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current ['kʌrənt]

**n. 电流**

alternating current (AC) direct current (DC)

Is the wire live?

Lesson 18

**Electric currents in modern art**

The plug broke, exposing live wires.

a two-pin plug a three-pin plug socket

water current air current swim with the current

swim against the current the current president current affairs

the current economic situation

**mistaken [mɪ'steɪkən] adj. 错误的**mistaken ideas

a mistaken judgment be mistaken about …

I was mistaken about her age. wrong false

erroneous fallacious

mistake error

a technical error blunder

It was a blunder to marry such a lazy-bones. fault It’s your fault!

fallacy

It is a common fallacy that women are worse drivers than men.

make a mistake commit a fallacy

The author commits a fallacy of false analogy.

err

To err is human, to forgive divine. 凡人多舛误,

唯神能见宥.

— Alexander Pope

oddly ['ɒdli]

**adv. 奇怪地，古怪地**

**odd**

What an odd man he is! an odd number

an even number

strange unusual peculiar

a peculiar smell

a most peculiar story be peculiar to …

Pandas are peculiar to China.

weird

I heard some weird noises coming from outside.

eccentric

Our neighbor is an eccentric old lady who has about 25 cats.

bizarre outlandish

She came to the party wearing a bizarre / an outlandish costume and a blond wig.

attach [ə'tætʃ]

**v. 连上，系上，贴上，附加上**

**attach … to …**

attach a photo to the form attach a rope to the branch

They attached a number of conditions to the agreement. China attaches great importance / significance to agriculture. She attaches great value to financial independence.

sphere [sfɪə(r)]

**n. 球体；领域**

in the scientific / political / cultural / educational … sphere / area / field / world / realm / domain

atmosphere hemisphere

the northern / southern / eastern / western hemisphere

repel [rɪ'pel]

**v. 排斥**

Oil repels water.

attract

His behavior repels me.

The food repels my stomach.

be repelled by …

I was repelled by his behavior.

repellent

repellent smell / behavior

repel repellent

**repulse repulsive**

**revolt revolting**

**disgust disgusting**

You would not be able to understand why some people find it repulsive. “pel” = push

repel compel / impel

be / feel compelled to do be / feel impelled to do

expel propel

**flicker ['flɪkə(r)]**

**v. 闪烁**

The candle flickered in the wind. twinkle

Twinkle, twinkle, little star, like a diamond in the sky.

— Jane Taylor

sparkle glitter

The diamond sparkled in the sunlight. All that glitters is not gold.

flash

a flash of lightning a flash in the pan

— William Shakespeare

His first novel proved to be a flash in the pan. He never wrote another.

emit [ɪ'mɪt]

**v. 放射，发射**

Fireflies emit light but not heat.

give off discharge

**launch**

launch a rocket / missile / satellite **emit:** “*e* ”(out) + “*mit* ”(send) **submit:** “*sub* ”(under) + “*mit* ” **transmit**: “*trans* ” (across)+ “*mit* ” sexually transmitted diseases

The US open will be transmitted live via satellite.

**vomit**: “*vo* ”(eat) + “*mit* ”

**omit**: “*o* ”=“*ob* ”(away) + “*mit* ”

rarely seldom

**almost never hardly ever**

Though he owned a large car, he hardly ever used it, preferring always to go on foot. Rarely / Seldom does modern sculpture surprise us any more.

astonish disturb remind confuse convince

His reaction made me feel deeply disappointed.

 His reaction deeply disappointed me. What he said made me totally confused.

 What he said totally confused me.

The idea that modern art can only be seen in museums is mistaken.

When reports came into London Zoo that a wild puma had been spotted forty-five miles south of London, they were not taken seriously.

The idea is mistaken that modern art can only be seen in museums.

圆周句（掉尾句）

That all great art has this power of suggesting a world beyond is undeniable. It is undeniable that all great art has this power of suggesting a world beyond.

Although Tchaikovsky himself thought of the Pathetic Symphony as his crowning masterpiece, the premiere on October 28th 1893 in St. Petersburg proved a disappointment.

Even people who take no interest in art cannot have failed to notice examples *of modern sculpture on display in public places*.

be interested in … take … interest in … take an interest in … take no interest in … take little interest in …

**take a lot of interest in …**

Kidnappers are rarely interested in animals, but they recently took considerable interest in Mrs. Eleanor Ramsay's cat.

take pride in ...

You should take pride in your work.

take pleasure / delight in ...

College students seem to take pleasure / delight in practical jokes.

take comfort in ...

I know she goes out a lot at night, but I take comfort in the fact that she's always with friends.

take pity on ...

I took pity on the beggar and gave him some change.

cannot have failed to notice … must have noticed …

Cats never fail to fascinate human beings.

**“on + 名词”表示处于某种状态on display / show / exhibition** The house is on sale.

The workers are on strike. I’m here on vacation.

I’m here on business.

The nurse is on call 24 hours a day.

Strange forms of sculpture stand in gardens, and outside buildings and shops.

be / get / become used to(介词) …

“We'll get used to that Bill,” said the vicar.

be / get / become accustomed to(介词) …

We have got quite accustomed to them.

Read a gas meter.

Start a camp fire.

Get gas for his car.

Cook some food.

M: I’m not accustomed to using a gas stove.

W: It’s simple. Just turn the knob until the burner lights then adjust the flame. Q: What is the man going to do?

Answer: (D) Cook some food.

**be / get / become familiar with …** We have got quite familiar with them. **be adapted to(介词) …**

I am adapted to Beijing’s dry climate.

so-called

Where are your so-called friends now?

—including myself—

—as well as myself—

—no less than myself—

The first thing I saw *when I entered the art gallery* was a notice *which said: 'Do not touch the exhibits. Some of them are dangerous!'*

say v. 上面写着 …

The sign says ‘Keep Out’. What did the letter say?

My watch says four o’clock.

A tiny asterisk conducted me to a footnote at the bottom of the page. It said: 'This service has been suspended.'

go v. 一句话一个故事是怎么说的；一首歌是怎么唱的

As the old saying goes, ‘look before you leap’.

The story goes that the prince was turned to a frog. How does the song go?

Keep away from the exhibits. a strangely shaped carrot

She has a perfectly shaped figure.

heart-shaped pear-shaped V-shaped

**be suspended from .. hang from …**

His driver’s license was suspended.

in response to …

The president stepped down in response to public pressure. a gust of wind

a flash of lightning a peal of thunder a fit of coughing

a round of applause peals / gales of laughter **be familiar with …**

be familiar to …

Many readers are familiar with the name Harry Potter. The name Harry Potter is familiar to many readers.

Lined up against the wall, there were long thin wires *attached to metal spheres*.

line sth. up

The books are lined up on the shelf.

**line up** Line up, everybody!

cut in line

**attach sth. to sth.**

造句：在桌上排列着一些崭新的 (brand-new) 电脑，而电脑上又连着 (connect) 打印机

(printer)。

Lined up on the table, there are a number of brand-new computers connected to printers.

all the time 一直……，不停地…… on and on

**continuously constantly without stopping colored lights colorful lights**

… colorful rugs from Persia

These lights flickered continuously like traffic lights *which have gone mad*.

continuously continually

be always / continually doing He is continually being late.

He is continually asking me for money.

go mad go crazy go wild

**go bananas go nuts**

Oceans apart, day after day, and I slowly go insane.

on and off 断断续续地

**off and on**

反义：on and on 持续不停地**夸张 hyperbole**

白发三千丈, 缘愁似个长危楼高百尺, 手可摘星辰

燕山雪花大如席, 片片吹落轩辕台Everybody was clapping their hands off. I didn’t sleep a wink last night.

He has a skeleton of a wife.

双关 pun

刘禹锡《竹枝词》杨柳青青江水平 闻郎江上唱歌声 东边日出西边雨 道是无晴还有晴