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Day 647 What do you think about life on another planet? (Part two)

Rich: Why do you ask?

Carol: I was *just watching* a <u>show</u> about <u>astronomy</u> on the <u>Science Channel</u>. They were <u>talking</u> about a <u>new planet</u> they discovered recently. They <u>referred to</u> it <u>as</u> the '<u>best</u> new <u>candidate</u> for supporting <u>life</u>'.

Rich: Where is it?

Carol: Oh, miles away. I think it was like 20 light years away.

Rich: That sounds really far away. How far away is a light year?

Carol: It's about 10 trillion kilometers away.

# 【参考译文】

里奇: 你为什么问这个?

卡罗尔: 我只是在科学频道看了一个关于天文学的节目。他们在谈论最近他们发现的一个新

的行星。他们把它称为"能维持生命的最好的新备选"。

里奇: 它在哪儿?

卡罗尔: 哦,远着呢。我想它好像在20光年远的地方。

里奇: 听起来可真够远的。一光年有多远呢?

卡罗尔: 大概 10 万亿公里远。

### 【注释】

**show** n. [[oʊ] a program on television or on the radio(广播或电视)节目

a TV show 一档电视节目

a comedy **show** on radio 收音机里的喜剧节目

astronomy n. [əˈstrɑːnəmi] n. [U] the scientific study of the stars and planets 天文学

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astrology n. [əˈstrɑːlədʒi] n [U] the study of the positions and movements of the stars and how they might influence people and events 占星学,占星术

channel n. [ˈt[ænəl] a television station and the programs that it broadcasts 电视台,电视频道

a movie / sports channel 电影频道、体育频道

to change / switch channels 换台

What's on **Channel** 4 tonight? 电视四台今晚有什么节目?

**refer to sb/sth as sth**: If you refer to someone or something as a particular thing, you use a particular word, expression, or name to mention or describe them. 把······称为······

Marcia had **referred to** him **as** a dear friend. 马西娅把他称作好朋友。

(Day 331) I think they **refer to** us **as** bulls. 我想人们把我们称为公牛。

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refer to sth: be about something 是关于 ·······

What I have to say refers to all of you. 我要说的事和你们大家都有关。

The figures **refer to** our sales in Europe. 这些数字是关于我们在欧洲的销售情况的。

call v. [kɔːl] to use a word or name to describe someone or something in a particular way 把……

说成……, 认为……是……, 将……称为……

call sb/sth sth 把······称为······

Are you **calling** me a liar? 你是说我撒谎?

I would **call** what's happening there a war. 我会把那里发生的事情称为一场战争。 *(Day 534)* Well, I wouldn't **call** myself that clever... 嗯,我不会说我自己有那么聪明的**……** 

know sb/sth as sth: to have a particular name 把某人、某物称为 ······

The disease **is** more commonly **known as** Mad Cow Disease. 这种病一般更多地被称作"疯牛病"。

(Day 604) It's generally known as "Here Comes the Bride" in English. 在英语中普遍被称为"新娘来了"。

**candidate** n. 1. ['kændɪdeɪt & 'kændɪdət] a person or thing that is likely to do or be something 备选的人或物

The English Department is a likely candidate for staff cuts. 英语系可能会裁员。

The novel must be a prime candidate for the award. 该小说一定是得奖的大热门。

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**candidate** n. 2. someone who is being considered for a job or is competing in an election 候选人 a presidential **candidate** 一个总统候选人

There are only three candidates for the job. 这份工作只有三个候选人。

(*Day 213*) Well, I think you'd be the perfect **candidate** *for* the position. 哦,我觉得你会是这个职位的最佳候选人。

**support** v. 1. [səˈpɔːrt] to provide the right conditions, such as enough food and water, for life 维持生命

Such a barren desert can support very few creatures. 在这样荒瘠的沙漠里,很少生物能够存活。

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**support** v. 2. to provide enough money for someone to pay for all the things they need 供养,赡养,资助

I have a wife and two children to **support**. 我有妻子和两个小孩要养活。

She **supports** her family by teaching evening classes. 她通过在夜校教课来维持家庭生活。

miles n. [maɪlz] [pl] a very long distance 很远的距离

We were **miles** <u>from</u> home, and very tired. 我们离家很远,非常疲惫。 You can't go to Portsmouth, it's **miles** <u>away</u>. 你不能去朴次茅斯,太远了。

`**light ,year** n. the distance that light travels in a year, used as a unit for measuring distances in space 光年

**trillion** n. [ˈtrɪljən] the number 1,000,000,000,000 (数字)兆(万亿)

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million n. [ˈmɪljən] the number 1,000,000 (数字)100 万

**billion** n. ['bɪljən] the number 1,000,000,000 (数字)十亿

**kilometer** n. [kɪˈlɑːməţə-] a unit of measurement equal to 1000 meters. The written abbreviation is km. 公里,千米

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