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Lesson 41 illusions of pastoral peace



**illusion [ɪ'lu:ʒn]**

**n. 错觉**

illusion delusion

be / live under the illusion / delusion that …

He is / lives under the illusion / delusion that he is always right. be under the impression that …

Though the crew were at first under the impression that the lost ship had been found, the contents of the chest proved them wrong.

breed [bri:d]

**v. 养育，培育**

breed bred bred a well-bred child

an ill-bred child born and bred

I was born and bred in China. I was China born and bred.

I was city born and bred.

I was country born and bred. bring up sb.

raise sb. rear sb.

rapture ['ræptʃə(r)]

**n. 极度的高兴，狂喜**

rapture > delight > joy / happiness

be in raptures / go into raptures *about* / *over* / *at* sth. She was in / went into raptures about her new house. **extol [ɪk'stəʊl]**

v. 高度赞扬，盛赞

extol the virtues / benefits of sth.

He extolled the virtues of Internet technology.

exalt eulogize

praise acclaim

a much acclaimed novel compliment compliment sb. on sth.

Everyone at the party complimented Mary on her new dress.

superior [su:'pɪəriə(r)]

**adj. 优越的，优秀的，高级的**

He is a superior actor. be superior to …

Your computer is far superior to mine.

inferior be inferior to …

senior be senior to …

junior be junior to …

prior be prior to …

posterior be posterior to …

cockcrow ['kɒkkrəʊ]

**n. 鸡啼，公鸡打鸣**

cockcrow cockroach

Many girls are afraid / scared / frightened of cockroaches.

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| crow | cackle | quack |
| meow | bark | bleat |
| bellow | grunt | neigh |
| roar | chirp | twitter |
| warble |  |  |
| **glint [glɪnt]**  **v. 闪烁** |  |  |

The dewdrops glint in the sunshine. sparkle glitter

All that glitters is not gold.

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

The heated iron bar glowed.

descend [dɪ'send]

**v. 下降，降临**

We descended the stairs.

The plane started to descend. ascend

be descended from … descendant

He is descended from Confucius.

He is a descendant of Confucius. descend on / upon …

Millions of tourists descend on Beijing every year. Total silence descended on the room.

A sense of complete helplessness had descended upon him. A double blessing has descended upon the house.

Few things could be more impressive than the peace that descends on deserted city streets at weekends when the thousands that travel to work every day are tucked away in their homes in the country.

obstinately ['ɒbstɪnətlɪ]

**v. 顽固地，固执地**

The old man is as obstinate as a mule. as stupid as a donkey

as busy as a bee as cunning as a fox as brave as a lion

as proud as a peacock

as poor as a church mouse as graceful as a swan

stubborn headstrong

determined resolute

appeal to sb.

The idea never appealed to me very much, but one day, after a heavy shower, I happened to be walking in my garden when I noticed a huge number of snails taking a stroll on some of my prize plants.

appeal

In spite of national differences, certain funny situations have a universal appeal. The quiet life of the country has never attracted me.

The quiet life of the country has never intrigued me. The quiet life of the country is not my cup of tea.

City born and city bred, I have always regarded the country as something you look at through a train window, or something you occasionally visit during the weekend.

Because / Since I was born and bred in the city, … Because / Since I was city born and bred, …

…, I have always thought of the country as something …

…, I have always considered the country something … I have no intimate knowledge of the country.

造句：因为是土生土长的中国人，我总是认为美国就是在好莱坞电影里看到的样子，或者偶尔在假期里看到的样子。

China born and China bred, I have always regarded America as something you watch in Hollywood movies, or something you occasionally visit during holidays.

Most of my friends live in the city, yet they always go into raptures at the mere mention of the country.

go into raptures go into ecstasies

at the … of 一……就……

On the other hand, your stomach would turn at the idea of frying potatoes in animal fat, … It is true that during their explorations they often faced difficulties and dangers of the most perilous nature, equipped in a manner which would make a modern climber shudder at the thought, …

… as soon as they speak of / mention the country.

… immediately / directly they speak of / mention the country.

… the moment they speak of / mention the country.

造句：我的朋友们多数住在中国，然而他们仅仅一提到美国就欣喜若狂。

Most of my friends live in China, yet they always go into raptures at the mere mention of America.

Though they extol the virtues of the peaceful life, only one of them has ever gone to live in the country and he was back in town within six months.

extol the virtues / benefits of sth.

… only one of them has personal experience of living in the country. Most of them are mere talkers.

造句：尽管他们盛赞美国生活的种种好处，但只有一个人曾经去那里住过，并且仅仅 (a mere)

不到两年就回中国了。

Though they extol the virtues of life in America, only one of them has ever gone to live there and he was back in China within a mere two years.

Even he still lives under the illusion that country life is somehow superior to town life. Even he is still under the illusion that …

The worst thing about the do-it-yourself game is that sometimes even men live under the delusion that they can do anything, even when they have been repeatedly proved wrong.

… town life is somehow inferior to country life.

…country life somehow beats town life.

…country life somehow has an advantage over town life.

造句：甚至连他都依然有一种错觉：好像美国生活比中国生活优越。

Even he still lives under the illusion that American life is somehow superior to Chinese life. be forever doing sth.

be always doing sth.

Our vicar is always raising money for one cause or another, but he has never managed to get enough money to have the church clock repaired.

be constantly / continually doing sth. keep (on) doing sth.

do sth. all the time

造句：他总是不停地谈论友好的人民，干净的空气，蔚蓝的 (azure) 天空和廉价的商品。He is forever talking about the friendly people, the clean atmosphere, the azure sky and the cheap commodities.

compare A with / to B

I hate the way you always compare me with your ex-boyfriend.

nothing can be compared with …

造句：泰山日出的美景是无以伦比的。

Nothing can be compared with the sight of the rising sun glinting on Mount Tai. compared to / with …

Compared to our small flat, Bill’s house seemed like a palace. in / by contrast to / with …

In contrast to the hot days, the nights are bitterly cold. in / by comparison to / with …

People who do manual work often receive far more money in comparison with people who work in offices.

at dawn

at the break / crack of dawn

at sunrise at daybreak

at dusk at sunset

from dawn to dusk

当 “part of” 之前没有形容词修饰时，通常不加不定冠词 “a” This idyllic pastoral scene is only part of the picture.

Justice is part of the complex machinery of the law. Memory loss is a *normal* part of the aging process.

My friend fails to mention the long and friendless winter evenings in front of the TV ― virtually the only form of entertainment.

造句: 这个房地产经纪人 (real estate agent) 根本就没提在崎岖的 (rough) 乡间道路上又闷又挤的 (stuffy and packed) 小公共汽车 (minibus)，而这几乎是唯一的交通方式。

The real estate agent failed to mention the stuffy and packed minibuses on rough country roads—virtually the only form of transportation.

He says nothing about the poor selection of goods in the shops, or about those unfortunate people who have to travel from the country to the city every day to get to work.

everyday life everyday necessities

Why people are prepared to tolerate a four-hour journey each day *for the dubious privilege of living in the country* is beyond me.

Such is human nature, that a great many people are often willing to sacrifice higher pay for the privilege of becoming white-collar workers.

be beyond sb.

be a mystery to sb.

It has always been a mystery to me why city dwellers, who appreciate all these things, obstinately pretend that they would prefer to live in the country.

be beyond sb.

be a mystery to sb. beat sb.

It is beyond me why …

It is a mystery to me why … It beats me why …

I cannot understand why … He says nothing about ...

Why people are prepared to tolerate a four-hour journey each day for the dubious privilege of living in the country ...

They could be saved ...

造句: 我无法理解为什么人们愿意 (be prepared to do) 放弃更高的薪水而为了可疑的

(dubious) 成为白领工人的所谓特权。

Why people are prepared to sacrifice higher pay for the dubious privilege of becoming white-collar workers is beyond me.

造句: 我无法理解为什么人们愿意忍受语言和文化的障碍 (barrier)，难以排遣的 (haunting)

寂寞和强烈的 (acute) 思乡之情 (homesickness)，为了换取可疑的住在美国的好处。

Why people are prepared to tolerate the language and cultural barriers, the haunting loneliness and the acute homesickness for the dubious privilege of living in America is beyond me.

They could be saved so much misery and expense if they chose to live in the city *where they rightly belong*.

save sb. sth. / doing sth.

If you lend me some money, it will save me a trip to the bank. If you tell her the news, it will save me calling her.

rightly adv. for a good reason

It was a vicious foul, and the referee rightly removed him from the game. A lot of people round here were furious, and rightly so.

… which they rightly belong to.

造句：他们可以省去诸多痛苦、不便和无尽的怀旧之情 (nostalgia)，如果他们选择住在他们本应属于的国度 (land)。

They could be saved so much misery, inconvenience and endless nostalgia if they chose to live in the land where they rightly belong.

If you can do without the few pastoral pleasures of the country, you will find *the city can provide you with the best that life can offer*.

do without sth.

If you need my car, I can do without it today. She can’t do without candy.

go without sth. manage without sth. provide sb. with sth. provide sth. for sb.

They invariably live in the neighborhood / vicinity … be available / free *for sth.* / *to do sth.*

My professor is always available for a conversation / to talk with his students. be busy

be not available be tied up

have a previous / prior engagement

I appreciate your kind invitation, but I have a previous / prior engagement.

chat / chit-chat go up to the city

go down to the country They walked up north. They walked down south. They sailed up the river. They sailed down the river. **treat n. 难得的乐事**

be a real / great treat

When we were kids, a trip to the beach was a real treat. Her son's visits are a great treat for her.

as a special treat

We took the kids to the zoo as a special treat. major: important; significant

minor unimportant

trivial insignificant

operation: work; activity; action

The salvage operation had been a complete failure. rescue operation

relief operation cleanup operation

… and it involves considerable planning.

造句：出国留学是一个重大的行动，需要精心的计划。

Studying abroad is a major operation which involves considerable planning. draw to a close / an end / a conclusion

come to a close / an end / a conclusion

… of this / that *sort / kind*

I can’t approve of things of this sort. this / that *sort / kind* of …

I can’t approve of this sort of thing. be only a short bus ride away

be only a stone’s throw away be within walking distance be within driving distance

be within commuting distance make do with …

John did not have a hammer, so he had to make do with a rock. second best

be second only to …

The euro has a circulation second only to that of the dollar. be second to none

When it comes to singing, John is second to none.

Country people run wild when they go shopping in the city and stagger home *loaded with as*

*many of the exotic items as they can carry*. run / go wild with delight

run / go crazy with delight go into raptures / ecstasies

Nothing is impossible to a willing mind. No one has nothing to offer to society.

造句：男人也不是没有脆弱 (frailty) 的时候。

Nor *are* men without their moments of frailty.

There is something comforting *about the warm glow shed by advertisements on cold wet winter nights*.

shed bitter tears shed blood

shed light on sth.

These discoveries may shed light on the origins of the universe. on a Monday night

on a sunny afternoon

Few things could be more impressive *than the peace that descends on deserted city streets at weekends when the thousands (that travel to work every day) are tucked away in their homes in the country*.

Few students could be more diligent than she (is).

tuck v. 掖进，塞进

tuck your trousers into your boots be tucked away: be hidden

A group of tiny brick houses is tucked away behind the factory. We were tucked away in a secluded corner of the room.

It has always been a mystery to me why city dwellers, who appreciate all these things, obstinately pretend *that they would prefer to live in the country*.

It has always been beyond me why … It beats me why …

… they would prefer to live in the country rather than live in the city. They are hypocritical.