washing clothes in, growing plants in, etc. 盆；桶

***bathtub***
**n.**
[C] (esp. AmE) a long large container that you fill with water and sit or lie in to wash yourself 浴缸；澡盆

**foam**
**n. [U]**
1 (also ~ rubber) a type of soft rubber with a lot of air in it, used in furniture 泡沫材料；泡沫橡胶；海绵橡胶
There are different types of foam rubber – some washable, some not. 泡沫塑料有很多种，有的可洗，有的不可洗。
2 a mass of very small bubbles on the surface of a liquid （液体表面的）泡沫
There are no sources of human pollution upstream, so what causes the foam? 上游没有人类污染源，那么这些泡沫哪来的？

**subdivide**
**vt.**
divide the parts of sth. that has already been divided 把（分过的东西）再分；细分
The city council plans to subdivide large portions of farmland into small parcels for residential housing units. 市政务委员会计划把大片的农场分割为小块的住宅区。

**rehearse**
**v.**
practice or make people practice sth. such as a play or concert in order to prepare for a public performance（使）排练，排演（戏剧或音乐会）
Before the city's new orchestra gave its first public performance, its members rehearsed for many an hour, both individually and together. 在新成立的市交响乐团首次公演前，乐团成员们无论是个人单练还是集体合演都排练了好几个小时。

**redundant**
**a.**
not needed or useful 多余的；不需要的
Adding too many restaurants to modern shopping malls may lead to the disappearing of historic pubs which will be considered redundant. 在现代化购物中心增开太多的饭店可能会导致那些古老的酒馆因被认为是多余的而消失掉。

**prolong**
**vt.**
make sth. last longer 延长
To prolong the life of your knives, wash them by hand and store them in a knife block that keeps the blades separate. 要延长刀具的使用寿命，刀具就必须手工清洗，存放时要放到刀架上，刀刃须彼此分开。

**shatter**
**vt.**
completely destroy sb.'s hopes or beliefs 使（希望、信念）破灭，粉碎
When I got into the terrible car accident, my whole life became shattered. 当我卷入那场可怕车祸的时候，我的整个生活都给毁掉了。
**v.**
suddenly break into small pieces, or break in this way （使）破碎，碎裂
The little girl looked frightened because she accidentally dropped the glass which shattered into many pieces. 小女孩看起来很惊恐，因为她不小心把杯子掉地上摔成了碎片。

**sparkle**
**n. [C, U]**
1 a quality that makes sth. or sb. seem interesting and full of life 生气；活力
He never wanted to go anywhere or do anything, while his wife longed for a bit of sparkle in their life. 他从来不想去任何地方或做任何事，而他妻子则渴求生活中能有一丝活力。
2 a bright shiny appearance, with small points of flashing light 闪耀；闪光
There was a sparkle in her eye that could not be hidden. 她眼中闪着一丝无法掩藏的亮光。
**vi.**
shine in small bright flashes 闪闪发光；闪耀；闪烁
She kept moving around the room polishing doors and furniture although they already sparkled. 她在屋里四处转悠，不断地擦拭房门和家具，尽管它们已经光洁锃亮。

**supervisor**
**n.**
[C] a person who supervises sb. or sth. 监督者；指导人；主管人
She is a single mother and a salesperson, at a large department store; her supervisor is very understanding and gives her time off when her kids need her because they are sick. 她是个单身妈妈，在一家大型商场做销售；主管对此非常理解，在她孩子病了需要照顾的时候还给她准假。

**specialization**
**n.**
[C, U] an activity or subject that you know a lot about 专业
The medical profession has developed, not only in numbers, but in increasingly numerous specializations. 医药行业已经发展起来了，不但体现在数量上，而且还体现在越来越多的专业方向上。

**unilateral**
**a.**
done by one member of a group or an organization without the agreement of the other members 单方的
Attempts have been made to prevent large companies from making unilateral changes in international trading policies. 已经做出努力来防止大公司单方面改变国际贸易政策。

**trench**
**n. [C]**
1 (the ~es) the place or situation where most of the work or action in an activity takes place 第一线（指某一活动进行得最热烈的地方或场面）
After a long summer vacation, Bill wasn't quite ready for work again, but he knew it was time to return to the trenches. 漫长的暑假过后，比尔还没怎么做好重新开始工作的准备，但他知道是该返回工作第一线的时候了。
2 a long narrow hole dug into the surface of the ground 壕沟；沟渠
Don't drive too fast and watch out for uncovered trenches in that unpaved country road! 不要开得太快，那条乡村公路还没平整好，要当心有沟渠尚未掩盖。

**watchdog**
**n. [C]**
1 a person or group of people whose job is to check that companies are not doing anything illegal or ignoring people's rights （监督公司活动或监护人们权利的）监察人，监察团体
The new rules have been embraced by government watchdog organizations. 新规则已经被政府监察机构欣然接受。
2 (old-fashioned) a guard dog 看门狗
Our watchdog has protected us from thieves many times. 我们养的看门狗使家里多次免遭盗窃。

**conception**
**n.**
1 [C, U] an idea about what sth. is like, or a general understanding of sth. 概念；观念；思想；想法
Our conception of the physical world comes from all of what we have learned about it as well as from our personal perception of it. 我们对这个世界的认识既来自我们所间接了解到的一切，也来自我们个人的直接感知。
2 [U] a process in which sb. forms a plan or idea 构思；构想；设想
The fundamental conception of the plan for our new house is function. 我们新房规划的基本构想是关注功能。

**versatile**
**a.**
able to adapt or be adapted to many different functions or activities 多功能的；多才多艺的
An international work experience generally makes them more versatile artists. 一般说来，一段异国工作经历会使他们成为更加多才多艺的艺术家。

**underdeveloped**
**a.**
1 not having grown or developed as much as is usual or necessary 发育不全的
Children may be born with underdeveloped bones and muscles and require daily exercise to stay mobile. 儿童可能天生就有骨骼和肌肉发育不良问题，需要天天锻炼保持灵活性。
2 (~ country / region, etc.) a country, area, etc. that is poor and where there is not much modern industry 欠发达的（国家、地区等）
Our country is willing to contribute to the economic development of underdeveloped countries. 我国愿意为欠发达国家的经济发展作出贡献。

**disability**
**n.**
[C] a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for sb. to use a part of their body properly, or to learn normally 伤残；残障
According to the Dyslexia Institute, at least one child in 20 suffers from dyslexia, an inherited disability in the brain which affects their recognition and processing of letters and symbols. 根据诵读困难协会的报告，每20名孩子中至少有一人患有诵读困难，这是大脑中的一种遗传缺陷，影响他们对字母和符号的识别和处理。

**scenario**
**n. [C]**
1 (pl. ~s) a situation that could possibly happen 可能发生的事；可能出现的情况
In the worst-case scenario, if you don't find another job very soon, you could become a homeless person. 在最糟糕的情形下，如果你不能很快找到一份新工作，那么你就会无家可归。
2 a written description of the characters, place, and things that will happen in a film, play, etc. （电影、戏剧等的）剧情梗概
In the role you are playing, the scenario is WWII, and you are at the controls of the helicopter. 就你所扮演的这个角色而言，其场景是第二次世界大战，你正在驾驶直升飞机。

**constrict**
**vt.**
limit or restrict what sb. is able to do 限制；限定；抑制；约束
She objects to the tests the government's advisers have devised because they constrict not only her teaching style but also her students' self-motivation for learning. 她反对政府顾问设计的考试，因为这些考试不但限制了她的教学风格，而且也影响了学生们学习上的自我激励。
**v.**
make sth. narrower or tighter, or become narrower or tighter （使）收缩；（使）收紧；压缩；压紧
Her head ached and her throat constricted at the thought of trying to force food past the lump in her throat. 一想到要强行把食物经喉咙的肿块咽下去，她就头疼，喉咙发紧。

**rein**
**vt.**
(~ in / back) limit or control sth. that has developed too much or continued for too long 严格控制；限制
Rank was so convinced that making expensive films was the way to break into the American movie market that he ignored the need to rein back costs for his expensive production. 兰克坚信制作高成本电影是打入美国市场的途径，因此他没有注意对其昂贵的影片制作进行成本控制。
**n.**
[C, usu. pl.] a long narrow piece of leather fastened to a horse's head that the rider uses to control the horse 缰绳
She put up her hand, but I didn't know whether it was to catch hold of the reins or to protect herself in case she would fall off the horse as he was jumping and kicking. 这马又蹦又踢，她举起了手，是想去抓缰绳还是想保护自己不掉下去，我就不知道了。

**reside**
**vi.**
(fml.) live in a particular place 居住
Poor people dwell in small huts or crowded apartments; wealthy people reside in beautiful, large houses. 穷人栖身于小窝棚或拥挤的公寓中，而富人则居住在漂亮的大房子里。

**Phrases and expressions**

**sniff at**
show no interest in or respect for sth. 对…嗤之以鼻（或不屑一顾）
Only last week, he sniffed at reports that up to 4,000 British troops might be sent. 就在上周，他还对多达4,000名英军可能被派出的说法不屑一顾。

**work through**
deal with problems or unpleasant feelings 解决（问题）；调整（情绪）
Both partners started young and had to work through a range of personal problems and private defeats until they eventually succeeded. 两个合伙人都是年轻时就起步了，克服了一系列个人问题和失败，最后才获得了成功。

**(right) off the bat**
(infml.) (esp. AmE) immediately, without delay 立刻；毫不延误地
It took me by surprise that right off the bat George and his friends asked me to help them move their furniture into their new apartment. 让我惊讶的是，乔治和他的朋友们马上就请我帮他们把家具搬进新公寓。

**clamp down (on sb. / sth.)**
become stricter with sb. or about sth. 对某人/某事更严格
The government plans to clamp down on academic corruption. 政府计划更严格地治理学术腐败。

**out of character**
not typical of a person's character 不合乎某人的性格
Every now and then she feels the urge to do something exciting and out of character; people are never quite sure what to expect from her. 她时时都有去做刺激或怪异之事的冲动，人们从来都不太确定她将干什么。

**under the weight of**
under the pressure of 在…重压下；迫于…
Many businesses crumbled under the weight of their foreign debts. 许多商家因不堪巨额外债而纷纷破产。