

【例】 a custom that still prevails 依然盛行的传统

【近】 conquer, dominate, overcome, reign, triumph

【反】 yield 屈服; lose 失败

【派】 prevailing adj. 盛行的

**prevalent** ['prevələnt]

【考法 1】 adj. 流行的，普遍的: widely or **commonly** occurring, existing, **accepted**, or practiced

【例】 The kinds of accidents are frequently seen in places where snowmobiles are prevalent. 这种类型的事故在摩托雪橇盛行的地区是很常见的。

【近】 conventional, dominant, common, popular, predominant, preponderant, prevailing, rife

【反】 absent, rare 缺少的，稀少的; unusual 与众不同的

【派】 prevalence n. 流行，遍及

**prevaricate** [prɪ'væɪkət]

【考法 1】 vi. 支吾其词，撒谎: to stray from or **evade the truth**

【例】 During the hearings the witness did his best to prevaricate. 听证会上证人在竭尽全力地支吾其词。

【近】 equivocate, fabricate, falsify, lie, palter

【派】 prevarication n. 支吾其词

**primordial** [praɪ'mɔ:diəl]

【考法 1】 adj. 原始的，最初的: being or **happening first** in sequence of time

【例】 primordial forms of life 最原始的生命形态

【近】 ancient, early, primal, primeval, primitive

【反】 late, recent 最近的

## Unit 6

**PRIMP**  
**PROBITY**

**PRINCIPAL**  
**PROCLIVITY**

**PRISTINE**  
**PROCRASTINATE**

**PRIVATION**

**PROBE**  
**PROCURE**

**PROD**

**primp** [prɪmp]

【考法 1】 v. 精心打扮: to dress, **adorn**, or arrange in a careful or **finicky** manner

【例】 She primps for hours before a date. 她出门约会前要花数小时打扮。

【近】 preen, dress up

**principal** ['prɪnsɪpl]

【考法 1】 adj. 主要的，重要的: first, **highest**, or foremost in **importance**, **rank**, worth, or degree

【例】 The region's principal city is getting hammered by a series of terrorist attacks. 该地区的中心城市正在被一系列恐怖袭击攻击。

【近】 capital, cardinal, chief, dominant, grand, main, major, paramount, predominant, preeminent, primary

【反】 secondary, subordinate 次要的

**pristine** ['prɪstɪn]

【考法 1】adj. 纯净的, 质朴的, 未被文明腐蚀的: remaining in a **pure** state; uncorrupted by civilization. remaining **free from dirt or decay**; clean

【例】a pristine forest 一片未被文明影响的森林

【近】immaculate, spotless, stainless, unsoiled, unstained, unsullied

【反】tainted, squalid, contaminated, besmirched, corrupted by civilization 污染的, 被文明腐蚀的

**privation** [praɪ'veɪʃən]

【考法 1】n. 缺乏, 穷困: **lack** of what is needed for existence

【例】the constant *privation* of sleep was starting to affect his work 长期以来的睡眠不足开始影响他的工作

【近】deprivation, loss

【反】repletion 充满

**probe** [prəʊb]

【考法 1】v./n. 深入调查: a **penetrating** or critical **investigation**

【例】probe into his background 深入调查他的背景

【近】delving, disquisition, exploration, inquisition

**probity** ['prəʊbɪtɪ]

【考法 1】n. 正直: faithfulness to high **moral standards**

【例】a person of indisputable *probity* should head the disciplinary panel 一个绝对正直的人应该来领导纪律委员会

【近】honesty, integrity, rectitude, righteousness, uprightness

【反】unscrupulousness, shiftiness, baseness, dishonor, lowness 肆无忌惮, 欺骗

**proclivity** [prə'klɪvɪtɪ]

【考法 1】n. 癖性, 偏好: a natural propensity or **inclination**; predisposition

【例】showed artistic proclivities at an early age 在很小的时候就表现除了对艺术的喜好

【近】aptitude, disposition, leaning, partiality, penchant, predilection, propensity

【反】aversion, antipathy, disinclination 厌恶, 反感

**procrastinate** [prəʊ'kræstɪneɪt]

【考法 1】vi. (因为懒散) 拖延: to **put off** doing something, especially out of habitual carelessness or **laziness**

【例】She procrastinated and missed the submission deadline. 她一直拖拖拉拉, 导致错过了截止日期。

**procure** [prə'kjʊə]

【考法 1】vt. 获得, 取得: to **get possession of**

【例】procured the prisoner's release 得到了释放囚犯的许可

【近】acquire, attain, garner, knock down, pull down, bring in

【反】relinquish, forfeit, lose 放弃

**prod** [prɒd]

【考法 1】vt. 促使……行动: to try to **persuade** (someone) through earnest appeals to follow a course of action

【例】The strike may prod the government into action. 罢工也许会迫使政府采取行动。

【近】encourage, exhort, goad, nudge, prompt, spur, egg on

【反】rein 抑制

## Unit 7

**PRODIGAL    PRODIGIOUS    PROFANE    PROFFER    PROFICIENT**  
**PROFLIGATE    PROFUNDITY    PROFUSION    PROHIBITIVE    PROLIFERATE**

**prodigal** ['prɒdɪɡəl]

【考法 1】adj. 挥霍的: recklessly **spendthrift**

【例】prodigal outlays for her clothes 买衣服时挥金如土

【近】extravagant, profligate, squandering, unthrifty, wasteful

【反】frugal, parsimonious, conserving, economical, economizing, penny-pinching, scrimping, skimping, thrifty  
节省的, 吝啬的

【派】prodigality 浪费挥霍

【反】penury, husbandry 贫困, 节约

【考法 2】n. 败家子: someone who **spends** money **freely** or foolishly

【例】The million-dollar lottery winner was such a prodigal that his windfall was exhausted after only a few years.  
靠彩票中了百万的赢家是个败家子, 几年之内就把这笔意外之财全部花完了。

【近】fritterer, high roller, profligate, spender, spendthrift, squanderer, waster, wastrel

【反】economizer, penny-pincher 吝啬的人

**prodigious** ['prɒdɪdʒəs]

【考法 1】adj. 巨大的: impressively **great in size**, force, or extent; **enormous**

【例】a prodigious supply of canned food kept in the basement 地下室贮存着大量罐头食品

【近】colossal, elephantine, enormous, gigantic, titanic, tremendous

【反】slight 微小的

【派】prodigy n. 天才, 神童

【考法 2】adj. 惊人的, 了不起的: causing wonder or **astonishment**

【例】stage magicians performing prodigious feats for rapt audiences 舞台魔术师在全神贯注的观众们面前表演

【近】amazing, astonishing, astounding, awesome, fabulous, miraculous, portentous, staggering, stunning, stupendous, sublime, surprising

**profane** [prə'feɪn]

【考法 1】v. 亵渎: to **treat** (something sacred) with **abuse**, **irreverence**, or **contempt**

【例】invading troops profaned the altar by playing poker on it 侵略军亵渎了祭坛, 竟然在上面打扑克

【近】defile, violate

【派】profaned 被亵渎的

【反】unviolated, inviolable 未被亵渎的, 不可亵渎的

【考法 2】v. 滥用: to put to a **bad or improper use**

【例】profaned his considerable acting talents by appearing in some wretched movies 在一些烂俗的电影里面出现简直就是浪费表演才华

【近】abuse, misemploy, misuse, pervert, prostitute

**proffer** ['prɒfə]

【考法 1】v./n. 献出, 提供: to **offer** for acceptance; tender