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Lesson 30 The death of a ghost



**labourer / laborer ['leɪbərə(r)]**

**n. 劳动者**

labourer / laborer labour / labor skilled / unskilled labor

child labor labor market

labor force labor shortage labor relations

My father is a labor. X My father is a laborer. √

laborer farm laborer

hand farmhand

worker blue-collar worker white-collar worker

overnight [əʊvə'naɪt]

**adv. 在夜里，在夜间；突然，很快**

**adj. 夜间的；突然的，很快的**

You can stay overnight if you want to. an overnight journey

He became famous overnight. an overnight success **conscientious**

[kɑnʃi'ɛnʃəs]

**adj. 认真负责的**

a conscientious worker / attitude conscience

have a clear / guilty conscience

A clear conscience is a soft pillow.

conscious consciousness

enhance people’s consciousness of public morality

suspect [sə'spekt]

**v. 怀疑**

He suspected an ambush. I suspected his honesty. suspect sb. of sth.

I suspected him of lying.

suspect suspicion suspicious I’m suspicious of his motives.

recluse [rɪ'klu:s]

**n. 隐士，隐居者**

recluse hermit

anchorite loner

She has been a loner all her life. solitary sociable

prefer one’s own company

We asked him to come and eat with us, but he said he preferred his own company. rumor has it that … it’s rumored that …

Rumor has it that / It’s rumored that she only married him for his money. word has it that …

Word has it that John is going to keep a dog as a pet. legend has it that …

Legend has it that Qu Yuan, a great poet of the Warring States period, threw himself into the Mi Luo River when he heard his homeland had been invaded.

haunt

A headless man haunts the castle. The castle is haunted.

He is haunted by the experience of failure. I’m haunted by homesickness.

The farm was possessed by two brothers, …

The farm was in the possession of two brothers, … The farm belonged to two brothers, …

employ sb. hire sb.

**engage sb. take on sb.**

**appoint sb.**

He has been appointed (as) chief executive officer of the company.

fire sb. dismiss sb.

**sack sb. / give sb. the sack**

**lay off sb. suspend sb.**

The two police officers have been suspended until an enquiry is carried out. be willing / ready / prepared to do

(for) long

Have you known him (for) long? I haven’t known him (for) long. (for) a long time

I have known him (for) a long time. every time (when)

each time (when) whenever

no matter when give up one’s job leave one’s job quit one’s job resign

retire

it's the same old story

It's the same old story: too much work and not enough time. it's a long story

to cut / make a long story short It’s another / a different story

Farm labourers said that they always woke up *to find that work had been done overnight*.

动词不定式作结果状语时（尤其在表示随后发生的动作时）多表示意料之外的不愉快的结果。此时常在动词不定式前加上 only 以进一步加强意料之外的语气。

He got home *to learn that his father was ill*.

Jim turned round *to see that Mary was weeping*.

He got to the station *only to be told the train had gone*.

A farm worker, who stayed up all night, claimed to have seen a figure *cutting corn in the moonlight*.

stay up / sit up

He sat up all night, preparing for the exam. burn the midnight oil

a night owl wait up (for sb.)

I should go—Marie will be waiting up for me. toss and turn

Both of us were exhausted.

We always tried to rest after exercising.

I turned over and went to sleep again.

I was overtired and couldn't sleep.

Last night I tossed and turned in bed, too exhausted to sleep. Answer: (D) I was overtired and couldn't sleep.

not sleep a wink

not get a wink of sleep

I didn't sleep a wink last night with all that noise.

I didn't get a wink of sleep last night with all that noise. During the day, sleep comes in snatches.

… lulls you to sleep.

The dream-like music lulls me to sleep.

claim to have done

… for the descriptions given by people who claimed to have seen the puma were extraordinarily similar.

Fishermen and sailors sometimes claim to have seen monsters in the sea. claim to do

So far, no organization has claimed to be responsible for the accident. in the sunlight / in the sunshine / in the sun

in the moonlight / by moonlight

In time, it became an accepted fact that the Cox brothers employed a conscientious ghost that did most of their work for them.

in time

You’ll get used to it in time. in due time

with time

with the passing / passage of time

造句：现在医务界 (medical field) 弥漫 (prevail) 着一种不正之风 (a bad practice)，这已经成了一个公认的事实。医生给病人开出 (prescribe) 过分昂贵的药，而病人不得不给医生掏红包以换取更好的治疗和更安全的手术。

It has become an accepted fact that a bad practice is prevailing in the medical field. Doctors prescribe much more expensive medicine than necessary and patients, for their part, have to give doctors ‘hongbao’, money in a red envelope, for better treatment and safer surgery.

No one suspected that there might be someone else on the farm who had never been seen.

造句：谁也没想到在村子里竟然藏着一个从来也没有被认出来 (recognize) 过的谋杀犯。No one suspected that there might be a murderer hiding in the village who had never been recognized.

Yet this is not always the case. This is not always the case.

This is indeed the case. This is not the case at all. This might not be the case.

This is not necessarily the case.

A short time ago, villagers were astonished to learn that the ghost of Endley had died.

learn of / about know of / about hear of / about

Everyone went to the funeral, *for the 'ghost' was none other than Eric Cox, a third brother who was supposed to have died as a young man*.

everyone / every one

… poisoned every one of her five husbands. none other than 不是别人，正是……

造句：邻居们惊悉谋杀犯不是别人，正是受害者的妻子，而这个女人在年轻时一连毒死了自己的五个丈夫。

Neighbors here were astonished to learn that the murderer was none other than the victim’s wife

who had, in her youth, poisoned every one of her five husbands.

Mendoza met Humphries in the ring on a later occasion and he lost for a second time. when (he was) a young man

in his youth when young young

Only the good die young. keep a secret

reveal a secret

a secret becomes known

old older oldest

old elder eldest be obliged to do

join the army join the party join in the party enlist in the army be in the service

recruit conscript / draft Have you ever been in the service? So why did you enlist?

I was drafted into the army last year. the Second World War

World War II

the First Chapter Chapter One

life in the army

When he learnt that he would be sent abroad, he returned to the farm and his father hid him

*until the end of the war*. learn of / about …

hear of / about … know of / about …

Afraid of the authorities, …

Fearing the penalty from the authorities, … the authorities

the local authorities

the French / Chinese authorities

It is all too easy to blame the railway authorities when something does go wrong. government

administration

the Clinton / Bush administration regime

a fascist regime

in hiding

The frightened family lived in hiding for three years. be killed / wounded in action

be reported missing in action battle

Young men who have reason to fear that they will be killed in battle may justifiably feel bitter in the thought that they have been cheated of the best things that life has to offer.

They were tight-mouthed.

When their father died, they thought it *their duty* to keep Eric in hiding.

造句：他觉得有责任把这个孤儿抚养成人。He thought it *his duty* to bring up the orphan. recluse / hermit

live / lead a … life

They can be friendly and affectionate towards humans, but they lead mysterious lives of their own as well.

Eric had lived / led the life of a recluse / hermit.

He used to sleep during the day and work at night, *quite unaware of the fact that he had become the ghost of Endley*.

be unaware of …

be unconscious of … not know …

not realize … have no idea …

… quite unconscious of the fact that …

… never knowing / realizing that …

… not having the slightest idea that …

*When he died*, *however*, his brothers found it impossible to keep the secret any longer.

造句：我觉得无法抵制诱惑。

I found it *impossible* to resist temptation.