

GRE & GMAT 阅读难句教程-抽象词详解（部分）

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approach

- She approached the bank for a loan.
她向银行申请贷款。
- We have been approached by a number of companies that are interested in our product.
一些对我们的产品感兴趣的公司已和我们接洽。
- I'd like to ask his opinion but I find him difficult to approach (= not easy to talk to in a friendly way) .
我想征求他的意见，但发现很难和他谈得拢。
- profits approaching 30 million dollars
接近 3 000 万元的利润
- Few writers approach his richness of language.
他语言之丰富很少有作家能望其项背。
- What's the best way of approaching this problem?
什么是处理这个问题的最佳方式？
- The school has decided to adopt a different approach to discipline.
学校决定采取另外一种方式解决纪律问题。
- She took the wrong approach in her dealings with them.
她用错误的手段和他们打交道。
- The club has **made an approach** to a local company for sponsorship.
俱乐部已向当地一家公司寻求赞助。
- She resented his persistent approaches.
她对他没完没了的纠缠极为反感。
- All the approaches to the palace were guarded by troops.
通往宫殿的所有道路都有军队守卫。
- a new approach road to the port
去港口的一条新路
- That's the **nearest approach** to an apology you'll get from him.
那是他所能作出的最似歉意的表示。

approximation

1. an estimate of a number or an amount that is almost correct, but not exact 近似值；粗略估算
- That's just an approximation, you understand.
你知道那仅仅是近似值。
2. ~ (of/to sth) a thing that is similar to sth else, but is not exactly the same 类似事物
- Our results should be a good approximation to the true state of affairs.

我们的结果应该和实际情况相当接近。

Apt

1. suitable or appropriate in the circumstances 恰当的；适当的

- a particularly **apt description/name/comment**

特别恰当的描述/名字/评论

2. ~ **to be...**, ~ **to do sth** likely or having a natural tendency to do sth 易于...；有...倾向

- apt to be forgetful/careless
健忘；常常粗心大意
- Babies are apt to put objects into their mouths.
婴儿爱把东西往嘴里塞。

aptly (adv.)

- the aptly named Grand Hotel
名副其实的大饭店

architecture

1. [U] the art and study of designing buildings 建筑学

- to study architecture
学习建筑学

2. [U] the design or style of a building or buildings 建筑设计；建筑风格

- the architecture of the eighteenth century
十八世纪的建筑风格
- modern architecture
现代建筑设计

3. [C, U] (**computing** 计) the design and structure of a computer system 体系结构；（总体、层次）结构

Argue

1. [V] ~ (**with sb**) (**about/over sth**) to speak angrily to sb because you disagree with them 争论；争吵；争辩

- I don't want to argue with you—just do it!
我不想和你争辩—请干吧！

2. ~ (**for/against sth**), ~ (**for/against doing sth**) to give reasons why you think that sth is right/wrong, true/not true, etc., especially to persuade people that you are right 论证；说理；争辩

- [V]
- They argued for the right to strike.
他们据理力争罢工权利。
- [VN]
- She argued the case for bringing back the death penalty.
她为恢复死刑的主张提供论据。
- He was too tired to **argue the point** (= discuss the matter) .

他太累了，不想讨论这个问题。

- a well-argued article
凿凿有据的文章
- [V that]
- He argued that they needed more time to finish the project.
他提出理由说明他们需要更多的时间来完成该项目。
- [VN that]
- It could be argued that laws are made by and for men.
法律由人并为人制定的这一点颇有道理。

[also V wh-]

3. [VN] (formal) to show clearly that sth exists or is true 证明；表明

- These latest developments argue a change in government policy.
最近的事态发展表明政府改变了政策。

artifact

n. 人工制品，手工艺品，加工品；石器

aspect

1. [C] a particular part or feature of a situation, an idea, a problem, etc.; a way in which it may be considered 方面；层面

- The book aims to cover all aspects of city life.
这本书旨在涵盖城市生活的各个方面。
- the most important aspect of the debate
这场辩论最重要的方面
- She felt she had looked at the problem from every aspect.
她觉得她已从各个角度考虑了这个问题。
- This was one aspect of her character he hadn't seen before.
这是他过去没有了解到的她的性格的一个方面。

2. [U, sing.] (formal) the appearance of a place, a situation or a person 样子；外观；外表

- Events began to take on a more sinister aspect.
事情开始呈现较为不祥的征兆。

3. [C, usually sing.] (formal) the direction in which a building, window, piece of land, etc. faces; the side of a building which faces a particular direction 朝向；方位 **SYN** orientation

assess

1. ~ sb/sth (as sth) to make a judgement about the nature or quality of sb/sth 评估，评定（性质、质量）

- [VN]
- It's difficult to assess the effects of these changes.
这些变化带来的效果难以评估。
- to assess a patient's needs

判定病人的需要

- The young men were assessed as either safe or unsafe drivers.
这些年轻人被评定为谨慎驾驶员和不谨慎驾驶员两类。
- I'd assess your chances as low.
我估计你的机会不大。
- [V wh-]
- The committee assesses whether a building is worth preserving.
由该委员会评定建筑物是否值得保存。
- We are trying to assess how well the system works.
我们正设法评估这个系统运行得是否顺畅。

2. [VN] ~ sth (at sth) to calculate the amount or value of sth 估算, 估定, 核定 (数量、价值) **SYN** estimate

- They have assessed the amount of compensation to be paid.
他们已经核定赔偿额。
- Damage to the building was assessed at £40 000.
该建筑物的损失估定为 4 万英镑。

assume

1. to think or accept that sth is true but without having proof of it 假定; 假设; 认为

- [V (that)]
- It is reasonable to assume (that) the economy will continue to improve.
认为经济将继续好转是有道理的。
- Let us assume for a moment that the plan succeeds.
咱们暂时假设计划成功。
- She would, he assumed, be home at the usual time.
他认为, 她会在通常时间回到家的。
- [VN that]
- It is generally assumed that stress is caused by too much work.
普遍认为, 紧张是工作过重所致。
- [VN]
- Don't always assume the worst (= that sth bad has happened) .
别总往最坏处想。
- In this example we have assumed a unit price of $10.
在这个例子中我们已假定单价为 10 元。
- [VN to inf]
- I had assumed him to be a Belgian.
我本以为他是比利时人。

2. [VN] (formal) to take or begin to have power or responsibility 承担 (责任); 就 (职); 取得 (权力) **SYN** take

- The court assumed responsibility for the girl's welfare.
法庭承担了保障这个女孩福利的责任。
- Rebel forces have assumed control of the capital.

反叛武装力量已控制了首都。

3. [VN] (formal) to begin to have a particular quality or appearance 呈现（外观、样子）；显露（特征） **SYN** take on

- This matter has assumed considerable importance.
这件事看来相当重要。
- In the story the god assumes the form of an eagle.
在这个故事中神以鹰的形象出现。

4. [VN] (formal) to pretend to have a particular feeling or quality 装出；假装 **SYN** put on

- He assumed an air of concern.
他装出关心的样子。

Assumption

1. [C] a belief or feeling that sth is true or that sth will happen, although there is no proof 假定；假设

- an **underlying/implicit assumption**
设想；含蓄的假定
- We need to challenge some of the basic assumptions of Western philosophy.
我们有必要向西方哲学的某些基本假设提出质疑。
- We are working **on the assumption that** everyone invited will turn up.
我们假定了每一个人都会应邀出席并正就此作出安排。
- It was impossible to **make assumptions about** people's reactions.
臆断人们的反应是不可能的。
- His actions were based on a false assumption.
他的行为基于错误的设想。

2. [C, U] ~ of sth (formal) the act of taking or beginning to have power or responsibility （责任的）承担；担任；（权力的）获得

- their **assumption of power/control**
他们的取得权力/控制

attain

1. to succeed in getting sth, usually after a lot of effort （通常经过努力）获得，得到

- Most of our students attained five 'A' grades in their exams.
我们多数学生的考试成绩是五个优。

2. (formal) to reach a particular age, level or condition 达到（某年龄、水平、状况）

- The cheetah can attain speeds of up to 97 kph.
猎豹的奔跑速度每小时可达 97 公里。

Attune

1. 使协调
 - an industry that is not attuned to the demands of the market.

- 与市场需求不协调的工业

2. <音>调音

Authenticate

[VN] ~ sth (as sth) to prove that sth is genuine, real or true 证明...是真实的；证实

- The letter has been authenticated by handwriting experts.
这封信已由笔迹专家证明是真的。
- Experts have authenticated the writing as that of Byron himself.
专家鉴定这字迹是拜伦的亲笔。

authorization

to give official permission for sth, or for sb to do sth 批准；授权

- [VN]
- I can authorize payments up to £5 000.
我有权批准的付款限额为 5 000 英镑。
- an authorized biography
经认可的传记
- [VN to inf] [often passive]
- I have authorized him to act for me while I am away.
我已授权他在我外出时代理我的职务。
- The soldiers were authorized to shoot at will.
士兵得到允许可以随意开枪。

availability

- the availability of cheap flights
有廉价机票出售
- (BrE)
- This offer is **subject to availability** .
优惠至此产品售完为止。

1. (of things 东西)that you can get, buy or find 可获得的；可购得的；可找到的

- available resources/facilities
可利用的资源/设备
- **readily/freely/publicly/generally available**
可以容易/免费/让公众/普遍得到的
- Tickets are available free of charge from the school.
学校有免费票。
- When will the information be **made available** ?
何时才可以了解到情况？
- Further information is available on request.

详情备案。

- This was the only room available.
这是唯一可用的房间。
- We'll send you a copy as soon as it **becomes available** .
一有货我们就会给你寄一本去。
- Every available doctor was called to the scene.
所有能找到的医生都被召集到了现场。
- 2. (of a person 人) free to see or talk to people 有空的
- Will she be available this afternoon?
今天下午她有空吗?
- The director was not available for comment.
主管没有时间发表意见。

beset

(be•set•ting, beset, beset) [VN] [usually passive] (formal) to affect sb/sth in an unpleasant or harmful way 困扰; 威胁

- The team was beset by injury all season.
这个队整个赛季都因队员受伤而受困扰。
- It's one of the most difficult problems besetting our modern way of life.
那是困扰我们现代生活方式的最棘手的其中一个问题

boom

1. ~ (in sth) a sudden increase in trade and economic activity; a period of wealth and success (贸易和经济活动的)激增, 繁荣

- a boom in car sales
汽车销售额的剧增
- Living standards improved rapidly during the post-war boom.
在战后那段繁荣昌盛的时期里, 生活水平得到了迅速提高。
- a **boom year** (for trade, exports, etc.)
(贸易、出口等) 兴盛的一年
- a **property/housing boom**
房地产/住房的迅速发展
- a chaotic period of **boom and bust**
经济繁荣与经济萧条交替出现的混乱时期

2. [usually sing.] a period when sth such as a sport or a type of music suddenly becomes very popular and successful (某种体育运动、音乐等) 突然风靡的时期

- The only way to satisfy the golf boom was to build more courses.
满足这场高尔夫球热的唯一途径是增建球场。

4. [usually sing.] a loud deep sound 深沉的响声

- the distant boom of the guns
远处隆隆的炮声

border

1. the line that divides two countries or areas; the land near this line 国界；边界；边疆；边界地区

- a national park on the border between Kenya and Tanzania
位于肯尼亚和坦桑尼亚边界的国家公园
- to flee **across/over the border**
穿越边境逃亡
- **border guards/controls**
边防警卫；边境管制
- a **border dispute/incident**
边界争端/事件
- a **border town/state**
位于边疆的城镇/州

2. a strip around the edge of sth such as a picture or a piece of cloth 镶边；包边

- a pillowcase with a lace border
有花边的枕套

3. (in a garden 花园) a strip of soil which is planted with flowers, along the edge of the grass (草坪边等的) 狭长花坛 —picture→ [page R24](#)

verb [VN]

1. (of a country or an area 国家或地区) to share a border with another country or area 和...毗邻；与...接壤

- the countries bordering the Baltic
波罗的海沿岸国家

2. to form a line along or around the edge of sth 沿...的边；环绕...；给...镶边

- Meadows bordered the path to the woods.
通往树林的小径两边都是草坪。
- The large garden is bordered by a stream.
大花园紧临着一条小溪。

broad

1. wide 宽阔的；广阔的

- a broad street/avenue/river
宽广的街道/林荫道/河流
- broad shoulders
宽肩
- a **broad smile/grin** (= one in which your mouth is stretched very wide because you are very pleased or amused)
咧嘴笑

2. used after a measurement of distance to show how wide sth is ...宽（用于表示距离的量度之后）

- two metres broad and one metre high
两米宽，一米高

3. including a great variety of people or things 涉及各种各样的人（或事物）的；广泛的

- a broad range of products
各种各样的产品
- a broad spectrum of interests
广泛的兴趣
- There is broad support for the government's policies.
政府的政策得到了广泛的支持。
- She **took a broad view** of the duties of being a teacher (= she believed her duties included a wide range of things) .
她认为教师的职责范围很广。

4. [only before noun] general; not detailed 概括的；一般的；不具体的

- the broad outline of a proposal
提案的纲要
- The negotiators were in broad agreement on the main issues.
谈判代表们在主要问题上的意见大致相同。
- She's a feminist, in the **broadest sense of the word** .
广义而言，她算是个女权主义者。
- In **broad terms** , the paper argues that each country should develop its own policy.
从大体上说，这份报纸认为各国应该建立自己的政策。

5. covering a wide area 开阔的；辽阔的

- a broad expanse of water
一片辽阔的水域
- 6. if sb has a **broad accent** , you can hear very easily which area they come from
口音重的；乡音浓的 **SYN** strong
- 7. if sb gives a **broad hint** , they make it very clear what they are thinking or what they want 明确的；明显的
- 8. (NAmE) dealing with sex in an amusing way 粗俗滑稽的；以肉欲作笑料的
- The movie mixes broad humor with romance.
那部电影把粗俗幽默和浪漫故事结合在一起。

noun

(old-fashioned) (NAmE) (slang) an offensive way of referring to a woman （对女人的粗俗称呼）婆娘

capable

- 1. ~ of sth/of doing sth having the ability or qualities necessary for doing sth 有能力；有才能
- He's quite capable of lying to get out of trouble.
靠撒谎渡过难关他挺有一套。
- 2. having the ability to do things well 能力强的；足以胜任的 **SYN** skilled competent
- She's a very capable teacher.
她是一位能力很强的教师。
- I'll leave the organization in your capable hands.

我要把组织工作交给你这位能手。

channel

1. [C] a television station 电视台

- What's on Channel 4 tonight?
电视四台今晚有什么节目?
- a **movie/sports channel**
电影/体育台
- to **change/switch channels**
换台

2. [C] a band of radio waves used for broadcasting television or radio programmes
频道; 波段

- **terrestrial/satellite channels**
地面/卫星频道

3. [C] (also **chan•nels** [pl.]) a method or system that people use to get information, to communicate, or to send sth somewhere 途径; 渠道; 系统

- Complaints must be made **through the proper channels** .
投诉必须通过正当途径进行。
- The newsletter is a useful **channel of communication** between teacher and students.
发简讯是沟通师生的有益渠道。
- The company has worldwide distribution channels.
这家公司拥有遍布全世界的销售网络。

4. [C] a way of expressing ideas and feelings (表达的) 方式, 方法, 手段

- The campaign provided a channel for protest against the war.
这场运动是反对战争的一种方式。
- Music is a great channel for releasing your emotions.
欣赏音乐是宣泄情感的好方法。

5. [C] a passage that water can flow along, especially in the ground, on the bottom of a river, etc. 水渠; 沟渠; 河槽

- drainage channels in the rice fields
稻田的排水沟

verb (-ll- , (NAme usually) -l-) [VN]

ideas/feelings 思想感情

1. ~ sth (into sth) to direct money, feelings, ideas, etc. towards a particular thing or purpose 为...引资; 引导; 贯注

- He channels his aggression into sport.
他把他的好斗劲倾注于体育比赛之中。

money/help 金钱; 帮助

2. ~ sth (through sth) to send money, help, etc. using a particular route (利用某途径) 输送资金, 提供帮助

- Money for the project will be channelled through local government.
这个项目的资金将由地方政府提供。

water/light 水；光

3. to carry or send water, light, etc. through a passage (经过通道) 输送, 传送

- A sensor channels the light signal along an optical fibre.
传感器沿光导纤维输送光信号。

characteristic

adj. 特有的；独特的；表示特性的；显示...的特征的

n. 特性，特征，特色，[数]（对数的）首数；独特性；性质

~ (of sth/sb) very typical of sth or of sb's character 典型的；独特的；特有的

- She spoke with characteristic enthusiasm.
她说话带着特有的热情。

~ (of sth/sb) a typical feature or quality that sth/sb has 特征；特点；品质

- The need to communicate is a key characteristic of human society.
需要交流是人类社会最重要的一个特征。

characterization

1. the way that a writer makes characters in a book or play seem real (对书或戏剧中人物的) 刻画，描绘，塑造

2. (formal) the way in which sb/sth is described or defined 描述方法；界定方法 **SYN** portrayal

- the characterization of physics as the study of simplicity
把物理学界定为一门探求简单规律的学问

charting

1. to record or follow the progress or development of sb/sth 记录，跟踪（进展或发展）

- The exhibition **charts the history of** the palace.
展览记载了这座王宫的历史。

2. to plan a course of action 计划行动步骤；制订计划

- She had carefully charted her route to the top of her profession.
她周密地制订了达到她职业巅峰的行动计划。

3. to make a map of an area 绘制（区域）的地图 **SYN** map

- Cook charted the coast of New Zealand in 1768.
库克于 1768 年绘制了新西兰的海岸图。

claim

say sth is true 表示真实性

1. to say that sth is true although it has not been proved and other people may not believe it 宣称；声称；断言

- [V (that)]
- He claims (that) he was not given a fair hearing.
他声称他未得到公正的申述机会。
- **It was claimed that** some doctors were working 80 hours a week.

据说有些医生每周工作 80 小时。

demand legal right 要求合法权利

2. [VN] to demand or ask for sth because you believe it is your legal right to own or to have it 要求（拥有）；索取；认领

- A lot of lost property is never claimed.
许多失物从未被认领。
- He claimed political asylum.
他要求政治避难。

3. to ask for money from the government or a company because you have a right to it 索要；索取

- [VN]
- He's not entitled to claim unemployment benefit.
他无权要求领取失业救济金。
- She claimed damages from the company for the injury she had suffered.
她因受伤向公司要求获得损害赔偿金。

attention/thought 注意；思考

4. [VN] to get or take sb's attention 引起（注意）

- A most unwelcome event claimed his attention.
一件最讨厌的事情需要他去考虑。

gain/win 获得；赢得

5. [VN] to gain, win or achieve sth 获得；赢得；取得

- She has finally claimed a place on the team.
她终于成了那支队的队员。

cause death 导致死亡

6. [VN] (of a disaster, an accident, etc. 灾难、事故等)to cause sb's death 夺走，夺去（生命）

- The car crash claimed three lives.
那次撞车事故导致三人死亡。

noun

saying sth is true 表示真实

1. [C] ~ (that...) a statement that sth is true although it has not been proved and other people may not agree with or believe it 声明；宣称；断言

- The singer has denied the magazine's claim that she is leaving the band.
这名歌手已否认那家杂志有关她要离开乐队的说法。

legal right 合法权利

2. [C, U] ~ (on/to sth) a right that sb believes they have to sth, especially property, land, etc. （尤指对财产、土地等要求拥有的）所有权

- They had no claim on the land.
他们无权索要那块土地。
- She has more claim to the book's success than anybody (= she deserves to be praised for it) .
她为这本书的成功立了头功。

for money 钱款

3. [C] ~ (for sth) a request for a sum of money that you believe you have a right to, especially from a company, the government, etc. (尤指向公司、政府等) 索款, 索赔

- You can **make a claim** on your insurance policy.
你可按保险单索赔。
- to **put in a claim** for an allowance
提出领取津贴的要求

claim to 'fame (often humorous)

one thing that makes a person or place important or interesting 一举出名的事; 成名的一件事

- His main claim to fame is that he went to school with the Prime Minister.
他的出名主要是因为他曾经是首相的中学同学。

have a claim on sb

to have the right to demand time, attention, etc. from sb 对某人有...的要求权

lay claim to sth

to state that you have a right to own sth 声称对...的拥有权; 提出对...的所有权

make no claim

used when you are saying that you cannot do sth (表示不能做某事) 自认为不

- I make no claim to understand modern art.
我自认为不懂现代艺术。
—more at **stake** v. (stake (out) a/your claim)

classical

1. widely accepted and used for a long time; traditional in style or idea 古典的; 经典的; 传统的

- classical and modern ballet
古典与现代芭蕾舞

2. connected with or influenced by the culture of ancient Greece and Rome 和古希腊与古罗马文化相关的; 受古希腊与古罗马文化影响的

- a classical scholar (= an expert in Latin and Greek)
研究拉丁文与希腊文的学者

3. (of music 音乐)written in a Western musical tradition, usually using an established form (for example a **symphony**) and not played on electronic instruments. **Classical** music is generally considered to be serious and to have a lasting value. 古典的

- He plays classical music, as well as pop and jazz.
他演奏流行音乐和爵士乐, 同时也演奏古典音乐。
- a **classical composer/violinist**
古典音乐作曲家/小提琴手

4. = **classic** (2)

- These are classical examples of food allergy.

这些是食物过敏的典型病例。

5. (of a language 语言) ancient in its form and no longer used in a spoken form
古文的；文言的

- **classical Arabic**
古阿拉伯语

6. simple and attractive 简洁优美的；朴实美观的

- **the classical elegance of the design**
设计简洁典雅

clerical

adj. 文书或办事员的；教士的，牧师的；教权主义的

n. 牧师，教士；牧师服，教士服

clinical

1. [only before noun] relating to the examination and treatment of patients and their illnesses 临床的；临床诊断的

- **clinical research** (= done on patients, not just considering theory)
临床研究
- **clinical training** (= the part of a doctor's training done in a hospital)
临床培训
- **clinical trials of a drug**
药物的临床试验

2. (disapproving) cold and calm and without feeling or sympathy 冷淡的；无动于衷的；无同情心的

- **He watched her suffering with clinical detachment.**
他无动于衷地看着她受苦。

3. (disapproving) (of a room, building, etc. 房间、建筑物等) very plain; without decoration 简陋的；无装饰的

coexistent

adj. 同时共存的，同时代的

coherently

1. (of ideas, thoughts, arguments, etc. 看法、思想、论点等) logical and well organized; easy to understand and clear 合乎逻辑的；有条理的；清楚易懂的

- **a coherent narrative/account/explanation**
条理清楚的叙述/描述/阐述
- **a coherent policy for the transport system**
运输系统方面的一个前后一致的政策

2. (of a person 人) able to talk and express yourself clearly 有表达能力的；能把自己的意思说清楚的

- **She only became coherent again two hours after the attack.**
她发病两小时之后才恢复了清楚地说话的能力。

coincidentally

adv. <正>同时发生的；（时间上）巧合的；相符的；一致的

commend

1. ~ sb (for sth/for doing sth), ~ sb (on sth/on doing sth) to praise sb/sth, especially publicly （尤指公开地）赞扬，称赞，表扬

- She was commended on her handling of the situation.
她因妥善处理了那个局面而受到表扬。
- His designs were **highly commended** by the judges (= they did not get a prize but they were especially praised) .
他的设计受到了评委的高度赞扬。

2. ~ sb/sth (to sb) (formal) to recommend sb/sth to sb 推荐；举荐

- She is an excellent worker and I commend her to you without reservation.
她工作出色，我毫无保留地把她推荐给你。
- The movie **has little to commend it** (= it has few good qualities) .
这部电影乏善可陈。

3. (formal) if sth **commends** itself to sb, they approve of it 受到赞同；得到认可

- His outspoken behaviour did not commend itself to his colleagues.
他直言不讳的行为不受他同事的欢迎。

4. ~ sb/sth to sb (formal) to give sb/sth to sb in order to be taken care of 把...托付给（或委托于）

- We commend her soul to God.
我们把她的灵魂托付给上帝。

1. [C, U] a spoken description of an event that is given while it is happening, especially on the radio or television （尤指电台或电视台所作的）实况报道，现场解说

- a sports commentary
体育实况报道
- Our reporters will give a **running commentary** (= a continuous one) on the election results as they are announced.
我们的记者将对选举的公布结果作实况追踪报道。
- He kept up a **running commentary** on everyone who came in or went out.
他不断地对上下场的每一名队员进行解说。

2. [C] a written explanation or discussion of sth such as a book or a play 注释；解释；评注；评论

- a critical commentary on the final speech of the play
对这剧本结尾的台词所作的批评性评论

3. [C, U] a criticism or discussion of sth 批评；议论

- The petty quarrels were a sad commentary on the state of the government.
这些鸡毛蒜皮的争吵说明了政府的状况很糟糕。
- political commentary
政治评论

Commit

crime 犯罪

1. [VN] ~ a crime, etc. to do sth wrong or illegal 做出（错或非法的事）；犯（罪或错等）

- to **commit murder/adultery**, etc.
犯凶杀罪、通奸罪等
- Most crimes are committed by young men.
多数罪行都是年轻人犯下的。
- appalling crimes committed against innocent children
对无辜儿童犯下的骇人听闻的罪行

suicide 自杀

2. [VN] ~ suicide to kill yourself deliberately 自杀

promise/say definitely 承诺；肯定地说

3. ~ sb/yourself (to sth/to doing sth) [often passive] to promise sincerely that you will definitely do sth, keep to an agreement or arrangement, etc. 承诺，保证（做某事、遵守协议或遵从安排等）

- [VN]
- The President is committed to reforming health care.
总统承诺要改革卫生保健制度。
- Borrowers should think carefully before committing themselves to taking out a loan.
借款人应当慎重考虑之后再行借贷。
- [VN to inf]
- Both sides committed themselves to settle the dispute peacefully.
双方承诺和平解决争端。

4. [VN] ~ yourself (to sth) to give an opinion or make a decision openly so that it is then difficult to change it （公开地）表示意见，作出决定（以致日后难以更改）

- You don't have to commit yourself now, just think about it.
你不必现在表态，只需考虑一下这件事。
—see also **non-committal**

be loyal 忠诚

5. [V] ~ (to sb/sth) to be completely loyal to one person, organization, etc. or give all your time and effort to your work, an activity, etc. 忠于（某个人、机构等）；全心全意投入（工作、活动等）

- Why are so many men scared to commit? (= say they will be loyal to one person)
为什么有这么多的男人害怕许诺忠诚于人？
—see also **committed**

money/time 金钱；时间

6. [VN] to spend money or time on sth/sb 花（钱或时间）

- The council has committed large amounts of money to housing projects.
市政会在住宅项目上投入了大量资金。

to hospital/prison 医院；监狱

7. [VN] [often passive] ~ sb to sth to order sb to be sent to a hospital, prison, etc.

(下令) 把 (某人) 送进 (医院或监狱等)

- She was committed to a psychiatric hospital.
她被送进了精神病院。

sb for trial 某人受审

8. [VN] to send sb for trial in court 把 (某人) 送交法庭受审

sth to memory 记住

9. [VN] ~ sth to memory to learn sth well enough to remember it exactly 把...学好记牢

- She committed the instructions to memory.
她把指令记得很牢。

sth to paper/writing 用纸记下; 书写

10. [VN] ~ sth to paper/writing to write sth down 把...记 (或写) 下来

Complex

1. a group of buildings of a similar type together in one place (类型相似的) 建筑群

- a sports complex
综合体育场
- an industrial complex (= a site with many factories)
工业建筑群
→note at **building**

2. a group of things that are connected 相关联的一组事物

- This is just one of a whole complex of issues.
这仅仅是所有相关的问题之一。

3. (especially in compounds 尤用于构成复合词) a mental state that is not normal 不正常的精神状态; 情结

- to suffer from a guilt complex
蒙受负罪感之苦

—see also **inferiority complex** **Oedipus complex** **persecution complex**

4. if sb has a **complex** about sth, they are worried about it in way that is not normal (对某事) 不正常的忧虑

Comprise

1. also **be comprised of** to have sb/sth as parts or members 包括; 包含; 由...组成 **SYN** **consist of**

- The collection comprises 327 paintings.
这部画册收有 327 幅画。
- The committee is comprised of representatives from both the public and private sectors.
委员会由政府 and 私人部门的双方代表组成。

2. to be the parts or members that form sth 是 (某事物的) 组成部分; 组成; 构成 **SYN** **make sth up**

- Older people comprise a large proportion of those living in poverty.

在那些生活贫困的人中，老年人占有很大的比例。

Conception

(**formal**) related to or based on ideas 概念（上）的；观念（上）的

- a conceptual framework within which children's needs are assessed
对儿童需求进行评估的概念框架
- a conceptual model
概念模式

Configuration

1. (**formal**) or (**technical** 术语) an arrangement of the parts of sth or a group of things; the form or shape that this arrangement produces 布局；结构；构造；格局；形状

2. (**computing** 计) the equipment and programs that form a computer system and the way that these are set up to run （计算机的）配置

Confine

vt.限制；局限于；禁闭；管制

n.界限，范围；国界

1. VERB

限制，限定（防止扩散蔓延） To **confine** something to a particular place or group means to prevent it from spreading beyond that place or group.

- Health officials have successfully **confined** the epidemic to the Tabatinga area...
卫生官员成功地将疫情控制在塔巴廷加地区。
- The US will soon be taking steps to **confine** the conflict.
美国很快就会采取措施限制冲突。

2. VERB

限制(自己或自己的活动);使受局限 If you **confine yourself** or your activities to something, you do only that thing and are involved with nothing else.

- He did not **confine** himself to the one language...
他没把自己局限于这一门语言。
- Yoko had largely **confined** her activities to the world of big business...
洋子主要是做大生意。
- His genius was not **confined** to the decoration of buildings.
他的天赋不体现在建筑物的装饰上。

3. VERB

监禁;关押；禁闭 If someone **is confined to** a mental institution, prison, or other place, they are sent there and are not allowed to leave for a period of time.

- The woman will be **confined** to a mental institution...
这个女人将被关进精神病院。
- He announced that the army and police had been **confined** to barracks.
他通告说军队和警察已经被禁闭在营房中不得外出。

4. N-PLURAL

边界;界限;范围 Something that is within the **confines of** an area or place is within

the boundaries enclosing it.

- The movie is set entirely within the **confines** of the abandoned factory.
电影的拍摄完全是在这个废弃的工厂厂区内进行。
- ...the wild grass and weeds that grew in the **confines** of the grandstand.
大看台上丛生的野草

5. N-PLURAL

限制;局限 The **confines** of a situation, system, or activity are the limits or restrictions it involves.

- ...away from the **confines** of the British class system...
超越英国社会等级制度的限制
- I can't stand the **confines** of this marriage.
我受不了这段婚姻的限制。

Confrontation

[U, C] ~ (with sb), ~ (between A and B) a situation in which there is an angry disagreement between people or groups who have different opinions 对抗; 对峙; 冲突

- She wanted to avoid another confrontation with her father.
她想避免和父亲再次发生冲突。
- confrontation between employers and unions
资方与工会之间的对峙

Confuse

1. to make sb unable to think clearly or understand sth 使糊涂; 使迷惑

- They confused me with conflicting accounts of what happened.
他们对发生的事所作的陈述自相矛盾, 使我迷惑不解。

2. ~ A and/or B to think wrongly that sb/sth is sb/sth else (将...) 混淆, 混同 **SYN** mix up

- People often confuse me and my twin sister.
人们常常把我和我的孪生妹妹搞错。
- Be careful not to confuse quantity with quality.
注意不要把数量与质量混淆了。

3. to make a subject more difficult to understand 使更难于理解

- His comments only served to confuse the issue further.
他的评论只是把问题弄得更加复杂。

Congenial

1. (of a person 人) pleasant to spend time with because their interests and character are similar to your own 意气相投的; 情趣相投的; 合得来的

- a congenial colleague
意气相投的同事

2. ~ (to sb) (of a place, job, etc. 地方、工作等) pleasant because it suits your character 相宜的; 合意的; 适宜的

- a congenial working environment

宜人的工作环境

3. ~ (to sth) (formal) suitable for sth 适合的；适当的

- a situation that was congenial to the expression of nationalist opinions
适于表达民族主义者意见的场合

Considerable

adj. 相当大（或多）的；该注意的，应考虑

Consign

verb [VN] (formal)

1. ~ sb/sth to sth to put sb/sth somewhere in order to get rid of them/it （为摆脱而）把...置于，把...交付给

- I consigned her letter to the waste basket.
我把她的信丢进了废纸篓。
- What I didn't want was to see my mother consigned to an old people's home.
我所不愿意的是看到我母亲被送进养老院。

2. ~ sb/sth to sth to put sb/sth in an unpleasant situation 把...置于（令人不快的境地）；打发；发落

- The decision to close the factory has **consigned** 6 000 people **to the scrap heap**.
关闭那家工厂的决定使 6 000 人遭到了遗弃。
- A car accident consigned him to a wheelchair for the rest of his life.
一次车祸使他落得在轮椅上度过余生。

3. to give or send sth to sb 交给；交付；寄送

Constitute

1. (linking verb) [V-N] (not used in the progressive tenses 不用于进行时) to be considered to be sth （被认为或看做）是；被算作

- Does such an activity constitute a criminal offence?
难道这样的活动也算刑事犯罪吗？
- The increase in racial tension constitutes a threat to our society.
种族间紧张状态的升级是对我们社会的一种威胁。

2. (linking verb) [V-N] (not used in the progressive tenses 不用于进行时) to be the parts that together form sth 组成；构成 **SYN** make up

- Female workers constitute the majority of the labour force.
女性雇员占劳动力的多数。

Construct

verb /kən'strʌkt / [VN]

1. [often passive] ~ sth (from/out of/of sth) to build or make sth such as a road, building or machine 建筑；修建；建造

- When was the bridge constructed?
那座桥是何时修建的？

- They constructed a shelter out of fallen branches.

他们用败落下的枯树枝搭了个窝棚。

→note at **build**

2. to form sth by putting different things together 组成；创建 **SYN** put together

- You must learn how to construct a logical argument.

你必须学会怎样确立合乎逻辑的论点。

- to construct a theory

创立一种理论

- a well-constructed novel

构思巧妙的小说

3. (**geometry** 几何) to draw a line or shape according to the rules of mathematics
(按照数学规则) 编制，绘制

- to construct a triangle

画一个三角形

noun /'kɒnstrʌkt; NAmE'ka:n- / (**formal**)

1. an idea or a belief that is based on various pieces of evidence which are not always true (根据不总是真实的各种证据得出的) 构想，观念，概念

- a contrast between lived reality and the construct held in the mind

现实生活与头脑所持概念之间的明显差别

2. (**linguistics** 语言) a group of words that form a phrase (短语的) 结构成分，结构体

3. a thing that is built or made 建造物；构筑物；制成物

Construction

of roads/buildings 道路；建筑物

1. [**U**] the process or method of building or making sth, especially roads, buildings, bridges, etc. 建筑；建造；施工

- the construction industry

建筑业

- road construction

道路的施工

- Work has begun on the construction of the new airport.

新机场的修建已经开工。

- Our new offices are still **under construction** (= being built) .

我们的新办公楼尚在修建中。

- the construction of a new database

新数据库的建立

2. [**U**] the way that sth has been built or made 建造（或构造）的方式

- strong in construction

结构坚固

- ships of steel construction

钢结构船

→note at **structure**

building/structure 建筑；结构

3. [C] (formal) a thing that has been built or made 建造物；构筑物；制成物

- The summer house was a simple wooden construction.
那座避暑别墅是简单的木结构建筑。

grammar 语法

4. [C] the way in which words are used together and arranged to form a sentence, phrase, etc. (句子、短语等的) 结构

- grammatical constructions
语法结构

of theory, etc. 理论等

5. [U, C] the creating of sth from ideas, opinions and knowledge (理念、观点和知识的) 创造，创立，建立

- the construction of a new theory
新理论的创立

meaning 含义

6. [C] (formal) the way in which words, actions, statements, etc. are understood by sb **SYN** interpretation (对词语、行为、陈述等的) 解释，说明，理解

- What construction do you put on this letter (= what do you think it means) ?
你对这封信如何理解？

Consume

1. to use sth, especially fuel, energy or time 消耗，耗费（燃料、能量、时间等）

The electricity industry consumes large amounts of fossil fuels.
电力工业消耗大量的矿物燃料。

2. to eat or drink sth 吃；喝；饮

Before he died he had consumed a large quantity of alcohol.
他死亡前喝了大量的酒。

3. ~ sb (with sth) [usually passive] to fill sb with a strong feeling 使充满（强烈的感情）

Carolyn was consumed with guilt.
卡罗琳深感内疚。

Rage consumed him.
他无比愤怒。

4. (of fire 火) to completely destroy sth 烧毁；毁灭

The hotel was quickly consumed by fire.
那座旅馆很快被大火吞噬。

Consumption

1. the act of using energy, food or materials; the amount used (能量、食物或材料的) 消耗，消耗量

- the production of fuel for **domestic consumption** (= to be used in the country where it is produced)
供国内消耗的燃料生产
- Gas and oil consumption always increases in cold weather.
燃气和燃油的消耗量在天冷时总会增加。

- The meat was declared unfit for **human consumption** .
这种肉被宣布不适于人食用。
- He was advised to reduce his alcohol consumption.
他被劝告减少饮酒。
- Her speech to party members was not intended for **public consumption** (= to be heard by the public) .
她对党员发表的讲话并不打算公诸大众。
—see also **consume**

2. the act of buying and using products 消费

- Consumption rather than saving has become the central feature of contemporary societies.
现代社会的主要特征是消费而不是储蓄。

contemporary

adj.

1. ~ (with sb/sth) belonging to the same time 属同时期的；同一时代的

- We have no contemporary account of the battle (= written near the time that it happened) .
我们没有当时人们对这一战役的记载。
- He was contemporary with the dramatist Congreve.
他与剧作家康格里夫属于同一时代。

2. belonging to the present time **SYN** modern 当代的；现代的

- life in contemporary Britain
当代英国的生活
- **contemporary fiction/music/dance**
当代小说/音乐/舞蹈

noun

(pl. **-ies**) a person who lives or lived at the same time as sb else, especially sb who is about the same age 同代人；同辈人；同龄人

- She and I were contemporaries at college.
她和我在大学是同学。
- He was a contemporary of Freud and may have known him.
他是弗洛伊德的同代人，可能认识弗洛伊德。