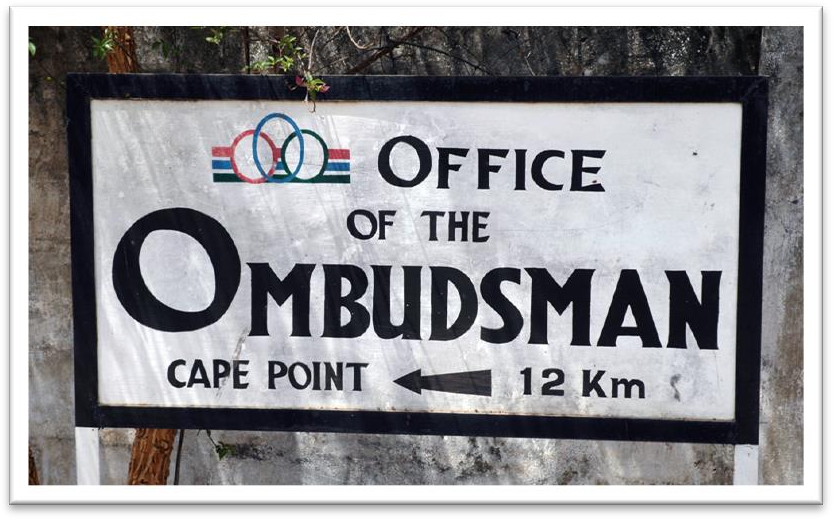
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**evolve [i'vɒlv]**

**v. 演变，逐渐形成；进化**

evolve v. 1. to develop and change gradually over a long period of time 演变，逐渐形成

The school has evolved its own style of teaching.

Sweden has evolved an excellent system for protecting the individual citizen from highhanded or incompetent public officers.

evolve from …

Popular music evolved from folk songs. evolve into …

The group gradually evolved into a political party.

evolve v. 2. an animal or plant changes gradually over a long period of time 进化

Animals have evolved camouflage to protect themselves from predators. evolve from …

Fish evolved from prehistoric sea creatures. evolve into …

Slowly, these tiny organisms evolved into multicelled creatures. evolution n. 进化；演变，逐渐发展

Darwin's theory of evolution

the evolution of farming methods “volve” / “volu” = roll 转

evolve involve revolve The earth revolves around the sun. volume evolution revolution an encyclopedia in 20 volumes

In politics Britain has preferred evolution to revolution.

over-zealously ['oʊvə 'zeləslɪ] adv. 过分热情地

overzealous adj. excessively enthusiastic 过分热情的

overzealous movie fans an overzealous manager

zeal for … zealous

passion for … passionate enthusiasm for … enthusiastic

zest for … zestful

ardor / ardour for … ardent

qualified ['kwɒlɪfaɪd]

**adj. 有资格的，有资质的**

qualified adj. having finished a training course, or having particular skills, etc. . 有资格的，有资质的

Tim is now a qualified architect. be qualified for …

What makes you think that you are qualified for this job? be qualified to do …

I'm not qualified to give advice on such matters.

A parliamentary committee representing all political parties appoints a person who is suitably qualified to investigate private grievances against the State.

qualify v.（使）有资格或能力qualify as

He qualified as a doctor last year. qualify sb. to do sth.

The test qualifies you to drive heavy vehicles. qualify sb. for sth.

This training course will qualify you for a better job. Membership qualifies you for a discount on purchases.

qualification n. （某工作需要的）资格，能力；文凭，资质证书In addition to all her other qualifications, Bessie was an expert cook. **secretive ['si:krətɪv]**

adj. 爱保密的，守口如瓶的

secretive adj. liking to keep things secret or to hide one's thoughts, feelings, etc. 爱保密的，守口如瓶的

be secretive about …

He's being very secretive about his new girlfriend.

There is nothing secretive about the Ombudsman's work, for his correspondence is open to public inspection.

secrecy n. keeping secrets, or state of being secret 保密

in secrecy / in secret / secretly

Many civilians were slaughtered and buried in secrecy / in secret / secretly. in the secrecy of one’s heart

The personable young man is Mary’s true love in the secrecy of her heart. be veiled / shrouded / cloaked in secrecy

The president’s exact itinerary was veiled / shrouded / cloaked in secrecy for security reasons.

ascertain [æsə'teɪn]

**v. 查明，弄清，确定**

ascertain v. (fml.) discover sth. so that one is certain 查明，弄清，确定The police have so far been unable to ascertain the cause of the explosion. ascertain whether / what / how etc.

We need to ascertain whether the project is feasible. ascertain that …

The police have ascertained that he knew the victim.

The lawyer ascertained that a policeman had indeed dealt roughly with foreigners on several occasions.

prejudiced ['predʒədɪst] adj. 有偏见的

prejudiced adj. showing an unreasonable dislike for sth. or sb. 有偏见的

The media has been accused of presenting a prejudiced view of people with disabilities. prejudiced against …

The early Christian church was prejudiced against the Jews.

The fact that the policeman was prejudiced against foreigners could not be recorded in the official files.

be biased *against* …

be biased *in favor of / toward(s)* … be partial *to / toward(s)* …

He seemed a bit biased against women in my opinion. The judge is biased in favor of the plaintiff.

The referee was clearly partial to the other side. prejudice *(against …)*

bias *(against …)*

bias *(in favor of / toward(s) …)*

partiality *(to / toward(s) …)*

Scandinavian n. & adj. (native) of Scandinavia (i.e. Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Iceland) much 常与过去分词构成的形容词连用，表示“广为……”“广受……”

The money will buy much *needed* books for the school. Education is a much *discussed* government service. much-used much-needed

much-travelled much-loved

much-respected much-admired

much-discussed much-criticized much-acclaimed

In this much-travelled world, there are still thousands of places which are inaccessible to tourists. all over the world

throughout the world around the world

in various parts of the world the world over

Cooked in wine, snails are a great luxury in various parts of the world.

Though my aunt pursued what was, in those days, an enlightened policy, in that she never allowed her domestic staff to work more than eight hours a day, she was extremely difficult to please.

Sweden n. 瑞典

Swede n. 瑞典人

Swedish adj. 瑞典的，瑞典人的，瑞典语的；n. 瑞典语

The Swedes were the first to recognize that … the Swedish Parliament

a Swedish village Switzerland n. 瑞士

Swiss n. 瑞士人（单复同型）；adj. 瑞士的，瑞士人的，瑞士方言的

protect … from …

The cover protects the machine from dust.

high-handed adj. using authority in an unreasonable way, without considering the opinions of other people 专横的，颐指气使的

She resented his high-handed manner.

work v. to have a particular effect or result 有某种效果

The strategy seems to be working.

Criticizing your former employers works against you in the interview.

Carlyle was entirely ignorant of what the bottle in his pocket contained, of the nature of the illness from which his friend was suffering, and of what had previously been wrong with his wife, but a medicine that had worked so well in one form of illness would surely be of equal benefit in another, and comforted by the thought of the help he was bringing to his friend, he hastened to Henry Taylor's house.

The Swedes were the first to recognize that public officials like civil servants, police officers, health inspectors or tax-collectors can make mistakes or act over-zealously *in the belief that they are serving the public*.

public official n. 公职人员（以官方的身份行事的人）

civil servant = public servant n. 公务员（政府文职人员）

health inspector n. someone who works for the government whose job is to visit restaurants and make sure that they are clean and obeying laws about preparing food 卫生检查员

in the belief that … = because sb. believe that … 因为某人相信…… She wrote to him in the belief that he would help her.

“in the + 表示感觉的名词”在句中作原因状语

in the belief that … = because sb. believe that … in the thought that … = because sb. think that …

in the discovery that … = because sb. discover that …

in the hope of doing / that … = because sb. hope to do / that …

The Swedes were the first to recognize that public officials like civil servants, police officers, health inspectors or tax-collectors can make mistakes or act over-zealously in the belief that *(=because they believe that)* they are serving the public.

They leave unwanted objects in drawers, cupboards and attics for years, in the belief that

*(=because they believe that)* they may one day need just those very things.

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

In the lift her thoughts were on lunch and a good rest; but when she got out at her own floor, both were forgotten in her sudden discovery that *(=because she suddenly discovered that)* her front door was open.

The men of our family waded down through our flooded meadows with boathooks, in the hope of being *(=because they hope to be)* able to grapple a corner of the raft and pull it out of the current towards our bank.

as long ago as … = as early as … 早在……就……

parliament n. group of people who are elected to make a country’s laws and discuss important national affairs 国会，议会

Parliament n. the main law-making institution in the UK, which consists of the House of Commons and the House of Lords 英国国会（包括下议院和上议院） parliamentary adj. 议会的，国会的

a parliamentary committee

Congress n. the group of people elected to make laws in the US, consisting of the Senate and the House of Representatives 美国国会（包括参议院和众议院）

congressional adj. 美国国会的

a congressional committee introduce v. 开始推行，开始采用

The use of gloves was not introduced until 1860 when the Marquis of Queensberry drew up the first set of rules.

scheme n. 1. 计划，方案；2. 阴谋诡计

Most of us fail in our efforts at self-improvement because our schemes are too ambitious and we never have time to carry them out.

schemes and intrigues

safeguard v. to protect sth. from harm or damage 保护，保卫

We hope that world leaders can agree on a plan to safeguard the environment. safeguard sb. / sth. against sth.

The company was blamed for failing to safeguard workers against dangerous chemicals. safeguard n. 预防措施

safeguard against …

Congress established the law as a safeguard against tax evasion.

A parliamentary committee representing all political parties appoints a person *who is suitably qualified to investigate private grievances against the State*.

appoint v. to choose someone for a position or a job 任命，委任

They have appointed a new manager. appoint sb. to sth.

It made sense to appoint a banker to this job. appoint sb. to do sth.

A lawyer was appointed to represent the child.

appoint sb. (as) sth.

They appointed him (as) captain of the English team.

grievance n. a complaint or a strong feeling that you have been treated unfairly 委屈，不平，不满，牢骚

inviting the members to air their grievances Management agreed to settle the workers' grievances.

Bill still harbours / nurses a grievance *against* his employers for not promoting him. refer to A as B

call A B address A as B know A as B

常与副词 commonly, usually, generally, frequently, often 等连用

The official title of the person is 'Justiteombudsman', but the Swedes *commonly* refer to him as the 'J.O.' or 'Ombudsman'.

Though these large machines still exist, many of their functions have been taken over by small powerful personal computers, *commonly* known as PCs.

People who work in offices are *frequently* referred to as 'white collar workers' for the simple reason that they usually wear a collar and tie to go to work.

be subject to sth. likely to be affected by sth., especially sth. bad 可能或易于受到……的影响

Flights are subject to delay because of the fog.

Smokers are more subject to heart attacks than non-smokers.

He investigates complaints *large and small* that come to him from all levels of society.

两个含义相反的形容词连用时，常位于被修饰名词之后。

A man with a noble heart never bows before difficulties *great or small*. We should be fair to all people, *big and small*, *young and old*.

level n. relative position in rank, class or authority 级别，阶层

These are subjects for discussion at management level.

make / bring / file / lodge / submit / a complaint *about sth. / against sb.*

I'd like to make a complaint *about* the noise.

He brought a complaint *against* his former manager.

I determined to lodge a complaint as soon as we arrived.

… if any further complaints were lodged *against* him, he would be prosecuted. in writing 以书面形式

All bookings must be confirmed in writing. in speech 以口头形式

He expressed his opinions both in speech and in writing. speak in English

pay in cash

a short note scribbled in pencil write a message in code

The title was printed in capital letters. an average of … 平均……

Parents spend an average of $220 a year on toys for their children.

Prices have risen by an average of 4% over the past year. on average / on an average 平均……

My income’s rather variable, but I earn $100 a day on average.

As a reasonable guess, they might, on an average, be 100 light years away. every single 每一……（加强 every 的语气）

We eat rice every single day!

Don't write down every single word I say.

There is nothing secretive about … 没有什么可保密的

There is nothing secretive about it.

There is nothing secretive about Christianity.

correspondence n. [U] the letters that someone sends and receives, especially official or business letters 信件

She has a lot of correspondence to deal with.

mail n. [U] the letters and packages that are delivered to you 邮件

There isn't much mail today.

He agreed that a train did come into the station at the time on the paper and that it did stop, but only to take on mail, not passengers.

open adj. public, not limited 公开的，开放的，没有限制的

be open to sb. / sth.

The competition is open to anyone over the age of sixteen. I'd like to think I am open to any reasonable suggestion.

justified adj. having an acceptable explanation or reason 合理的

be / feel justified in doing sth.

She felt *fully* justified in asking for her money back.

justify v. to show or prove that sb./sth. is right or reasonable 表明或证明……是合理的

The end justifies the means.

justification n. [U and C] a good and acceptable reason for doing sth. 正当的理由

justification for (doing) sth.

There is no justification for holding her in jail.

In the young there is a justification for this feeling.

on behalf of sb. / on sb.'s behalf in behalf of sb. / in sb.'s behalf

representing; instead of 代表，代替

Unfortunately, George cannot be with us today so I am pleased to accept this award on his behalf.

in the interest of sb. 为了某人的利益

The legal guardian must act on behalf of the child. They campaigned on behalf of asylum seekers.

The action he takes varies *according to the nature of the complaint*. take action: do sth. in response to what has happened 采取行动Immediate action must be taken to stop the fire spreading.

It was impossible for the Ombudsman to take action, … vary according to / depending on …

Prices vary according to the type of room you require.

The leaf's size varies widely according to the area where it grows. Costs are likely to vary depending on where you live.

Every solid object will reflect a sound, varying according to the size and nature of the object. He may gently reprimand an official or even suggest *to parliament* that a law *be* altered. reprimand / rebuke sb. for sth.

I was reprimanded / rebuked by my manager for being late.

Recognizing who the customer was, the manager was most apologetic and reprimanded the assistant severely.

A foreigner *living in a Swedish village* wrote to the Ombudsman complaining *that he had been ill-treated by the police, simply because he was a foreigner*.

write to sb. = write a letter to sb.

ill-treat v. to treat sb. in a cruel or unkind way, abuse 虐待

ill-treat one's dog

They thought Mr. Smith had been ill-treating his wife. ill-treated animals

ill adv. badly ill-bred

ill-advised

ill-mannered well-bred well-advised well-informed

well-intentioned

simply because … = for the simple reason that …

People who work in offices are frequently referred to as 'white collar workers' for the simple reason that they usually wear a collar and tie to go to work.

I was not surprised to find that the machine still refused to work after I had reassembled it, for the simple reason that I was left with several curiously shaped bits of metal which did not seem to fit anywhere.

*simply* because … 只不过因为…… *partly* because … 部分是因为…… *mainly* because … 主要是因为……

Many exam candidates lose marks *simply* because they do not read the questions properly. I decided to go with them, mainly because I had nothing better to do.

Hubert never experienced any fear, and this was partly because he was not particularly intelligent.

The Ombudsman immediately wrote to the Chief of Police in the district asking him to send a record of the case.

Chief of Police n. the most senior police officer in a city who is in charge of all the police there 警察局长

There was nothing in the record *to show that the foreigner's complaint was justified* and the Chief of Police strongly denied the accusation.

deny an accusation / a charge

accuse sb. of sth. charge sb. with sth.

It was impossible for the Ombudsman *to take action*, but when he received a similar complaint from another foreigner in the same village, he immediately sent one of his lawyers to investigate the matter.

deal *well / badly etc.* by / with sb. (fml.) treat sb. well, badly etc. 对某人好、坏等

He has always dealt *well* by me. You've been *badly* dealt with.

The police dealt *roughly* with the rioters. He deals *fairly* with all people.

I consider he has been dealt with *leniently*.

The fact that the policeman was prejudiced against foreigners could not be recorded in the official files.

It was only possible for the Ombudsman *to find this out by sending one of his representatives to check the facts*.

The policeman *in question* was severely reprimanded and was informed that if any further complaints were lodged against him, he would be prosecuted.

in question: being discussed 正在被讨论的，提到的，谈到的

The woman in question is sitting over there.

The job in question is available for three months only. lodge a complaint *against sb.*

prosecute vt. 检举，起诉，对……提起公诉

Trespassers will be prosecuted. Shoplifters will be prosecuted.

The Ombudsman's prompt action at once put an end to an unpleasant practice which *might have gone* unnoticed.

put / bring an end to sth.: stop sth. from happening any more; abolish sth. 终止……，废止…… The government is determined to put an end to terrorism.

It's hoped the talks may bring an end to the violence. go / pass unnoticed

The event went unnoticed. Her death passed unnoticed.

If they had only had one more child, the fact would have passed unnoticed.

The Ombudsman's prompt action at once put an end to an unpleasant practice which might have gone unnoticed *if there had not been the Ombudsman's prompt action*.