

bootless [bu:tlis]

【考法 1】adj. 无用的: **useless**, unprofitable, futile

【例】The meeting turns out to be a bootless attempt. 这个会议被证明是一次徒劳的尝试

【近】barren, ineffective, futile, abortive, fruitless, vain

【反】worthy, virtuous 有价值的

bound [baund]

【考法 1】n. 界限: a real or imaginary point **beyond which a person or thing cannot go**

【例】The language in the novel really is beyond the bounds of decency. 这本小说的语言实在太不得体了

【近】environs, limits, confines, perimeter

【反】unrestrainedness 无边无际

【考法 2】vt. 给...设置限制: to **set limits** or bounds to

【例】The country is bounded by river. 这个国家的领土以河水为界

【近】limit, demarcate, delimit

【反】enfranchise, free, liberate 释放

【考法 3】adj. 投入的, 坚定的: **fully committed** to achieving a goal

【例】I am bound and determined to write a novel before I turn 30. 我下定决心在 30 岁之前要写本小说

【近】resolute, determined, single-minded, bent on

【反】faltering, hesitant, vacillating, wavering, weak-kneed 动摇的

【派】boundless adj. 无边无际、无约束的

Unit 6

BOYCOTT
BRAVADO

BRACING
BRAVURA

BRAKE
BRAZEN

BRASH
BREACH

BRASSY
BREVITY

boycott ['boɪkɒt]

【考法 1】vt. 联合抵制, 拒绝参与: to engage in a **concerted refusal** to have dealings with (as a person, store, or organization) usually to express disapproval or to force acceptance of certain conditions

【例】This brand is being boycotted for damaging environment. 因为破坏环境, 这个品牌正在被抵制

【近】refuse

【反】patronize 经常光顾

bracing ['breɪsɪŋ]

【考法 1】adj. 令人振奋的, 给人带来活力的: **giving strength**, vigor, or freshness

【例】a bracing news from the frontline 来自前线的振奋人心的消息

【近】invigorating, rejuvenating, reviving, stimulating

【反】vapid 乏味的

【派】brace v. 支持, 使充满活力

brake [breɪk]

【考法 1】v. 刹车: to cause to move or proceed at a **less rapid** pace

【例】 A seagull swooped down in front of her car, causing her to slam on the brakes. 一只海鸥飞到车窗前，她猛踩刹车。

【近】 decelerate, retard, slacken

【反】 accelerate, hasten, rush, speed up 加速

brash [bræʃ]

【考法 1】 adj. 愚勇的，鲁莽的： **foolishly adventurous** or bold

【例】 that brash motorcyclist likes to show off by riding on only one wheel 那个鲁莽的摩托车手喜欢炫耀单轮骑车

【近】 audacious, brassy, daredevil, madcap, reckless, temerarious

【反】 circumspect, guarded, heedful, prudent, wary

【考法 2】 adj. 缺乏判断力的，不明智的： showing **poor judgment** especially in personal relationships or social situations

【例】 He was reprimanded for his brash comments to the media about the team's coaching staff. 他因对媒体说了一些有关教练组的不明智的评论被指责。

【近】 imprudent, injudicious, tactless, undiplomatic

【反】 advisable, discreet, tactful 明智的

brassy ['brɑ:si]

【考法 1】 adj. 厚脸皮的，不知羞耻的： displaying or marked by **rude boldness**

【例】 brassy reporters 厚颜无耻的记者

【近】 audacious, bold-faced, brazen, impertinent, impudent, insolent

【反】 diffident, unassertive, retiring, timid 羞怯的，谦逊的

【考法 2】 adj. 华而不实地炫耀的： cheap and **showy**; flashy

【反】 furtive 隐秘的

bravado [brə'vɑ:dəu]

【考法 1】 n. 假装勇敢： a **pretense** of bravery

【例】 I remembered his youthful bravado. 我还记得他的年少鲁莽。

【考法 2】 n. 虚张声势： blustering **swaggering** conduct

【例】 strove to prevent our courage from turning into bravado 努力阻止我们的勇气蜕变成虚张声势

bravura [brə'vʊərə]

【考法 1】 adj./n. 优秀演技： **brilliant** technique or style in performance

【例】 a truly bravura performance of the ballet 一场极其精彩的芭蕾舞演出

【近】 adroit, artful, dexterous, masterful, virtuoso

【反】 amateur, artless, unprofessional, unskillful

brazen ['breɪzən]

【考法 1】 adj. 蛮横大胆的，厚颜无耻的： marked by **contemptuous boldness**

【例】 a brazen disregard for the rules 蛮横大胆的对规则漠视

【近】 bold-faced, impertinent, impudent, insolent

【反】 modest, self-effacing, diffident, retiring, timid 谦虚的，胆小的

【考法 2】 v. 大胆自信地去面对或从事： to face or undergo with **bold self-assurance**

【例】 brazened out the crisis 沉着面对危机 || Some people prefer to brazen a thing out rather than admit defeat. 有的人不愿承认失败，而是宁肯厚着脸皮干下去。

【近】 confront, outface, defy

【反】dodge, duck, shirk, sidestep 躲开, 避谈

breach [bri:tʃ]

【考法 1】n. 对伦理、法律准则的破坏: a **breaking** of a **moral or legal code**

【例】cheating on the exam was a serious breach of the military academy's honor code 考试作弊是对军校的荣誉准则的严重破坏

【近】malefaction, transgression, trespass, violation, wrongdoing

【考法 2】v. 违背: to **fail to keep**

【例】a builder being sued by a homeowner for breaching a contract 建筑商因违约被房主起诉

【近】contravene, fracture, infringe, transgress

【反】obey, observe, comply with, conform to 遵守

brevity ['brevɪtɪ]

【考法 1】n. 简短, 简洁: **shortness** of duration

【例】the best quality a graduation speech can have is brevity 好的毕业演讲必须简洁

【近】briefness, conciseness, shortness

【反】lengthiness 冗长

【考法 2】n. 精炼: the quality or state of being marked by or using only **few words** to convey much meaning

【例】if brevity is the soul of wit, then that speech wasn't at all witty 如果说精炼是智慧的灵魂, 那么演讲毫无智慧可言

【近】conciseness, pithiness, sententiousness, terseness

【反】diffuseness, long-windedness, prolixity, verbosity, wordiness 冗长啰嗦

Unit 7

BRIBE
BROACH

BRIDLE
BROMIDE

BRISK
BROOK

BRISTLE
BROWBEAT

BRITTLE
BRUIT

bribe [braɪb]

【考法 1】v. 贿赂, 收买: to give something, such as **money** or a favor, offered or **given** to a person in a position of trust to influence that person's views or conduct.

【例】They bribed him to keep quiet about the incident. 他们收买他, 希望其保持缄默。

【近】corrupt, pay off, square

bridle ['braɪdl]

【考法 1】v. 限制: to keep from exceeding a desirable degree or level (as of expression)

【例】try to bridle your criticism next time so that it is helpful and not hurtful 下回控制好批评的语气, 让其既顺耳又有益

【近】check, contain, curb, constrain, inhibit, regulate, restrain, tame, rein in

brisk [brɪsk]

【考法 1】adj. 充满生机, 有活力的: marked by much life, movement, or **activity**