**B2U6 Text A Language Focus**

1. **corrupt:** *vt.* cause errors to appear in; cause to act dishonestly in return for personal gains 讹用，使（语言）变得不标准；腐蚀，贿赂

*e.g.* Most of the data on the hard drive was *corrupted* when the power went out.

断电的时候，存在硬盘上的大部分数据都被损毁了。

The culture has been *corrupted* by Western influences.

这里的文化遭到西方影响的腐蚀。

It is believed that violence on television *corrupts* the minds of children.

电视上的暴力被认为会毒害儿童的思想。

What *corrupts* people more: money, material items or power?

什么更使人堕落：金钱，物质还是权力？

1. **ban:** *vt.* forbid (sth.) officially 禁止，取缔

*e.g.* The film was *banned* in several countries.

这部电影在好几个国家被禁演。

The new law *bans* drivers from using hand-held phones while driving.

这一新出台的法律禁止驾车者开车时使用手机。

1. **desirable:** *a.*worth having or doing 值得有的，值得做的

*e.g.* The new store is in a highly *desirable* location.

这家新店市口很好。

Of course, a diplomatic solution is always more *desirable* than war.

当然，通过外交谈判解决总比战争更好。

1. **invent:** *vt.* create (sth. that never existed before) 发明

*e.g.* The World Wide Web was *invented* in 1989.

万维网是1989年发明的。

She *invented* an explanation for being late this morning.

她为上午迟到编造了一个理由。

1. **be supposed to do:** be required to do 应该做

*e.g.* What are you doing here, Tom? You *are supposed to* be at school!

汤姆，你在这儿干啥？你应该在上学！

The contract *is supposed to* be made without fear or pressure.

这合同应该是在没有恐惧、没有压力的情况下签订的。

1. **fascinating:** *a.* of great interest or attraction 迷人的，有极大吸引力的

**fascinate:** *v.*（使）着迷

*e.g.* The book offers a *fascinating* glimpse of the lives of the rich and famous.

这本书让人一瞥名人阔佬们令人陶醉的生活。

Phil has long been *fascinated* by the science and technology of space flight.

菲尔一直着迷于航天飞行的科学技术。

1. **strictly speaking:** being completely accurate, in actual fact 严格地讲

*e.g.* *Strictly speaking*, Great Britain consists of Scotland, Wales, and England, and the United Kingdom consists of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

严格地讲，大不列颠包括苏格兰、威尔士和英格兰，而联合王国包括大不列颠和北爱尔兰。

*Strictly speaking*, a tomato is a fruit, not a vegetable.

严格地讲，西红柿是水果而不是蔬菜。

1. **tolerance:** *n.* willingness to accept or allow behavior, beliefs, etc. which one does not like or agree with 容忍，宽容；忍耐

*e.g.* Your body will build up a *tolerance* to most drugs.

你的身体会对大多数药物产生耐药性。

The large number of immigrants who flood this border region is testing its tradition of *tolerance*.

涌入的大量移民正在考验这个边境地区包容的传统。

1. **extent:** *n.* the range over which a thing extends; the degree to which a thing extends范围；程度

**to a (very real, certain, etc.) extent:** to the degree specified 在（极大、某种）程度上

*e.g.* The *extent* of damage resulting from the storm is still unknown.

风暴造成的损害，其程度尚属未知。

The drug reduces pain *to a real extent*, particularly in the short term.

这种药能极大地缓解疼痛，特别是短期止痛。

1. **core:** *n.* the most important part of anything; the hard central part of certain fruits核心；果核

*e.g.* The *core* of the plant’s workforce comes from local communities.

工厂的核心劳动力来自于本地社区。

Do you agree that artificial intelligence is, at its *core*, a human design activity?

你同意人工智能从本质上讲是一种人类设计活动的说法吗？

The company’s *core* mission, claimed its CEO, is to help patients with memory loss.

公司总裁说，公司的核心使命是帮助丧失记忆的病人。

1. **arouse:** *vt.* provoke (a particular feeling or attitude) 唤起，激起

*e.g.* News of the actor’s romance has *aroused* a lot of curiosity.

这名男演员的风流韵事引起了人们很大的好奇。

Football *arouses* a good deal of passion among its fans.

足球往往使球迷们冲动。

1. **opportunity:** *n.* a chance to do sth. 机会

*e.g.* His work provided him with the *opportunity* for a lot of foreign travel.

他的工作给予他许多到国外出差的机会。

The exhibition offers visitors a great *opportunity* to see some of the masterpieces of the Renaissance.

展览给参观者提供了一次观看文艺复兴时代巨作的好机会。

1. **for effect:** in order to impress people or make people notice 为了增强效果，为了引起注意

*e.g.* You don’t mean that — you only said it *for effect*.

你不是这个意思，你那样说只是为了效果。

The author used some slang words just *for effect*.

作者使用了一些俚语，为的是增强效果。

1. **invade:** *vt.* enter with armed forces 侵入，侵略

*e.g.* The D-Day landings began on June 6, 1944, when Allied forces *invaded* Normandy.

进攻发起日登陆是在1944年6月6日，当天盟军进攻诺曼底。

She felt that the guard had *invaded* her privacy when he searched her bag.

她觉得警卫搜查她的包是侵犯了她的隐私。

1. **mystery:** *n.* that which cannot be explained 神秘的事

*e.g.* How the massive stones were brought here from hundreds of miles away remains a *mystery*.

这些巨石是怎么从数百英里以外搬过来的，至今还是个谜。

The *mystery* was solved when the police discovered the murder weapon.

警察发现了谋杀的凶器，谜就解开了。

1. **resemble:** *vt.* be like or similar to 与…相似

**resemblance:** *n.* 相似（之处）

*e.g.* She found Jack’s room to *resemble* more a study than a youth’s bedroom.

她觉得杰克的房间更像一个书房而不像一个年轻人的寝室。

The two of them *resemble* each other closely enough to be sisters.

她俩非常相像，简直和姐妹一样。

He doesn’t look exactly like his father, but there is some *resemblance*.

他不完全像他爸，但他们俩长相有相似之处。

1. **descend:** *vi.* come down (from a source); go down 起源于；下降，下来

*e.g.* Humans are thought to have *descended* from ape-like creatures.

人类被认为是起源于类猩猩动物。

He *descends* from an old merchant family.

他是一个古老的商人家族的后代。

1. **come up with:** think of (a plan, reply, etc.); produce 想出（计划、回答等）；提出

*e.g.* She has *come up with* some amazing ideas to cut down cost.

她提出了一些巧妙的削减成本的建议。

They *came up with* a plan to increase productivity.

他们提出了一个提高生产力的计划。

1. **establish:** *vt.* cause to be set up 建立，确立

*e.g.* After they took control of the town, the first thing they did was to *establish* law and order.

控制了该城市后，他们做的第一件事就是建立法律和秩序。

Being a career diplomat, he spent a good part of his life trying to *establish* friendly relations between China and other countries.

作为一名职业外交家，他把一生的许多时间都用于努力建立中国和其他国家间的友好关系。

1. **slip:** *vi.* go somewhere, esp. quickly and quietly without people noticing you 悄悄地走

*e.g.* We managed to *slip* away unnoticed.

我们悄悄地走开了，没人注意到。

Time *slipped* by.

时间悄悄地流逝了。

1. **pass (sth.) on/pass on (sth.) to (sb.):** hand or give (sth.) to (sb.) 将…传给…

*e.g.* The store will close in five minutes. Please *pass* the information *on* *to* the next in line.

五分钟后商店就要关门了，请把这消息传给排在你后面的人。

That’s good news. I will *pass* it *on to* all my classmates.

这是好消息，我会传给全班同学的。

If a company spends a lot on advertising, it will *pass* the higher cost *on* *to* its customers.

一个公司在广告上花许多钱，必然会把高成本转嫁给客户。

1. **replace:** *vt.* take or fill the place of 取代

*e.g.* The factory *replaced* most of its workers with robots.

工厂用机器人代替了大部分工人。

Tourism has *replaced* agriculture as the nation’s main industry.

旅游业取代了农业，成了这个国家的主要产业。

1. **modify:** *vt.* change slightly 修改，更改

*e.g.* The original plan was too ambitious and costly. The *modified* one looks more reasonable.

原计划太激进也太花钱，经修订后的计划更趋合理。

The school has decided to *modify* its existing employment policy.

学校决定修改现有的聘用政策。

1. **spring from:** be caused by, come from 源于

*e.g.* His idea of writing the novel *sprang from* a news report he had read.

他读了一篇新闻报道后产生了写这本小说的想法。

His desire for money *springs from* a sense of financial insecurity.

他对钱的欲望源于经济上的不安全感。

1. **source:** *n.* 源头，来源

*e.g.* Fruit is a good *source* of Vitamin C.

水果是维生素C的很好的来源。

Writing is not his only *source* of income.

写作不是他收入的唯一来源。

The journalist refused to reveal his *sources* of information.

记者拒绝透露他的消息来源。

1. **out of control**: 失去控制，不受约束

*e.g.* To prevent costs from getting *out of control* is the top priority of the company right now.

公司目前的头等大事就是防止成本失控。

His car went *out of control* and hit a big tree.

他的车失控了，撞到一棵大树上。

1. **put … into practice**: 将…付诸实施

*e.g.* His advice is good. But it is hard to *put into practice*.

他的建议很好，但是难以实施。

I will try to *put* the new technique you showed me *into practice*.

我将把你展示给我的新技术用于实践。

1. **represent:** *vt.* stand for; symbolize 代表；象征

*e.g.* The new car model is more environment-friendly and *represents* a step in the right direction on the part of its manufacturer.

这新款汽车更环保，代表了制造商走出的正确的一步。

The dove *represents* peace in many religious and political artworks.

在许多有宗教和政治内容的艺术作品中，鸽子代表和平。

1. **individual:** 1) *n.* a person considered separately from their society or community个人，个体

*e.g.* How could a single *individual* have achieved all this?

单独一个人怎么会取得这么大的成就呢？

Are you the *individual* who wants to meet me?

你就是那个想要见我的人吗？

2) *a.* 个人的，个体的

*e.g.* We develop our own *individual* style of writing.

我们各人都有各自的写作风格。

We try to meet the *individual* needs of students.

我们试图满足学生的个人需求。

1. **strike out:** originate, devise; set out 创造，设计；启程

*e.g.* They at once *struck out* a new plan, and soon agreed that it was by far the best of all.

他们立刻想出了新计划，并且很快就认同这是目前为止最好的计划。

After hatching, the baby turtles *struck* *out* toward the ocean.

小海龟孵出来后，就各自爬向大海了。

1. **nourish:** *vt.* give (sb. or a living thing) what is needed so that they can grow and stay healthy 滋养，培育

*e.g.* The longer I had to postpone my trip to San Francisco, the more eagerly I wanted to go. Desires are *nourished* by delays.

去旧金山的旅程越往后推，我就越急着要去。拖延滋长欲望。

He has long *nourished* an ambition to bring the show to Broadway.

他早就怀抱雄心壮志，要把这场演出推向百老汇。

1. **principle:** *n.* a basic belief, theory, or rule 原则；主义

*e.g.* He is a man of *principle*.

他是有原则的人。

The organization works on the *principle* that all members have the same rights.

这组织的运作原则是所有成员同权。

1. **spring up:** appear or be produced suddenly and quickly 涌现

*e.g.* Thousands of new businesses have *sprung up* in this town over the past 20 years.

过去二十年中这个城市里有成千上万的新商户开张。

A new issue *sprang up* at yesterday’s meeting of the school board.

昨天校董事会会议上冒出了新问题。

1. **preserve:** 1) *n.* 独占的地区或范围；禁猎地

*e.g.* We went to a wildlife *preserve* and saw many strange animals.

我们去了一个野生动物保护区，看到不少新奇的动物。

The civil service seems to have become the *preserve* of the educated middle class.

公务员这个行业似乎已成为受过教育的中产阶级的专属领地。

2) *vt.* keep from harm, damage, etc., protect; save 保护，保存

*e.g.* These laws are intended to help *preserve* our natural resources.

这些法律旨在保护我们的自然资源。

The city is spending lots of money on *preserving* these ancient buildings.

这座城市正在花大钱保护古建筑。

1. **intellectual:** *a.* relating to the ability to think in an intelligent way 智力的

*e.g.* He concentrates too much on his books and neglects the social and *intellectual* life on campus.

他太专注于书本，忽略了校园里的社交和思想活动。

Little is known about the boy’s *intellectual* pursuits.

人们对这男孩思想上的探求所知甚少。