

【例】 a mean trick to play on a credulous person 耍在一个轻信别人的人身上的卑劣诡计

【近】 base, contemptible, despicable, detestable, dirty, dishonorable, execrable, ignominious, sordid

【反】 lofty, noble, venerable, virtuous 高尚的

【考法 2】 adj. 吝啬的: giving or **sharing** as **little** as possible

【例】 a mean child who hoarded all her toys 一个把她所有的玩具都藏了起来的小气孩子

【近】 closefisted, stingy, miserly, niggardly, parsimonious, penurious, tightfisted, ungenerous

【反】 generous, liberal, munificent 慷慨的; extravagant, lavish, prodigal, profligate, spendthrift 浪费的

【考法 3】 v. 打算, 怀有目的: to have in mind as a **purpose or goal**

【例】 I mean to win this race. 我一定要赢这场比赛

【近】 aim, aspire, calculate, contemplate, design, intend, meditate, plan

【考法 4】 v. 意味着: to serve or intend to **convey, show, or indicate**

【例】 The national anthem means various things to various people. 对于不同的人来说, 国歌的意义不尽相同

【近】 connote, denote, express, import, signify, spell

【派】 meaningful adj. 有意义的

meander [mi'ændə]

【考法 1】 vi. 闲逛, 漫步: to move **aimlessly and idly** without fixed direction

【例】 meander along the river 沿着河闲逛 || vagabonds meandering through life 漂泊一生的浪子

【近】 amble, cruise, drift, float, ramble, roam, saunter, stroll, wander

measly ['mi:zli]

【考法 1】 adj. 少得可怜的, 微不足道的: so **small** or unimportant as to warrant little or no attention

【例】 gave the parking attendant a measly tip 给了停车保安少得可怜的小费

【近】 inconsequential, inconsiderable, insignificant, minute, paltry, peanut, petty, slight, trifling, trivial

【反】 big, consequential, considerable, significant 大量的, 重要的

Unit 8

MEASURED
MEEK

MEDDLE
MEET

MEDIATE
MELLIFLUOUS

MEDIOCRE
MELODRAMATIC

MEDLEY
MENACE

measured ['meʒəd]

【考法 1】 adj. 深思熟虑的, 审慎的: deliberated, **calculated**

【例】 a measured response to the terrorist attack 就恐怖袭击做出的深思熟虑的反应

【近】 advised, calculated, considered, knowing, reasoned, studied, thoughtful, weighed

【反】 casual 随意的; uncalculated, unconsidered, unstudied 没仔细考虑过的

meddle ['medl]

【考法 1】 vi. 干涉, 管闲事: to **intrude** into other people's affairs or business; interfere

【例】 Please stop meddling in my marriage. 请不要来干涉我的婚姻

【近】 interfere, interlope, intermeddle, intrude, obtrude, poke, pry, snoop

【反】 disregard, ignore, neglect, omit, overlook 忽略, 不理睬

【派】 meddlesome adj. 爱管闲事的

mediate ['mi:dieit]

【考法 1】 vt. 调解, 调停: to intervene between two or more disputants in order to **bring about an agreement**, a settlement, or a compromise

【例】 mediate a labor-management dispute 调解劳工纠纷

【近】 conciliate, intercede, intermediate, interpose

【反】 arouse, encourage, excite, foment, incite, inflame, instigate, pique, spark, stimulate, stir 煽动激起

【派】 mediator n. 调停人

mediocre [ˌmi:di'əukə]

【考法 1】 adj. 平庸的, 质量中等偏下的: **moderate** to inferior in quality; ordinary

【例】 Without a desire for success, life is at best mediocre. 没有对成功的强烈渴望, 人生最多也就是碌碌无为

【近】 average, common, commonplace, fair, indifferent, medium, ordinary

【反】 outstanding, excellent, exceptional, extraordinary, impressive, superior 优秀的

【派】 mediocrity n. 平庸者; 平庸

medley ['medli:]

【考法 1】 adj. 大杂烩, 混合物: an unorganized collection or **mixture** of various things

【例】 a medley of snack foods available on the buffet table 自助餐桌上供应着各式各样的小吃

【近】 agglomerate, collage, hodgepodge, jumble, montage, motley, muddle, salad, shuffle, variety, welter

meek [mi:k]

【考法 1】 adj. 谦恭的: showing patience and **humility**; gentle

【例】 He was a meek, mild-mannered fellow. 他是个谦逊、温文尔雅的人

【近】 humble, modest, unassuming, unpretentious

【反】 arrogant, bumptious, haughty, imperious, pompous, presumptuous, supercilious 自大的

【考法 2】 adj. 顺从的: easily imposed on; **submissive**

【例】 He may be self-effacing, but he certainly isn't meek. 他可能是个很低调的人, 但他绝非软骨头

【近】 compliant, docile, manageable, obedient, submissive, tractable

【反】 adamant, headstrong, intractable, obstinate, refractory, stubborn, unruly, unyielding 倔强的, 不顺从的

meet [mi:t]

【考法 1】 adj. 合适的: precisely adapted to a particular situation, need, or circumstance: **very proper**

【例】 In this case, splitting the winnings of the contested lottery ticket seems like a meetsolution. 在这种情况下, 平分有争议的彩票奖金或许是个合适的解决方案

【近】 applicable, appropriate, apt, becoming, befitting, felicitous, fitting, proper, right, suitable

【反】 improper, inapplicable, inapposite, inappropriate, inapt, infelicitous, malapropos 不合适的

mellifluous [me'ɪfluəs]

【考法 1】 adj. (曲调) 优美的: **smooth and sweet**

【例】 a mellifluous voice 甜美的嗓音

【近】 dulcet, euphonious, mellifluent, mellow, melodious

【反】 cacophonous, raspy 刺耳的

melodramatic [ˌmeləʊdrə'mætɪk]

【考法 1】 adj. 感情夸张的，伤感的： **exaggeratedly emotional** or sentimental; histrionic

【例】 Our office drama queen yet again made the melodramatic declaration that she was contemplating suicide.

我们办公室的“影后”又一次在危言耸听了：这回她说她准备自杀

【近】 dramatic, hammy, histrionic, mannered, pretentious, stagy

【反】 nondramatic, nontheatrical 平淡无奇的，非戏剧性的

menace ['menəs]

【考法 1】 vt. 威胁，使处于危险： to make a show of **intention to harm**; to place in danger

【例】 Stockpiles of nuclear weapons that continue to menace the inhabitants of this planet. 大量的核武器持续地威胁着这个行星上的居民

【近】 compromise, hazard, imperil, jeopardize, peril, risk, threaten

【反】 rescue, save 救出

【派】 menacing adj. 带有威胁的

Unit 9

MENDACIOUS

MENTOR

MERCENARY

MERCURIAL

MERITED

MESH

MESMERIC

METAMORPHOSE

METAPHYSICAL

METEORIC

mendacious [men'deiʃəs]

【考法 1】 adj. 撒谎的，虚假的： telling or containing **lies**

【例】 mendacious tales about his adventures 关于他冒险的虚假传说

【近】 dishonest, deceitful, fallacious, lying, spurious, untruthful

【反】 authentic, honest, truthful, veracious 真实的，诚实的

mentor ['men.tɔ:]

【考法 1】 n. 导师： a trusted counselor or **guide**

【例】 not only an lecturer but also a spirit mentor 不仅是授课者，还是精神导师

【近】 advisor, coach, counselor, guide, instructor, teacher

【反】 disciple, pupil 弟子； apprentice 学徒

【考法 2】 vt. 教导，指导： to **give advice** and instruction regarding the course or process to be followed

【例】 We're looking for volunteers to mentor students in career planning. 我们在寻找能指导学生职业规划的志愿者

【近】 coach, counsel, lead, pilot, shepherd, show, tutor

【反】 comply, follow, observe 遵从

mercenary ['mɜ:sinəri]

【考法 1】 n. 雇佣军： a professional **soldier hired** for service in a foreign army

【例】 hire a mercenary army to protect the VIP 雇佣了一支佣兵来保护重要人物

【近】 hack

【考法 2】 adj. 唯利是图的，贪婪的： motivated solely by a desire for **monetary or material gain**

【例】 Virtue flies from the heart of a mercenary man. 唯利是图的人没有美德可言

【近】 acquisitive, avaricious, avid, covetous, grasping, greedy, moneygrubbing, rapacious

【反】 benevolent, generous, liberal, philanthropic, munificent 慷慨的