

【考法 2】adj. 顺从的: **yielding** readily to influence or domination

【例】She's proud and stubborn, you know, under that pliant exterior. 你知道在温顺的外表下，她骄傲而固执。

【近】compliant, docile, obedient, pliant, tractable, subdued

【反】contumacious, insubordinate, intractable, obstreperous, recalcitrant, refractory, unruly 难控制的

**plight** [plaɪt]

【考法 1】n. 困境: a situation, especially a bad or **unfortunate** one

【例】He was in a plight, trying to decide whether or not to take the job. 他处在不知道是否应该接受这份工作的困境之中。

【近】dilemma, jam, predicament, quandary

**plod** [plɒd]

【考法】v. 沉重缓慢地走: to **walk heavily** or slowly

【例】The soldiers slowly plodded across the marsh. 士兵们慢慢走过沼泽地。

【近】tramp, trudge

【反】flit 迅速飞过; gambol 雀跃

【派】plodding adj. 走路沉重缓慢的

## Unit 10

**PLUCK**  
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**pluck** [plʌk]

【考法 1】n. 敢于面对困难的勇气: resourceful **courage** and daring in the face of difficulties

【例】full of pluck 充满了勇气

【近】backbone, courage, dauntlessness, grit, guts, resolution, spirit, spunk

【反】cowardice, coward, spinelessness 胆小, 怯懦

【考法 2】v. 弹奏(弦乐): to sound (the **strings** of an instrument) by **pulling** and **releasing** them with the fingers or a plectrum

【例】pluck the harp 弹奏竖琴

【近】play

【派】plucky adj. 勇敢的

**plumb** [plʌm]

【考法 1】vt. 测深度: to **measure the depth** of (as a body of water) typically with a weighted line

【例】We will plumb the bay to make sure it was deep enough for the huge vessel. 为了确证水深足够容纳这艘巨轮, 我们将会测量海湾的深度。|| questions that plumb the depths of stupidity 测量智商下限的问题

【近】fathom

【考法 2】adj. 垂直的: exactly **vertical**

【近】perpendicular, upright, vertical

【反】horizontal 水平的

【考法 3】adj. 完全的，绝对的：having **no exceptions** or restrictions

【派】Such a movie is plumb trash and further evidence of the deterioration of popular culture. 这样的电影就是彻头彻尾的垃圾，它进一步证明了大众文化的堕落和腐化。

【近】absolute, categorical, complete, consummate, definite, pure, sheer, thorough, utter, very

【反】doubtful, dubious, equivocal, questionable, uncertain 不确定的；qualified 有条件的

【考法 4】v. 仔细深入地检查：to **examine** closely or **deeply**

【例】plumbing the book's complexities 审阅这本书的复杂度

【近】explore, delve, inquire, investigate, probe

### plummet ['plʌmɪt]

【考法 1】v. 突然下降：to **decline suddenly** and steeply

【例】Overall GPA plummeted 0.5 points. 平均学分绩骤降 0.5。

【近】crash, decline, descend, dip, dive, fall, plunge, sink, tumble

【反】skyrocket, soar 飙升

### plump [plʌmp]

【考法 1】adj. 丰满的：**well-rounded** and full in form

【例】In Tang Dynasty, being plump was a sign of ultimate beauty. 在唐代，身材丰满是最美丽的象征。

【近】chubby, fleshy, fat, gross, obese, rotund, round

【反】lean, slender, svelte, thin 纤瘦的，苗条的；angular 因消瘦而棱角分明的

【考法 2】vi. 鼎力支持，赞口不绝：to **give full support** or praise

【例】We will plump for any candidate who supports stem cell research. 我们会鼎力支持那些拥护干细胞研究的候选人。

【近】advocate, back, champion, endorse, patronize

【反】baffle, foil, frustrate, sabotage 阻挠，从中破坏

### plunge [plʌndʒ]

【考法 1】vi. 突然下降：to **descend** or dip **suddenly**

【例】stock's value plunged 股票价值骤然下降

【近】crash, decline, descend, dip, dive, fall, plummet, plunge, sink, tumble

【反】skyrocket, soar 飙升

【考法 2】vt. 插入，刺入：to cause to **penetrate** or enter quickly and forcibly into something

【例】plunged the dagger into his chest 把匕首刺入他的胸膛

【近】drive, stab, stick, thrust

【反】extract 拔出

### polarize ['pəʊləraɪz]

【考法 1】vt. 使分开对立，两极分化：to **break up into opposing** factions or groupings

【例】The controversy has polarized voters into pro-abortion and anti-abortion groups. 这个问题使得选民分化成支持堕胎和反对堕胎两个群体。

【近】bifurcate, diverge, divide

【反】coalesce, unite 合并，联合

【派】polarization n. 两极分化；极化

### polemic [pə'lemɪk]

【考法 1】 n. 争执: a controversial **argument**

【例】 The polemic between science and religion has never ceased. 科学和宗教之间的争论从未停息。

【近】 contention, controversy, disagreement, disputation

【反】 agreement 一致, 协议

【派】 polemical adj. 好争论的

**polished** [pəˈlɪʃt]

【考法 1】 adj. 有教养的: showing a **high degree of refinement** and the assurance that comes from wide social experience

【例】 He maintained a very polished tone in his correspondences. 他在通信中保持着一种极有教养的口吻。

【近】 cultivated, cultured, genteel, refined, urbane

【反】 gauche, rustic, philistine 粗俗的; uncivilized, untutored 未开化的

【考法 2】 adj. 擦亮的: having a **shiny** surface or finish

【例】 She could see her face reflected in the polished hood of the car. 她可以通过引擎盖光亮的表面看到自己的脸。

【近】 buffed, burnished, glistening, lustrous, rubbed, satiny, sleek

【反】 dim, dull, flat, lusterless 黯淡无光的

【派】 polish v. 擦亮

**politic** [ˈpɒlɪtɪk]

【考法 1】 adj. 精明能干的: characterized by **shrewdness** in managing, contriving, or dealing

【例】 a politic secretary 能干的秘书

【近】 diplomatic, judicious, perspicacious, sagacious, tactful, wise

【反】 tactless, unsophisticated 缺乏谋略的, 头脑简单的

【考法 2】 adj. 合时宜的, 明智的: **suitable** for bringing about a desired result under the circumstances

【例】 It probably would not be politic to tell your boss that his latest idea is the worst thing you've ever heard.

不要现在去告诉你老板说他的想法是你听过的最糟的, 这不是一个合时宜的做法。

【近】 advisable, desirable, prudent, tactical

【反】 imprudent, inadvisable, injudicious, unwise 不明智的, 不合时宜的

**pompous** [ˈpɒmpəs]

【考法 1】 adj. 浮夸的: excessively elevated or **ornate**

【例】 The candidate was given to windy rhetorical speeches. 听众们听了一场冗长而浮夸的演讲。

【近】 affected, bombastic, flowery, grandiloquent, magniloquent, rhetorical, sonorous

【反】 homely 朴素的

【考法 2】 adj. 傲慢的: having or exhibiting **self-importance**

【例】 a pompous politician who insisted on boarding the plane first 一个坚持要求优先登机的傲慢政客

【近】 arrogant, egocentric, haughty, pontifical, presumptuous, supercilious

【反】 humble, modest, unpretentious 谦逊的