**B2U3 Text A Language Focus**

1. **system:** *n.* a set of connected things that work together for a particular purpose 系统

*e.g.* The computer *system* has broken down. I can’t send email messages until it is fixed.

计算机系统坏了，在修好之前我发不了电子邮件。

How many planets are there in the solar *system*?

太阳系有多少颗行星？

1. **throughout:** *prep.* during the whole course or period of; in or to every part of 自始至终；到处

*e.g.* It rained *throughout* the night.

下了一整夜雨。

Carpet has been fitted *throughout* the house.

这栋房子全部铺设了地毯。

1. **favorite:** 1) *a.* preferred to all others of the same kind 中意的，特别喜爱的

*e.g.* Charles Dickens is John’s *favorite* English author.

查尔斯·狄更斯是约翰最喜爱的英国作者。

He celebrated the publication of his novel by opening a bottle of his *favorite* champagne.

他打开了一瓶他最喜欢的香槟酒庆祝他的小说出版。

2) *n.* a person or thing that is esp. well liked 喜爱的人或物

*e.g.* My younger sister, being a lot more sensible than I, is my parents’ *favorite*.

我妹妹比我懂事得多，最受我爸妈宠爱。

The song is still a *favorite* after 20 years.

这首歌唱了20年还是人们最喜爱的一首。

1. **wander:** *vi.* walk or move in a leisurely or aimless way 漫步，漫游

*e.g.* She *wandered* far away from her home alone, and got lost in the woods.

她独自离家乱逛，走得很远，后来在树林里迷了路。

A strange animal *wandered* into the backyard of the house this morning, and the kids called the police.

一只奇怪的动物今天上午遛到了屋子的后院，孩子们打电话报了警。

1. **scan:** *vt.* look over quickly and systematically; examine closely 浏览；细看

*e.g.* She *scanned* the list to find her name.

她在名单上找自己的名字。

She *scanned* his face for any clue to what he was thinking.

她扫了他的面孔一眼，想发现点线索，知道他在想什么。

1. **catch sb.’s eye:** attract sb.’s attention 引起某人的注意

*e.g.* The waitress still hasn’t taken our order — we just can’t *catch her eye*.

女服务员还没过来给我们点菜，她就是不朝我们这里看。

The new store opened with a big sign that *caught the eye of everyone* walking down the street.

新店开张时挂出了大招牌，吸引了每个过路人的眼球。

1. **guarantee:** *vt.* promise with certainty 承诺，保证

*e.g.* He *guaranteed* us that everything would go according to plan.

他向我们保证，一切将按计划进行。

Money doesn’t *guarantee* a happy life.

金钱并不能保证人生幸福。

1. **stack:** 1) *vt.* arrange in a neat pile 叠放

*e.g.* The boy spent a whole afternoon splitting and *stacking* firewood.

男孩一整个下午都在劈柴垛柴。

*Stacking* all the dishes in the dishwasher will take a while.

把所有碗碟放入洗碗机是要点时间的。

2) *n.* an orderly pile（一）叠，（一）堆

*e.g.* *Stacks* of books were piled up on the desk.

书桌上堆满了一叠叠的书。

We’ve got a *stack* of bills to pay.

我们有一大叠账单要付。

1. **stick to:** become attached to (as if) by glue 粘住

*e.g.* The boy *sticks to* his mother like glue. It’s not normal.

这男孩整天离不开他妈，这不正常。

Someone interrupted his speech and told him to *stick to* his point.

有人打断他的讲话，让他别跑题。

1. **anticipate:** *vt.* look forward to 期待

*e.g.* The organizers of the sports meet *anticipate* a large crowd of spectators.

运动会的组织者预期会有很多观众。

Tracy did not *anticipate* having to pay for the ticket.

翠西没料到要自己掏钱买票。

1. **pace:** *vt.* set the rate of speed for; organize one’s life and activities 规定…速率；调整生活和活动节奏

*e.g.* This is a well-*paced*, well-acted play.

这部剧目剧情发展的节奏把握得很好，演员表演也很到位。

In the long distance race, it is very important for one to *pace* oneself.

在长跑比赛中，控制速度是很重要的。

1. **charm:** *vt.* attract or delight greatly 吸引，使陶醉

*e.g.* The band *charmed* its hometown with an excellent performance last night.

昨晚乐队的精彩表演让家乡父老沉醉不已。

The guests were all *charmed* by their hospitality*.*

他们的热情款待令来客无比愉悦。

1. **profession:** *n.* a type of job that requires advanced education or training 职业

*e.g.* The doctor talked to students who are thinking about entering the medical *profession*.

医生跟考虑进入医学专业的学生聊了聊。

I am a teacher by *profession*.

我的职业是教师。

1. **for a moment**: 片刻，一会儿

*e.g.* His harsh words struck me so hard that *for a moment* I was speechless.

他的严厉措辞让我一时哑口无言。

*For a moment* he just stood there, unable to understand what had happened.

一时间他呆呆地站在那里，弄不清到底发生了什么。

1. **amaze:** *vt.* fill with wonder 使惊奇

*e.g.* You’ve done all your homework in an hour? You *amaze* me.

你一小时就做完了所有作业？你真让我吃惊。

The visitors were all *amazed* at how well the pupils could read and write.

小学生们能读善写，让所有来访者吃惊。

1. **by oneself:** without any help from other people; alone 独自，单独地

*e.g.* I’m amazed you managed to move those boxes all *by yourself*.

你居然一人搬了那些箱子，我很吃惊。

I had to do the whole job all *by myself.*

这个任务从头到底我得一人完成。

1. **now and then:** from time to time; occasionally 偶尔，有时

*e.g.* She sat by the window, looking out *now and then* to see if the guests were coming.

她坐在窗边，不时向外看看客人来了没有。

“How often do you go to the theatre?” “*Now and then*. Not often.”

“你们隔多长时间去剧院看演出？”“偶尔去去，不经常。”

1. **magnificent:** *a.* very impressive and beautiful 壮丽的

*e.g.* The view from the top of the mountain is *magnificent*.

从山顶望去，景色壮观。

They gave a *magnificent* performance.

他们作了一场精彩的演出。

1. **be big on:** have a strong liking for 对…热心；偏爱…

*e.g.* My roommate loves singing and dancing and *is big on* theatre.

我的室友喜欢唱歌跳舞，对戏剧也很热衷。

I *am* not very *big on* computer games.

我不太喜欢电脑游戏。

1. **the hard way:** in a way that involves difficult or painful experiences 以吃力的方式或高昂的代价

*e.g.* I learned *the hard way* not to trust door-to-door salesmen.

我吃了苦头才知道上门推销者不能相信。

He learned *the hard way* that it is not easy to work one’s way through college.

靠自己打工完成大学学业并非易事，他对此深有体会。

1. **obtain:** *vt.* get; acquire 获得

*e.g.* The information you want is difficult to *obtain*.

你要的信息很难得到。

You need to *obtain* permission from the head librarian to check out a newly arrived book.

借新书你得经图书馆长许可。

1. **back and forth:** moving first in one direction and then in the opposite one 来来回回地

*e.g.* The two boys are throwing the basketball *back and forth* between them.

两个男孩把篮球扔来扔去。

The tiger paced *back and forth* in its cage.

老虎在笼子里走来走去。

1. **not give a second thought/without a second thought:** not give/without giving further consideration; not worry/not worrying about; not care/not caring about 不再考虑；不担心，不在乎

*e.g.* When an opportunity this good comes along, you do*n’t give* it *a second thought* — you take it before it slips away.

当这么好的机会出现的时候，你不用多想——抓住它，别错过。

When he finds a book worth reading, he pays for it *without a second thought*.

只要是他觉得值得看的书，他就会毫不犹豫地掏钱买下。

The matter didn’t seem important, and I *hardly gave* it *a second thought*.

这事儿看上去并不重要，我几乎没有去想过。

We turned down their offer of help *without giving* it *a second thought*.

我们没多想就拒绝了他们提出的帮助。

1. **assume:** *vt.* take for granted; suppose 认为，想当然

*e.g.* I *assumed* he was coming, so I was surprised when he didn’t show up.

我原以为他会来，所以他没露面让我很惊讶。

We’ll be arriving around noon. That’s *assuming* that our flight is on time.

我们会在正午前后到达，假定航班准点的话。

1. **assignment:** *n.* a piece of work that one is given to do, esp. as part of one’s job or studies 作业

*e.g.* When he was an intern for a local newspaper, he got a week-long *assignment*: to interview the flood victims and write a report about them.

他在一家当地报纸实习时接受了一项为时一周的任务：采访水灾灾民并写出有关他们的报道。

What a challenging *assignment* it was for a young writer, to write the story of this great hero!

对一名年轻作家而言，撰写这位大英雄的故事，这是多么具有挑战性的任务啊！

1. **interview**: *vt.* 采访；面试

*e.g.* Several strong candidates have been *interviewed* for the position.

多个很有优势的候选人接受了面试，竞争这个职位。

The Minister of Culture was *interviewed* on television.

文化部长接受了电视采访。

1. **turn sth. on its head:** turn sth. upside down; completely change the way that sth. is done, organized, thought about, etc. 倒过来；使完全不一样

*e.g.* The new mayor set out to *turn* the town *on its head*, but after one month, it was business as usual.

新市长开始把小城闹个天翻地覆，但一个月后，一切又都是老一套了。

The new finding has *turned* the accepted theory *on its head*.

新的发现颠覆了已被接受的理论。

1. **take in:** spend time looking at; understand or remember (sth.) that one hears or reads 看；领会；记住

*e.g.* It was an interesting exhibition, but there was too much to *take in* during the half-hour short visit.

展览很有趣，只是展品太多，半小时短暂的参观看不了多少。

He was in a big hurry and didn’t have time to *take in* the view.

他匆匆忙忙，没时间仔细欣赏景色。

1. **recognition:** *n.* the act of recognizing 认出，识别

*e.g.* The police captured the man by using a face *recognition* system.

警察用人脸识别设备逮住了这名男子。

The moment she saw me, she nodded to me and gave me a faint smile of *recognition*.

她见了我，就朝我点点头，微微一笑表示认识我。

1. **steady:** *a.* continuing without stopping, and not likely to change 持续的，平稳的

*e.g.* *Steady* rain arrives for Sunday.

星期天将迎来持续降雨。

If you read aloud the poem, you will catch its *steady* rhythm.

你放声朗读这首诗，就会捕捉到它均衡的节奏。

1. **narrative:** *n.* a story or account 故事

*e.g.* The novel is a first-person *narrative*. But it is not a story about the author.

小说是用第一人称写的，但讲的不是作者自身的故事。

He has given a detailed *narrative* of the event.

他对这件事做了详细的叙述。

1. **glimpse:** 1) *v.* get a brief look at; look briefly 瞥见；看一眼

*e.g.* The police officer *glimpsed* him as he drove by in his car.

他开车经过时，警官朝他瞥了一眼。

He just *glimpsed* at the photo and then turned his attention elsewhere.

他只看了照片一眼，就去关注别的事儿了。

2) *n.* a brief look 一瞥

*e.g.* Some of the fans had waited 24 hours outside the hotel to catch a *glimpse* of the singer.

有一些粉丝在宾馆外面等了24小时，以期一睹歌手的风采。

I got a *glimpse* of their happy faces as they passed.

他们经过时，我瞥见了他们开心的笑脸。