

附录 佛脚短语表

at a premium 稀缺的

Property is an excellent investment, particularly in Dublin, where space is **at a premium** but demand remains high.

be at odds with 与...不一致, 矛盾

Blake's version of night's events was **at odds with** the official police report.

without fail 务必

I go to the gym every Monday and Wednesday, **without fail**.

nothing short of

无异于...

His accusation is **nothing short of** slander and has no value.

简直就是

The party was **nothing short of** a disaster as it ended early and people went home unhappy.

keep something at bay 控制住, 牵制

If we can **keep** the rabbits **at bay**, we should have a good crop of vegetables in the garden.

on a par with 和...一样

This home cooking is **on a par with** the best restaurant cuisine in the world.

substitute A for B 用 A 代替 B

You can **substitute** oil **for** butter in this cookie recipe.

accuse somebody of doing 控告某人

He **accused** his assistant **of** theft in the office.

charge somebody with something / charge somebody with doing something

指控某人...

He **was charged with** resisting arrest when he was approached by the police and ran
某人负责做...

The governing body **is charged with** managing the school within its budget.

dubious distinction 名不副实的成就

He is the lawyer with the **dubious distinction** of having lost the most cases in the firm.

on top of that 另外

We missed our flight, and **on top of that** we had to wait seven hours for the next one.

for all 尽管, 虽然

For all her protests about the exposure to paparazzi, the pop star still loved the attention.

but for 要不是由于，如果没有

I walk along Broadway Street, which is deserted **but for** the occasional taxi cab.

exact a toll / exact a high(heavy) price 迫使付出代价

His high pressure job has **exacted a toll** on his health.

collate ... into ... 合并成...

The secretary helps him **collate** the documents **into** color-coded folders by order of importance.

some ..., others ..., and still others ... 三种不同的观点陈述

Some people like apples, **others** like oranges **and still others** enjoy bananas.

rest on 基于...，依靠

Christianity **rests on** the belief that Jesus was the son of God.

and the like 等等，以此类推

The school contains courts for tennis and badminton **and the like**.

anything but 绝不，一点也不

She was **anything but** friendly the last time I asked for her help on an assignment.

all but

几乎（加形容词）

The game was **all but** over by the time we arrived 2 hours later.

（加名词时）all 表示全部，but 表示除了

The judge cleared the court of **all but** herself and the witness.

let alone 更不必说

Some people never even read a newspaper on a regular basis, **let alone** an entire book.

not the least 尤其，特别是

The upcoming proposal will have a huge impact on the environment, **not the least** in relation to the preservation of pandas.

dispense with 省掉，免除

They've had to **dispense with** a lot of luxuries since Mike lost his job.

turn one's back on 不理睬，抛弃

This company can't afford to **turn its back on** tourism as it makes up more than 50% of the company's profit.

take issue with 与...争论

I **took issue with** his interpretation of the author's tone in this passage.

conjure up 使在脑海中显现

For some readers of Victorian novels, the word "England" may **conjure up** images of pretty gardens and tea parties.

only too ... to ... 非常

I am **only too** glad **to** return home after my vacation was ruined by the continuous rain.

a far cry from 完全不同

This apartment is **a far cry from** the one they had lived in before.

by virtue of 由于

By virtue of her extensive experience and her wealth of practical knowledge, 87-year-old Louisa Vigil was regarded by her family in New Mexico as its chief advice-giver and matriarch.

give way to 给...让路

In some areas, modern intensive farming is **giving way to** the re-introduction of traditional methods.

bring about 引起

The CEO **brought about** his company's collapse by his reckless spending.

in response to 响应, 对...做出反应

The new law was passed by the town council **in response to** complaints from residents.

by and large 总的来说

By and large, the people of this state are satisfied with the governor's policies.

at large 通常

The public **at large** doesn't take the noise issue too seriously.

in sharp (stark) contrast to 形成鲜明对比

Sales this month were up, **in sharp contrast to** the poor sales of the last few months.

run-of-the-mill 普通的, 不出众的

He gave a fairly **run-of-the-mill** performance at the speech contest.

state-of-the-art 使用最先进技术的

The school uses the **state-of-the-art** computers and gadgets in its newly renovated classrooms.

step down 辞职

Upon graduation, she **stepped down** as captain of the tennis team.

a minor rash of 少量的

The **minor rash of** engine failures on this plane was found to be due to fatigue of the metal.

pertain to 与..有关

We are only interested in the parts of the news that **pertain to** local issues.

be central / peripheral to 对...重要的 / 对...次要的

Technology **was central to** the discussion of how to help the poorest nations get internet connection.

The detective wants to find out who the thief was – getting the money back was a **peripheral** issue.

be accountable for 对...负责

As the leader programmer, he knew he would **be accountable for** any flaws in the code.

stem from / spring from 起源于

Their disagreement **stems from** an initial misunderstanding.

as somebody puts it 正如某人所说

As John Holt **puts it** concisely: "Learning, to me, means making more sense of the world around us, and being able to do more things in it."

prop up 支持

He is able to sit upright in his hospital bed after being **propped up** by pillows.

be attributed / attributable to 归因于

Her illness **was attributable to** poor air ventilation in the workplace.

caution against doing 警告, 告诫

Many economists **caution against** reading too much into a single month's report as it is likely to be prone to variations.

stop short of doing 决定不做某事

Eliot's satire, unlike Austen's, **stops short of** cruelty. She is inveterately magnanimous, even when it comes to her most flawed characters; her default authorial position is one of pity

bask in (在某种环境或气氛中) 感到适意

He **basked in** his moment of glory, holding the trophy up to the crowd.

gloat over 幸灾乐祸

He **gloated over** his good fortune in poker that made all of us who have lost money very angry.

despair of 对...绝望

The shipwrecked sailors of the Titanic **despaired of** ever being rescued and brought to safety.

be subject to 受...影响的

Having no sense of moral obligation, Shipler **was** as little **subject to** the reproaches of conscience after he acted as he was motivated by its prompting before he acted.

become inured to 习惯于

He *became inured to* the hardship of army training.

in the sense that 就...意义而言

It's voluntary *in the sense that* the state government will not require anyone to take the test.

be numbered among 被归类为

Let not my soul *be numbered among* sinners, or my life among men of blood.

be distinguished from 不同于...

He *was distinguished from* the other boys his age by his height.

with regard to 关于, 对于

Although adolescent maturational and developmental states occur in an orderly sequence, their timing----*with regard to* onset and duration.

strip away 去掉

The emergency room nurse *strips away* the clothing from the burn victim.

prey on 欺骗, 敲诈

The swindler salesman would *prey on* the elderly with products that promised of anti-aging.

ferret out 搜出, 搜获

I know his name but I haven't managed to *ferret out* his phone number or WeChat account.

explain away 为...找借口, 开脱

I don't know how you're going to *explain away* that dent you made in Dad's car.

measure somebody / something against somebody / something 对照... 评价...

It isn't fair to *measure* somebody just by his sales in the previous month, but that is the reality for the life of a salesman.

by far 迄今为止, 非常

She is *by far* the hardest working student in the class.

in line with 符合, 与...一致

We try to keep our prices *in line with* that of our competitors.

be greeted with 受到...的对待

The soldier *was greeted with* warmth and laughter when he returned home from the war.

let nature take its course 顺其自然

The frail old dog could be kept alive artificially using ventilators, but I think it would be kinder to *let nature take its course*.

recourse to 求助于, 依赖

You will always have *recourse to* funds from the bank account your grandfather left you.

to one's dismay 令人不安

She discovered, **to her dismay**, that she had locked her keys inside her car.

make headway in something 取得进展

After an entire morning of peace talks, the politicians **made** little **headway in** coming to any negotiations.

in turn 轮流, 依次

Each generation **in turn** must deal with the same budget issues regarding healthcare and education spending that has haunted the government for years.

be susceptible to 对...敏感, 易受...影响

In order to appear cool and fit in, the new students **are more susceptible to** peer pressure than others at school.

now that 由于

Now that I live only a few blocks from work, I can walk to work without taking the subway.

insofar as 到...程度

She had done her best to comfort him, **insofar as** she was able.

the depths of 处于困难中

While I was in **the depths of** depression, I found that I couldn't even get out of bed in the morning.

bear out 证实, 支持

The test results **bear out** our claims about the effectiveness of the experimental drug.

give rise to 引起, 使发生

Eating candy at night and not brushing her teeth **give rise to** her chronic toothaches.

in one's heyday 在某人全盛时期

In his heyday, the high school football quarterback could walk into any restaurant and eat for free.

subsist on 靠...生存

With their limited supplies, the campers must **subsist on** small bags of rice, beans, fruits, and vegetables.

be obsessed with 痴迷于...

She **is obsessive with** punctuality and always arrives to her meetings 10 minutes early.

excise A from B 移除

The surgeon **excised** a small benign tumor **from** my leg in a short operation.

on the verge of sth. 濒临于, 接近于

On the verge of financial collapse, the museum was granted a reprieve, receiving a much-

needed infusion of cash in the form of a government loan.

prone to 有...倾向

My sister is **prone to** sneezing during the Spring because of her allergies.

at one's best 处在最佳状态

At the wedding, the photographer took shots to show the bride **at her best**.

in defense of 为...辩护

The lawyer constructed an argument **in defense of** her client's innocence in the case.

be up to 从事, 忙于

We think those boys **are up to** something as they suspiciously returned with spray paint on their hands.

miss out on something 错过机会

We will all **miss out on** a blessing if they don't use the gifts God has given them.

beyond the means of somebody 负担不起

Private school fees are **beyond the means of** most people.

make somebody / something out to be something (错误地) 展现

During the police investigation, he **made me out to be** a liar.

make good on one's promise 实现承诺

My grandfather said he would pay for me to go to college, and he **made good on that promise**.

frown on 不悦, 不满

The society **frowned on** smoking in public settings and posted signs warning of strict fines.

shirk one's responsibility 逃避责任

I hope you do not **shirk your responsibility** to water the plants every day or else they will die.

well-to-do 富裕的, 小康的

It was a **well-to-do** neighborhood of large, single-family homes with big backyards.

stoop to something 委曲求全

He was amazed that a reputable firm would **stoop to** selling the names of their clients to other ad companies.

of great moment 重要的

The ribbon cutting ceremonial for the opening of the casino was considered an event **of great moment**.

bona fides 真实

Public figures have differing reasons for embellishing their **bona fides**, but it most often is in the service of compensating for a perceived inadequacy or vulnerability.

He demonstrated his mnemonic **bona fides** by learning a seventy-digit number in just over a minute, and then proceeded straight into a test of the students' memories, and mine.

as far as is concerned 就...而言

As far as those big companies **are concerned**, we're just another little company that they can step on and eliminate as a competitor.

virtues and vices 优缺点

The editorial described the **virtues and vices of** writing, giving the students an example from both good and bad habits.

teem with 充满

The mall was **teeming with** shoppers on the weekends who are off from work.

day in and day out 天天，夜以继日

He maintained the same diet of rice and beans for all three meals **day in and day out**.

regardless of 不管，不顾

He went outside for a jog, **regardless of** the fact that it was raining hard.

be obligated to 对...负有责任

The churchgoers felt **obligated to** give to charity every Sunday.

have a distaste for something 厌恶

The celebrity's **distaste for** publicity of any sort made me avoid large social gatherings.

come of 由...引起

He expected good news to **come of** all those school applications he submitted.

be a favorite with somebody 某人最爱

The comedian **was a great favorite with** locals at the bar as he told really funny jokes.

that said / that being said 即便如此

John didn't do well in school. **That being said** he is highly literate in matters of IT and found a well-paid job immediately after graduation.

sail through 轻松完成，顺利通过

Rachel **sailed through** her final exams without studying and got A's in everything.

shrug off

不屑理睬

You're a father and you can't simply **shrug off** your responsibility for your children.

摆脱

I hope I can **shrug off** this cold before I go on holiday.

in (out of) step

步调一致

During the military parade, the soldiers marched **in step**.

步调不一致

I'm terrible at dancing and I always get completely **out of step** with my partner.

to one's credit 值得赞扬

It is **to his credit** that we sorted out the problems in this project and turned it in on time.

rank-and-file 一般成员的

The party's **rank-and-file** are beginning to question the prime minister's choice of advisers.

amount to

变成

I doubt that this business will ever **amount to** anything really profitable.

起相同的作用

His disgraceful behavior of peering over another student's shoulder during the test **amounts to** cheating.

stand one's ground 坚持立场

Clare **stood her ground** during the meeting and refused to be intimidated even when others got angry with her point of view.

make light of 轻视

Because you are not personally involved, it was easy for you to **make light of** other people's problems.

keep abreast of 了解...最新情况

I try to **keep abreast of** any developments in the recent iPhone launch.

serve as 担任, 起...作用

This brick will **serve as** a perfect doorstep.

at stake 在紧要关头

After the hurricane, thousands of lives will be **at stake** if emergency aid does not arrive in the city soon.

shore up 支持, 支撑

The new public relations manager has the difficult task of **shoring up** the company's troubled image.

give credence to 相信

His bruises **give credence to** his police statement that he had been involved in a scuffle with other kids on the playground.

nothing less than 不亚于..., 完全是

The chef will accept **nothing less than** perfection from his kitchen staff.

stave something off 避开, 延缓

The Federal Reserve lowered interest rates to stimulate the economy and **stave off** a recession.

die hard 难消除, 根深蒂固

He has developed a specific routine with how he packs for a trip and old habits **die hard**.

have yet to 还没有, 尚未

Two hours before printing the invitations, they **have yet to** make a decision on the date of the party.

all the more 更加

Several publishers rejected her book, but that just made her **all the more** determined.

give in the way of something 让步, 让...先行

The school ensures that our teachers will do their utmost to **give in the way of** support and encouragement in the classroom.

Mining was attempted, but the land simply did not have much to **give in the way of** precious metals and jewels.

to be sure 诚然, 的确

This is not his best book, **to be sure**, but it is still worth reading.

to be fair 公平地说

He has done the job poorly but, **to be fair**, I gave him very little time to do it.

make sense of something 搞清...意思

The community is trying to **make sense of** the cause of the explosion.

keep something at hand 让...在眼前

When I am out in the wilderness, I **keep** my firearm **at hand** in case of attacks from wild animals.

derive from something 起源于...

The English word "olive" **derives from** the Latin word "oliva".

resign to something 只好接受

After his wife passed away, he **resigned to** living alone.

put something to rest 解决, 处理

Their smiling faces **put to rest** any rumors of an impending separation between the couple.

make demands on 需要

Her homework from school **makes** considerable **demands on** her time at night.

short notice 临时通知

He called the meeting on such **short notice** that we had no time to prepare.

devoid of 没有

I went searching for a knife, but the kitchen was **devoid of** anything sharp.

put something at stake 把...处于险境

Because he was a reckless gambler, he was willing to **put** a lot of large amount of money **at stake**.

border on 邻近, 近乎

His bizarre behavior at the party scared the guests and **borders on** the insane.

at the root of ...的原因, ...的真相

He believes that his student's lack of interest in this class lies **at the root of** his recent drop in performance.

in light of 根据, 鉴于

In light of your good driving record, we've decided to overlook this minor traffic offense.

snap up 抢购, 把...抢到手

By 10 o'clock, most of the best holiday discounts in the store had been **snapped up**.

rule out 排除

The investigators **ruled out** their prime suspect after he was proven to be out of the country at the time of the crime.

a priori 未经观察分析的, 既定的

There's no **a priori** reason to think your expenses will remain the same in a larger city.

ad hoc 临时安排的

To keep the police force on the streets, the mayor and the city council made an **ad hoc** decision to increase the salaries of law enforcement officers by ten percent.

bona fide 真正的

In order to receive a refund for your returned purchase, you will need to show the sales clerk a **bona fide** receipt for the item.

per capita 每人, 按人分配的

The country's recent wealth was indicated by a rise in **per capita** income.

status quo 现状

The new company president has plans to change the **status quo** and turn the business into a new organization.

vice versa 反之亦然

Should I come to your house for dinner or **vice versa**?

ad-lib 即兴演讲

I lost the notes for my talk and had to **ad-lib**.

drop out of 中途退出

She was injured in the first round and had to **drop out of** the competition.

lose out to 输给...

Bill **lost out to** Sally in the election for student government president in a very close race.

bear the stamp of something 具有...的迹象

Every work of master watchmaker inevitably **bears the stamp of** his craftsmanship.

fall short of 不足，达不到，不符合

Earnings **fell short of** expectations.

pave the way for 为...铺平道路

The discovery **paves the way for** the development of effective new treatments

throw spotlight on 凸显，使...受到关注

The recent files **throw spotlight on** tax haven used by global elite.

come (or bring) to light 为众人所知

That past will **come to light**, and it will be used against Republican candidates.

at the hands of 在...手中，由...导致

I was hoping for a quick and merciful death **at the hands of** the reviewers, but, at the same time I sort of hoped someone would like it well enough to give me encouragement.

ward off 抵挡，避开

areas where apples were grown, it evolved into a ritual in which chants and dances were used to **ward off** evil spirits which it was believed would harm the trees.

de facto 事实上

The country was **de facto** divided between two states