

【例】 His style is so pedestrian that the book becomes a real bore. 他的风格是如此平庸以至于整本书显得非常无聊

【近】 arid, dreary, dull, flat, jading, jejune, monochromatic, monotonous, stale, stodgy, tedious, wearisome

【反】 absorbing, engaging, engrossing, gripping, interesting, intriguing, involving, riveting 吸引人的

## Unit 2

PEEP  
PEN

PEER  
PENALTY

PEEVE  
PENCHANT

PEJORATIVE  
PENITENT

PELLUCID  
PENSIVE

peep [pi:p]

【考法 1】 n. 一瞥: a **brief** and sometimes furtive **look**

【例】 take a peep at the new neighbors 偷偷瞄了我们的新邻居一眼

【近】 gander, glance, glimpse, peek

【考法 2】 n. 轻声: a **slight sound** or utterance

【例】 I haven't heard a peep out of the children for an hour. 我已经一个小时没听到孩子们的声音了

【近】 mumble, murmur, mutter, twitter, whisper

【反】 clamor, noise, outcry, roar 喧哗, 吵闹

peer [piə]

【考法 1】 n. 同等地位的人, 同辈: a person who has **equal** standing with others

【例】 stand out among peers 在同辈当中很出众

【近】 coequal, compeer, coordinate, counterpart, equivalent, fellow, match, parallel

【反】 inferior 地位更低的人; superior 地位更高的人

【考法 2】 v. 好奇地凝视: to **look** narrowly or curiously;

【例】 peer at the variety of marine life in the aquarium's huge tank 好奇地注视着巨大水族箱中丰富多样的海洋生物

【近】 blink, gape, gawk, gaze, goggle, rubberneck, stare

【反】 glance, glimpse 投去一瞥

【派】 peerless adj. 无与伦比的, 不可比拟的

peeve [pi:v]

【考法 1】 vt. 打扰, 惹恼: to **disturb** the peace of mind of (someone) especially by repeated disagreeable acts

【例】 be constantly peeved by his affected flattery 总是被他做作的谄媚所惹恼

【近】 aggravate, annoy, bother, exasperate, frost, gall, irk, nettle, pique, rile, ruffle, vex

【反】 becalm, compose, lull, lullaby, quiet, salve, settle, soothe, still, tranquilize 使镇定

【派】 peevish adj. 易怒的, 脾气不好的

pejorative ['pi:dʒərətiv]

【考法 1】 adj. 轻蔑的, 贬低的: **disparaging**; belittling

【例】 I agree that I am ambitious, and I don't see it as a pejorative term. 我承认我“雄心勃勃”, 但我并不认为

这是一个贬义词

【近】belittling, contemptuous, degrading, deprecatory, depreciative, derogative, disdainful, disparaging, scornful

【反】commendatory, complimentary, laudatory 赞美的

**pellucid** [pɪˈluːsɪd]

【考法 1】adj. 透明的: **admitting** the passage of **light**

【例】pellucid spring water 清澈透明的泉水

【近】crystal, crystalline, limpid, liquid, lucent, transparent

【反】opaque 不透明的

【考法 2】adj. 清晰明确的，易懂的: transparently **clear** in style or meaning

【例】Her poetry has a pellucid simplicity that betrays none of the sweat that went into writing it. 她的诗歌风格十分清新简约，丝毫没有体现出她为此付出的汗水

【近】apparent, distinct, evident, lucid, manifest, obvious, palpable, patent, perspicuous, plain, straightforward

【反】clouded, cryptic, enigmatic, indistinct, mysterious, obfuscated, obscure 模糊难懂的

**pen** [pen]

【考法 1】n. 监狱: a place of **confinement** for persons held in lawful custody

【例】spent six years in a federal pen 在联邦监狱中度过了六年

【近】bastille, coop, jail, prison, stockade

【考法 2】v. 关押，监禁: to **close** or shut in by or as if by barriers

【例】remember to pen up the dogs when visitors come over 客人来的时候别忘了把狗给关起来

【近】box, encage, encase, envelop, fence, hedge, immure, include, wall

【反】release 释放; enfranchise, free, liberate, set free 使自由

**penalty** ['penəltɪ]

【考法 1】n. (对罪行的) 处罚: a **punishment** established by law or authority for a crime or offense

【例】The maximum penalty is 7 years' imprisonment. 最为严厉的惩罚是七年的有期徒刑

【近】fine, forfeit, punishment, retribution

【反】honor, reward 奖励

【派】penalize v. 处以惩罚

**penchant** ['pentʃənt]

【考法 1】n. 强烈嗜好，迷恋: a **strong** and continued **inclination**

【例】a penchant for Champagne 非常喜爱香槟

【近】affection, bias, disposition, leaning, partiality, predilection, predisposition, proclivity, propensity, tendency

【反】aversion, disfavor, disinclination, dislike, distaste, loathing, repugnance, repulsion 反感

**penitent** ['penɪtənt]

【考法 1】adj. 悔过的: feeling or expressing humble or **regretful** pain or sorrow for sins or offenses

【例】a penitent businessman who had come to ask for forgiveness 一个来寻求宽恕的决定悔过自新的商人

【近】apologetic, compunctious, regretful, remorseful, repentant, rueful, sorry

【反】impenitent, remorseless, unapologetic, unrepentant 不知悔改的

**pensive** ['pensɪv]

【考法 1】adj. 沉思的，(尤指) 哀思的: given to or marked by long, quiet and often musingly sad **thinking**

【例】Rainy days often put her in a pensive mood. 雨天总是让她陷入深深的思考之中

【近】 broody, cogitative, meditative, melancholy, musing, reflective, ruminant, ruminative, thoughtful

【反】 mindless, thoughtless, unreflective 不加思考的

## Unit 3

PENURY  
PERFIDY

PERAMBULATE  
PERFORATE

PERCEPTIBLE  
PERFUNCTORY

PEREMPTORY  
PERIMETER

PERFERVID  
PERIODICAL

**penury** ['penjʊrɪ]

【考法 1】 n. 贫穷: extreme **dearth**; barrenness or insufficiency

【例】 Some have pessimistically regarded the higher education in China as an invisible and irresistible path to penury. 有人悲观地把中国的高等教育看作是一条通往贫穷的通道——无形但不可抗拒

【近】 destitution, impecuniosity, impoverishment, indigence, neediness, poorness, poverty, want

【反】 affluence, opulence, richness, wealth 富裕

【考法 2】 n. 吝啬, 节俭: extreme and often niggardly **frugality**

【例】 They bitterly complained about their father's penury. 他们哀怨地抱怨父亲的节俭

【近】 closeness, miserliness, niggardliness, parsimony, penuriousness, stinginess, tightfistedness, tightness

【反】 generosity, largesse, munificence, openhandedness, philanthropy 慷慨的

【派】 penurious adj. 贫穷的; 吝啬的

**perambulate** [pə'reɪmbjə.leɪt]

【考法 1】 v. 徒步穿越, 走过: to **travel over** or through especially on foot for exercise or pleasure

【例】 We decided to lazily perambulate the entire length of the esplanade and enjoy the fresh air. 我们决定悠哉地徒步走过滨海大道, 享受清新的空气

【近】 amble, cross, go, navigate, pass, peregrinate, proceed, ramble, transit, travel, traverse

**perceptible** [pə'seɪptɪbəl]

【考法 1】 adj. 可察觉的: capable of **being perceived** especially by the senses

【例】 You should be able to note a perceptible temperature change when you add the second reagents. 当你加入第二种试剂的时候, 你应该能够察觉到明显的温度变化

【近】 appreciable, apprehensible, detectable, discernible, distinguishable, palpable, sensible

【反】 impalpable, imperceptible, inappreciable, indistinguishable, insensible, undetectable 不能感知的

**peremptory** ['perɛmptɔ:rɪ]

【考法 1】 adj. 不容反抗的: **not allowing contradiction** or refusal; imperative

【例】 a peremptory order from the general 将军下达的不容反抗的命令

【近】 compulsory, forced, imperative, incumbent, involuntary, obligatory, required

【反】 elective, optional, voluntary 可选择的

【考法 2】 adj. 爱发号施令的: fond of **ordering people** around

【例】 The peremptory secretary began telling the crowd of reporters and photographers exactly where they had to stand. 爱发号施令的秘书开始部署记者和摄影师们应该站在哪里了