

spontaneous [spɒn'teɪniəs]

【考法 1】adj. 自发的，不经思索的：acting or activated **without apparent thought** or deliberation

【例】Hugging a crying child is simply a spontaneous reaction. 去抱一个哭泣的小孩是很自然而然的反应。

【近】automatic, impulsive, instinctive, involuntary, mechanical, natural

【反】calculated, deliberate, intentional, planned, predetermined, premeditated, studied 有计划的，蓄意的

spoof [spu:f]

【考法 1】n. 轻松幽默的模仿，小恶搞：a work that imitates and **exaggerates** another work **for comic effect**

【例】Many viewers thought that the spoof of a television newscast was the real thing. 许多观众认为这则新闻报道被恶搞之后的作品才是真实的东西。

【近】burlesque, caricature, mimicking, parody, travesty

【考法 2】v. 诱骗，诱使相信：to cause to **believe what is untrue**

【例】The public was spoofed by a supposedly plausible report of a UFO encounter. 一个听起来真实的 UFO 遭遇报告欺骗了大众。

【近】beguile, cozen, delude, dupe, fool, hoax, misguide, misinform, mislead, trick

【反】disabuse, disenchant, disillusion, undeceive 使醒悟

sporadic [spə'rædɪk]

【考法 1】adj. 偶尔的，零星发生的：**not often occurring** or repeated

【例】On the whole, situation has significantly improved with only sporadic disturbances. 总体而言，局势得到了明显的改善，现在只有偶尔发生的骚乱。

【近】few, infrequent, occasional, odd, rare, scarce, seldom, uncommon

【反】frequent, habitual, repeated 时常发生的

sprawl [sprɔ:l]

【考法 1】vt. 杂乱无序地发展：to grow, develop, or spread **irregularly and without** apparent design or **plan**

【例】The city sprawls down the whole coast. 城市顺着整条海岸线蔓延。

【近】ramble, scramble, straddle

【派】sprawling adj. 蔓延的，不规则伸展的

sprightly ['sprɪtli]

【考法 1】adj. 活泼的，充满活力的：**full of** spirit and **vitality**

【例】He was deeply impressed by the sprightly Gypsy dance. 活力四射的吉普赛舞蹈给他留下了深刻印象。

【近】active, airy, animated, brisk, energetic, frisky, gay, jaunty, kinetic, mettlesome, racy, spirited, vital, vivacious

【反】dead, inactive, inanimate, lackadaisical, languid, languishing, leaden, lifeless, listless, spiritless, vapid 没精神的

Unit 2

SPUR
SQUALL

SPURIOUS
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SQUAT

SQUABBLE
SQUINT

SQUALID
SQUELCH

spur [spɜː]

【考法 1】 n. 刺激物: something that **arouses action** or activity

【例】 The threat of losing its only sports franchise was the spur the city council needed to finally do something about the rising crime rate. 有可能失去唯一的体育赛事举办权带来的威胁，成为了刺激市政府决定就攀升的犯罪率采取相关措施的因素。

【近】 boost, catalyst, impetus, incentive, incitement, instigation, momentum, motivation, provocation, stimulus

【反】 deterrent, disincentive 阻碍物

【考法 2】 n. 支撑物: a structure that **holds up** or serves as a foundation for something else

【例】 a weak wall that might need a spur 一面或许需要支撑的墙

【近】 brace, buttress, mount, prop, reinforcement, shore, underpinning

【考法 3】 vt. 刺激，激励: to **incite** or stimulate

【例】 Appreciation spurred his ambition. 赞扬激起了他的雄心壮志。

【近】 arouse, excite, exhort, goad, instigate, prod, stir, urge

【反】 bridle, check, constrain, curb, deter, fetter, hamper, inhibit, manacle, shackle 制止，阻碍

spurious ['spjuəriəs]

【考法 1】 adj. 假的，伪造的: **lacking authenticity** or validity in essence or origin; not genuine

【例】 In statistics, a spurious relationship is a mathematical relationship in which two events or variables have no direct causal connection, but it may be wrongly inferred that they do, due to either coincidence or the presence of a certain third, unseen factor. 在统计学中，“伪相关关系”是两个不存在因果关联的事件或变量，因为巧合或是不可见的第三方因素，而被误判为存在因果联系的关系。

【近】 apocryphal, bogus, counterfeit, fake, forged, phony, sham

【反】 authentic, bona fide, genuine, real 真实的

【派】 spuriously adv. 伪造地，虚假地

spurn [spɜːn]

【考法 1】 vt. 摒弃，拒绝: to **reject with disdain** or contempt

【例】 spurned his recommendation 拒绝了他的推荐 || Fiercely independent, the elderly couple spurned all offers of financial help. 这对老夫妻极其独立，回绝了所有经济上援助。

【近】 decline, disapprove, negative, refuse, reject, reprobate, repudiate

【反】 accede, accept, agree, approve, assent, consent, embrace 同意，接受

【派】 spurned adj. 被摒弃的，被拒绝的

squabble ['skwɒbl]

【考法 1】 n. 口角，小争吵: a noisy **quarrel**, usually about a trivial matter

【例】 a brief squabble over what to do next 关于接下来该做什么的争吵

【近】 altercation, argument, controversy, disagreement, dispute, imbroglio, quarrel, riff, spat, skirmish, wrangle

【反】 harmony 和谐

squalid ['skwɒlɪd]

【考法 1】 adj. 污秽的，肮脏的: **dirty** and wretched

【例】 The migrants have been living in squalid conditions. 移民们一直居住在肮脏的条件下。

【近】 black, dirty, filthy, foul, impure, nasty, slipshod, slovenly, unclean

【反】 clean, immaculate, spotless, unsoiled, unsullied 干净的

【考法 2】 adj. 道德败坏的: morally **repulsive**

【例】 the squalid atmosphere of intrigue and betrayal 充满了阴谋与背叛的不正之风

【近】 base, despicable, ignoble, scurvy, sordid, vile, wretched

【反】 moral, noble 品格高尚的

squall [skwɔ:l]

【考法 1】 n. (通常伴随着雨或雪的) 风暴, 暴风雪: a brief, sudden, **violent windstorm**, often accompanied by rain or snow

【例】 A snow squall is expected tonight. 今晚预计有暴风雪。

【近】 blizzard, hailstorm, snowstorm, tempest

【考法 2】 vt. 尖叫: to **scream** or cry loudly and harshly

【例】 The baby squalled in pain. 婴儿因为疼痛而大叫。

【近】 cry, howl, screech, shout, shriek, shrill, squeal, thunder, yell

【反】 murmur, mutter, whisper 低声细语

squander ['skwɒndə]

【考法 1】 vt. 使分散: to cause (members of a group) to move widely **apart**

【例】 A single blast of the shotgun squandered the herd of deer. 猎枪的一声枪响让鹿群四处逃窜。

【近】 disband, dispel, disperse

【反】 assemble, cluster, collect, concentrate, congregate, gather, ingather 使聚集, 使集中

【考法 2】 vt. 浪费: to **spend wastefully** or extravagantly

【例】 He squandered his inheritance on women and gambling. 他把他继承的遗产浪费在女人和赌博上。

【近】 blow, dissipate, fritter, lavish, misspend, waste

【反】 conserve, husband 节约, 节俭

【派】 squandering adj. 浪费的

squat [skwɒt]

【考法 1】 adj. 又矮又胖的: being compact and **broad in build** and often **short in stature**

【例】 a squat but adroit craftsman 一个又胖又矮, 但是手艺灵巧的工匠

【近】 chunky, dumpy, heavyset, squatty, stocky, stout, stubby, stumpy, thickset

【反】 gangling, lanky 瘦高的

squint [skwɪnt]

【考法 1】 vt. 斜视, 睥睨: to look or **glance sideways**

【例】 The driver squinted as the sun hit his windshield. 阳光使得驾驶员不得不把眼睛偏向一边

【近】 leer

【反】 gaze, goggle 直视

squelch [skweltʃ]

【考法 1】 vt. 压制, 镇压 (运动): to put a **stop** to (something) **by** the use of **force**

【例】 The authority tried to squelch the workers' protest. 政府试图镇压工人的游行。

【近】 crush, muffle, quell, repress, squash, subdue, suppress, crack down

【反】 abet, aid, assist, back, help, support, prop up 支持, 帮助

【考法 2】 vt. 击溃, 使无言以对: to **put down or silence**, as with a crushing retort

【例】 His irritated glare squelched any other potential objectors. 他怒目而视, 使得其他的反对者都不敢说话。

【近】 dumb, extinguish, mute, quiet, settle, still, shut up

【反】 foment, incite, instigate, provoke, stir 激发, 激起

【派】 squelcher n. 镇压者

Unit 3

STABILIZE
STATIC

STALWART
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stabilize ['steɪbɪlaɪz]

【考法 1】 vt./vi. 使稳定；变得稳定： to **make stable**, steadfast, or firm; to **become stable**, steadfast, or fixed

【例】 a policy that intended to stabilize the situation in Iraq 一项旨在维护伊拉克局势稳定的政策 || The country's population has stabilized at 3.2 million. 这个国家的人口维持在三百二十万。

【近】 ballast, poise, steady

【反】 destabilize 使不稳定；overthrow, overturn, subvert 推翻，颠覆

【派】 stability n. 稳定性

stalwart ['stɔ:lwɜ:t]

【考法 1】 adj. 无所畏惧的： feeling or displaying **no fear** by temperament

【例】 the stalwart soldiers in the army of Alexander the Great, who willingly followed him to the ends of the known world 亚历山大大帝军队中无所畏惧的士兵们，他们愿意跟随亚历山大奔赴世界的尽头

【近】 bold, courageous, dauntless, fearless, gallant, intrepid, manful, stout, stouthearted, valiant, valorous

【反】 cowardly, craven, fearful, gutless, nerveless, pusillanimous, spineless, spiritless, timorous 怯懦的

【考法 2】 adj. (体魄等)强健的： marked by outstanding **strength** and **vigor** of body, mind, or spirit

【例】 a stalwart supporter of the UN 联合国的坚定支持者 || a lithe yet stalwart athlete 瘦小但结实的运动员

【近】 brawny, firm, muscular, rugged, sinewy, sound, stout, strong, sturdy

【反】 delicate, feeble, frail, weak, wimpy 脆弱的

stamina ['stæmɪnə]

【考法 1】 n. 耐力： physical or **moral strength** to resist or withstand illness, fatigue, or hardship

【例】 A marathon challenges a runner's stamina. 马拉松挑战参赛者的耐力。

【近】 endurance, tolerance

【反】 frailty 脆弱

stammer ['stæmə]

【考法 1】 vi. 口吃，结巴： to **speak with** involuntary **pauses** or repetitions

【例】 The frightened child started to stammer. 受惊吓的小孩开始结巴地说话。

【近】 falter, stutter

【反】 articulate 清楚地说话

startle ['stɑ:tɪl]

【考法 1】 vt. 使吓了一跳，使大吃一惊： to **frighten or surprise** suddenly and usually not seriously

【例】 They were startled at the prohibitive price. 他们被高得离谱的价格吓到了

【近】 amaze, astonish, astound, dumbfound, rock, scare, shock, stun, stupefy