Lesson 31The sculptor speaks

perception [pə'sepʃn]

n. 知觉，感知能力；洞察力；看法

perception n. 1. [U] (fml.) ability to see, hear or understand 知觉，感知能力

visual perception

our perception *of* reality

Though they may attain considerable accuracy in the perception *of* flat form, they do not make the further intellectual and emotional effort needed to comprehend form in its full spatial existence.

perception n. 2. [U] (fml.) the ability to understand the true nature of sth.

= insight 洞察力

His analysis of the problem showed great perception.

perception n. 3. [C] the way you think about sth. and your idea of what it is like 看法

My perception *of* the matter is that ...

the public perception *of* the government's performance perceive v. 觉察到，注意到；理解

perceptible adj. 可觉察的，可感知的

perceptive adj. 敏锐的，有洞察力的

“ceive” / “cept” / “cip” / “cipate” = to take perception “per” = through

perceive perceptible perceptive accept “ac” = to

acceptable acceptance

deceive v. “de” = away

deception deceptive except “ex” = out

exception exceptional intercept “inter” = between interceptor interception receive “re” = back

reception receipt receptionist anticipate “anti” = before

anticipation anticipatory participate “part” = part

participant participation emancipate “e” = out “man” = hand susceptible “sus” = under comprehend [7kɒmprɪ'hend]

v. 完全理解

comprehend v. understand sth. fully 完全理解

How could you possibly comprehend the difficulties of my situation? “prehend” / “prehens” = to seize

comprehend “com” = together comprehension n. 完全理解comprehensive adj. 包罗万象的，全面的

apprehend “ap” = to v. 逮捕

apprehension n. 逮捕；忧虑，恐惧apprehensive adj. 忧虑的，害怕的，不安的reprehend “re” = back v. 批评，指责reprehension n. 批评，指责

reprehensible adj. 应受指责的

visualize ['vɪʒuəlaɪz]

v. 设想，想象

visualize v. to form a picture of someone or something in your mind = imagine 设想，想象

I tried to visualize the house while he was describing it.

I’m just trying to visualize how this hat would look with my new dress. imagine

We sometimes imagine a desert island to be a sort of paradise where the sun always shines.

Imagine their dismay when they found a beautifully-cooked wallet and notes turned to ash!

picture

I can't picture the village without the old church.

We found it hard to picture him as the father of teenage sons. form a picture of …

It is very difficult to form a picture of life in the 6th Century because there is a lack of historical evidence.

Most of us have formed an unrealistic picture of life on a desert island. conceive of …

Can you conceive of a situation in which the United States would ever have to use its nuclear arsenal?

I have often tried to conceive of what those pages might contain, but of course I cannot do so because I am a prisoner of the present-day world, just as all of you are.

reminiscence [7remɪ'nɪsns]

n. 回忆，回忆录

reminiscence n. 1. [U] recalling of past events and experiences 回忆，怀

旧

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reminiscences n. [pl] spoken or written account of one’s remembered experiences 回忆，回忆录

The novel contains endless reminiscences *of / about* the author's youth.

reminisce v. to talk or think about pleasant events in your past 缅怀往事， 话旧

reminisce about …

We spent a happy evening reminiscing about the past.

memoirs n. [pl.] a book by someone important and famous in which they write about their life and experiences 回忆录，自传

Lady Thatcher had just published her memoirs.

memo / memorandum n. a short official note to another person in the same company or organization 备忘录

I sent him a memo reminding him about the meeting.

Appreciation of sculpture depends upon the ability *to respond to form in*

*there dimensions*. appreciation of … 欣赏……

appreciation of poetry and literature

in appreciation of … 以感谢……

I sent him a gift in appreciation of his help. appreciation of … 理解……

To get a full appreciation of what this means we must turn first to some

recent human inventions.

That is perhaps why sculpture has been described as the most difficult of all arts; certainly it is more difficult *than the arts which involve appreciation of flat forms, shape in only two dimensions*.

the most difficult of all arts

 the most difficult art of all

the greatest of all Western stars

 the greatest Western star of all

the most difficult of all obstacles

 the most difficult obstacle of all

the most valuable find of all

 the most valuable of all finds

the most frightening thing of all

 the most frightening of all things

the deepest holes of all

 the deepest of all holes

involve v. if a situation, an event or an activity involves sth, that thing is an important or necessary part or result of it 需要……

involve (doing) sth.

Community service can involve anything from gardening to helping in old people's homes.

Jane was on a diet which involved eating nothing but fruit. entail (doing) sth.

This job entails a lot of hard work.

My job entailed being on call twenty-four hours a day. Many more people are 'form-blind' *than colour-blind*. many / far more + 复数名词

much / far more + 不可数名词

many / far more people much / far more money

The child learning to see, first distinguishes only two-dimensional shape; it cannot judge distances, depths.

Later, *for its personal safety and practical needs*, it has to develop *(partly*

*by means of touch)* the ability to judge roughly three-dimensional

distances.

But having satisfied the requirements of practical necessity, most people go no further.

go further 更进一步

I can offer you 50, but I can't go any further than that.

Whaling in Australia was stopped. But the Australian government went further and proposed a global ban.

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form, they do not make the further intellectual and emotional effort

*needed to comprehend form in its full spatial existence*.

spatial adj. relating to the size, shape, and position of things, and the relation of objects to each other in space 空间的

changes taking place in the spatial distribution of the population

the development of a child's spatial awareness This is the oldest Hebrew manuscript in existence.

造句：尽管人们可以相当精确地感知金钱的力量，但是他们之中的大

多数在智力上和情感上却没有进一步努力去理解人生的意义。Though people may attain considerable accuracy in the perception of the power of money, most of them do not make the further intellectual and

emotional effort needed to comprehend the meaning of life.

造句：尽管我们可以相当精确地衡量物质商品的价值，但是我们之中多数人在智力和情感上却没有进一步努力去估算人们为我们做的服务的真正价值。

Though it may be possible to measure the value of material goods in terms of money, it is extremely difficult to estimate the true value of the services which people perform for us.

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This is what the sculptor must do.

He must strive continually to think of, *and use*, form in its full spatial

completeness.

strive v. try very hard to obtain or achieve sth.（为获得或实现某事物） 努力，奋斗

strive to do sth.

We strive to be accurate, but some mistakes are inevitable. strive for …

women who were striving for more freedom think of sth. = imagine sth. 想像某事物Just think of the expense!

He gets the solid shape, *as it were*, inside his head―he thinks of it,

*whatever its size*, as if he were holding it *completely enclosed in the*

*hollow of his hand*.

as it were / so to speak 好像

They will be able, as it were, to see and hear us in action.

It is said that the nerve poison is the more primitive of the two, that the blood poison is, so to speak, a newer product from an improved formula. whatever 引导让步状语从句时，常省略 be 动词。

He gets the solid shape, as it were, inside his head-he thinks of it,

whatever its size (is), as if he were holding it completely enclosed in the hollow of his hand.

Whatever the source of noise (is), one thing is certain: silence, it seems, has become a golden memory.

After all, whatever her faults (are), she is your mother. The country is always beautiful whatever the season (is).

It is as if a single unimportant event *set* up a chain of reactions.

It's as if they *were* in some sense cosmic beings in violent an lovely contrast with us suburban creatures.

…, but I do not turn for protection to dreary clichés about respect of elders, as if mere age *were* a reason for respect.

Gesticulating wildly, the man acted as if he *found* my offer outrageous, but he eventually reduced the price to ₤10.

Speculations about its nature have been going on for literally thousands of years, and one odd finding that makes the problem puzzling is that it

looks very much as if sleeping *is* not simply a matter of giving the body a rest.

hollow n. a place in something that is at a slightly lower level than its surface 凹陷处

The dog found a hollow in the ground to hide in from the wind.

She held the small bird in the hollow of her hand.

He mentally visualizes a complex form *from all round* itself; he knows while he looks at one side what the other side is like; he identifies himself with its centre of gravity, its mass, its weight; he realizes its volume, *as the space that the shape displaces in the air*.

Towards midday, a girl heard a muffled cry coming from *behind one of*

*the walls*.

I took my watch from *under the pillow*. We didn’t meet until *after the show*.

The weather has been fine except *in the north*.

identify … with … 把……与……联系起来，把……和……等同起来

One cannot identify happiness with wealth. Never identify opinions with facts.

He refused to identify himself with the new political party.

The politician is too closely identified with the former government to become a minister in ours.

displace v. to take the place of sb. or sth. 代替，取代

Gradually factory workers have been displaced by machines.

And the sensitive observer of sculpture must also learn to feel shape simply as shape, not as description or reminiscence.

He must, *for example*, perceive an egg as a simple single solid shape,

*quite apart from its significance as food, or from the literary idea that it*

*will become a bird*.

perceive … as … 把……当做是……，认为……是…… She did not perceive herself as disabled.

Computers were often perceived as a threat.

Even as a young woman she had been perceived as a future chief executive.

apart from 1. except for 除了……

I've finished apart from the last question. apart from 2. besides 除了……（还……）

Apart from their house in London, they also have a villa in Spain.

apart from 3. separate from 脱离开……

There can be no knowledge apart from practice.

You can hardly consider the one apart from the other.

And so with solids such as a shell, a nut, a plum, a pear, a tadpole, a mushroom, a mountain peak, a kidney, a carrot, a tree-trunk, a bird, a bud,

a lark, a ladybird, a bulrush, a bone.

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From these he can go on to appreciate more complex forms *of combinations of several forms*.

go on to do sth. 继续做下一件事

go on with sth. 继续做同一件事

go on doing sth. 持续做某事

What proportion of people who are HIV-positive go on to develop AIDS? Please go on with what you're doing and don't let us interrupt you.

In many ways, this is unfortunate for the poor actors who are required to go on repeating the same lines night after night.