

Unit 5

2. a streak of 有一点; 有一丝

【释义】: If someone has a streak of a particular type of behaviour, they sometimes behave in that way.

【例句】: But a streak of American accent in his voice makes it much easier for him to learn American poems.

【GRE】: She is most frugal in matters of business, but in her private life she reveals a streak of

prodigality. dignity → prodigality 奢侈

她的节俭主要体现在公事上,但是在她的私生活中却显得有点挥霍浪费。

Stripe → streak
→ occasional

7. draw from 从.....中取得

【释义】: To draw something such as water or energy from particular source means to take it from that source.

【例句】: There are a few lessons to draw from these novel research projects.

【GRE】: Although many of these historians have accepted the earlier assumption that Loyalists represented an upper class, new evidence indicates that Loyalists, like rebels, were drawn from all socioeconomic classes.

虽然这些历史学家中很多人都接受了早期的假设,认为忠诚主义者代表了上层阶级,但是新的证据表明忠诚主义者和不忠诚分子一样,都是来自于社会经济的各个阶级。

→ evidence
→ other

8. extrapolate from 基于.....推断; 外推

【释义】: If you extrapolate from known facts, you use them as a basis for general statements about a situation or about what is likely to happen in the future.

【例句】: We're asking ourselves whether it is possible to extrapolate from past to future legitimately.

【GRE】: Twigg disputes the traditional trade-ship explanation for plague transmissions by extrapolating from data on the number of dead rats aboard Nile sailing vessels in 1912.

Twigg 反对有关传统的商船传播瘟疫的解释,这种解释是基于1912年在尼罗河船上的死老鼠数量的数据做出推断的。

3. set aside

1. 置.....于不顾;

【释义】: If you set aside belief, principle, or feeling, you decide that you will not be influenced by it.

【例句】: The minister also said certain issues should be set aside to address bigger problems nationwide.

【GRE】: Though these definitions legislated strong environmentalist goals, political compromises made in the enforcement of the act were to determine just what economic interests would be set aside for the sake of ecological stabilization.

虽然这些定义用法律手段确立了强大的环保主义者目标,但是执法过程中所产生的政治妥协将会决定究竟哪些经济利益可能会因为生态稳定的目的而被搁置。

2. 留出

【释义】: If you set something such as time, money, or space aside for a particular purpose, you save it and do not use it for anything else.

【例句】: Some doctors advise setting aside half a month each year for a deep relaxation.

【GRE】: Not surprisingly, supporters of the governor's plan to set aside land for a forest preserve were disappointed when a court decision refuted the plan.

不出意外的是,支持留出部分土地作为森林保护区这一政府计划的人们对法院驳斥这一计划感到失望。

8. all but 几乎是 almost

【释义】: You use all but to say that something is almost the case.

【例句】: The cases have stirred deep racial tensions, but the reactions of the white majority were all but silent.

【GRE】: Salazar's presence in the group was so reassuring to the others that they lost most of their earlier trepidation; failure, for them, became all but unthinkable.

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or otherwise

so far

y as a function of x

= in other ways

= limited

= y depends on x

5. pass into oblivion 逐渐被遗忘

【释义】: Being passed into oblivion means it is forgotten or of no longer being considered important.

【例句】: Unfortunately, many food safety incidents were reported and soon passed into oblivion with the rapid occurrence of new ones.

【GRE】: The perennial questions that consistently structure the study of history must be

distinguished from merely ephemeral questions, which have their day and then pass into oblivion. 那些始终搭建起历史学研究框架的永恒问题必须与那些稍纵即逝的问题——尽管他们辉煌一时但却被迅速遗忘——区分开来。

forgotten

久

短

短暂

10. insofar as 在.....范围内; 一定程度上

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take cognizance of

= realize

projection = prediction

be borne out 被证实

teem with 充满

5. refrain from 避免

【释义】: If you refrain from doing something, you deliberately do not do it.

【例句】: The minister wants all sides to refrain from violence and resolve the crisis of Somali pirates peacefully.

【GRE】: Not wishing to appear presumptuous, the junior member of the research group refrained from venturing any criticism of senior members' plan for dividing up responsibility for the entire project.

冒险

因为不想被看做目中无人，研究团队中的初级成员不敢对资深元老们想划分整个项目的责任的计划提出任何质疑。

8. tease apart 区分；梳理

【释义】: To tease apart means to disentangle and raise the fibers of.

【例句】: Instead he said, "it is a pattern, like a bar code with thousands of lines on it," that allows researchers to tease apart the fine points of relatedness among populations.

【GRE】: Teasing them apart has been an important challenge to evolutionary biologists.

将它们梳理清楚是进化生物学家面临的重大挑战。

1. bring something to bear on 借助.....处理某事

【释义】: If you bring something to bear on a situation, you use it to deal with that situation.

【例句】: Scientists have started to bring genetically modified corns with a high yield of ethanol to bear on the unstable supplies of traditional fossil fuels.

【GRE】: Such a practice of bringing a greater variety of social science disciplines to bear on a problem than the nature of the problem warrants worries scholars.

学者对过分使用社会科学来处理一个问题感到担忧，因为从这个问题的本质来看并不需要它们。

3. by way of 为了，意在

【释义】: You use by way of when you are explaining the purpose of something that you have said or are about to say.

【例句】: By way of explanation, the professor cites two other studies to demonstrate the dire consequences of abrupt climate change.

【GRE】: It has thus generally been by way of the emphasis on oral literary creativity that these Chicano writers, whose English-language works are sometimes uninspired, developed the powerful and arresting language that characterized their Spanish-language works.

墨西哥裔美国作家在他们的西班牙语作品中发展出了强有力且令人着迷的语言，而其英文作品的语言却略显枯燥，这样做的目的通常是为了强调这些作家口头的文字创造力。

10. lend credibility to 增加.....的可信度

【释义】: If something lends credibility to something else, it makes the latter more convincing.

【例句】: The new evidence lends credibility to their theory.

【GRE】: The author mentions the results of flotation experiments on plant seeds most probably in order to lend credibility to the thesis that air currents provide a method of transport for plant seeds to Hawaii.

作者提到了植物种子的漂浮实验结果，这最有可能是为了增加大气环流能够将种子传播至夏威夷这一假说的可信度。