**2023.2.4 serve & function**

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[例句]

The coronavirus pandemic has placed any number of demands on our homes, which now serve as makeshift offices, art studios, gyms, workshops, classrooms and storage lockers.

疫情之下，人们对家的要求也变得超级多，毕竟我们的家如今成了临时办公室、艺术工作室、健身房、工作坊、教室和仓库。

[单词详解]

1）serve as 担任......职责/职位（描述人）

· I worked as a teacher for three years.

= I served as a teacher for three years.

我当过三年教师。

· I was a legal advisor in law school.

= I served as a legal advisor in law school.

我在法学院曾经是一名法律顾问。

2）serve as 充当......角色，起到......作用（描述物）

· The museum serves as a reminder of our history.

博物馆起到了让大家铭记历史的作用。

· The fine would serve as a warning to other drivers.

罚款可以对其他司机起到警示作用。

3）serve+宾语 对......有好处，服务于

· serve you/me 对你/我有益处（to be good/useful for somebody）

· Being angry is not useful/good.

= Your anger does not serve you.

生气对你来说没什么用。

· serve the public/community 服务于大众/群体

· I would like to serve the public.

我愿意服务于大众。

▍function

[例句]

We do them a disservice when we presume they're too mentally ill to function.

如果我们认为他们（现代学生）心理太脆弱而无法学习，那么，我们其实是在伤害他们。

[单词详解]

1）function as 担任......职责/职位（相当于serve as）

· The HR is also our financial manager.

= The HR also serves/functions as our financial manager.

这位HR同时也担任财务经理的职责。

2）作动词，表示“物品正常运作，人正常工作”（to work in the correct way），其后不可接宾语

· You can't function properly when you're deprived of sleep.

睡眠不足你就没办法正常工作。

· The washing machine does not work.

= The washing machine was broken.

= The washing machine does not function properly.

洗衣机坏了。

· The financial system ceased to function after the bankruptcy.

在宣布破产之后，金融部门就停止正常运作了。

▍练习

1. 部长的首要职责是为公众服务。

2. 这一决定应该成为对污染环境的公司的一个警告。

3. 电视机直到昨天还在正常运行。

4. 新员工很快就会了解办公室的运作方式。