

【近】 fabled, legendary

【考法 2】 adj. 幻想中的, 不真实的: not real and existing only **in the imagination**

【例】 a story of a fabulous land where the people know nothing of war and live together in perfect harmony  
一个有关世外桃源的故事, 当地的居民不知道战争为何物, 和谐融洽地生活在一起

【近】 chimerical, dreamy, illusory, phantom, unreal, visionary

【反】 actual, existent, existing, real 真实存在的

【考法 3】 adj. 令人惊讶的, 令人称奇的: **causing wonder** or astonishment

【例】 the fabulous endurance of a marathon runner 马拉松参赛者令人惊讶的耐力

【近】 amazing, astonishing, astounding, miraculous, portentous, prodigious, staggering, stunning, stupendous, sublime, wonderful

【反】 common, ordinary 平常的, 普通的

【考法 4】 adj. 极好的: **extremely pleasing** or successful

【例】 We had a fabulous time on our vacation. 我们的假期赞极了。

【近】 awesome, divine, fantastic, heavenly, marvelous, noble, prime, splendid, superb, superior, terrific

【反】 atrocious, awful, execrable, lousy, pathetic, poor, rotten, terrible, wretched 极差劲的

**hobble** ['hɒbəl]

【考法 1】 vi. 跛行, 蹒跚而行: to walk or move along **haltingly or with difficulty**

【例】 She picked up her cane and hobbled across the room. 她拿起了一根手杖, 一拐一拐地穿过了房间。

【近】 falter, halt, limp, stagger, totter

【反】 stride 大步走

【考法 2】 vt. 阻碍, 妨碍: to **hamper the action** or progress of

【例】 We were hobbled by the snowstorm from getting out to do some Christmas shopping. 暴雪阻碍了我们圣诞购物的计划。

【近】 encumber, fetter, handicap, hamper, hinder, impede, inhibit, manacle, obstruct, shackle, stymie, trammel

【反】 aid, assist, facilitate 帮助

**plush** [plʌʃ]

【考法 1】 adj. (味道等) 浓郁的: having an **abundance** of some characteristic quality (as flavor)

【例】 a plush, ripe wine 味道浓郁的陈年老窖

【近】 concentrated, full, heady, lusty, muscular, potent, rich, robust, strong

【反】 delicate, light, mild, thin, weak (味道等) 淡的

【考法 2】 adj. 奢华的, 豪华的: **notably luxurious**

【例】 a plush castle filled with priceless art and antiques 一座充满了无价艺术品和古董的奢华城堡

【近】 deluxe, lavish, luxuriant, luxurious, opulent, palatial, silken, sumptuous

【反】 ascetic, austere, humble, spartan 朴素的, 平凡的

## Unit 6

RHETORICAL  
ARABLE

THICK-SKINNED  
CONVENE

TRIFLE  
DECADENT

WEATHER  
DEMOTION

WILY  
GLOWER

## rheterical [rɪ'tɔ:rikəl]

【考法 1】adj. 语言上的，文字上的： of or relating to **words or language**

【例】 The next war that those two nations fight won't be rhetorical - it will be with bombs and bullets. 两国之间的下一场战争可不会是斗嘴皮了——他们会来真格的。

【近】 lexical, linguistic, vocabular, wordy

【考法 2】adj. 言辞华丽（却往往无内涵的）： full of fine words and **fancy** expressions **but** mostly **meaningless** words and phrases

【例】 You can skip over the rhetorical passages and still get the gist of the essay. 你可以跳过那些词藻华丽的段落，直接获取文本的主旨。 || The new governor delivered a long rhetorical speech about our state's bright future but laid out no specific programs for ensuring it. 新的执政官发表了词藻华丽的演说，畅谈国家的美好未来，但却没有提出实现这一目标的具体措施。

【近】 bombastic, flatulent, florid, fustian, gaseous, gassy, grandiloquent, oratorical, orotund, purple, windy

【反】 prosaic 平凡无奇的； plain, simple 简单的

## thick-skinned ['θɪk'skɪnd]

【考法 1】adj. 冷漠无情的，不顾及他人感受的： largely **unaffected** by the needs and feelings of other people

【例】 She was so thick-skinned that she was clueless about the fact that the joke had hurt her friend's feelings. 她很少顾及他人的感受，以至于她根本没有意识到那个玩笑伤害了她朋友的感情。

【近】 affectless, callous, cold-blooded, heartless, indurate, inhumane, insensitive, merciless, obdurate, ruthless

【反】 charitable, compassionate, humane, kindhearted, merciful, sympathetic, tender, warmhearted 慈善的

## trifle ['traɪfəl]

【考法 1】n. 不重要的事： something of **little importance or value**

【例】 Let us not speak of trifles when our nation may be going to war. 战事在即，我们还是先放下这些琐事吧。

【近】 bagatelle, frippery, triviality

【考法 2】vi. 不正经地对待，玩弄： to behave amorously **without serious intent**

【例】 Do not trifle with me unless you mean to ask me to marry you. 如果你不是真心想和我结婚，就请不要来玩弄我的感情。

【近】 coquet, dally, flirt, frivol, toy

【派】 trifling adj. 不重要的

## weather ['weðə]

【考法 1】vt. 安全渡过（危机等），经受住： to come through (something) **safely**

【例】 We have weathered worse crises, and so we'll survive this one. 更为严重的危机我们都闯过了，这个也不会有问题的。 || They weathered a terrible storm while at sea. 他们在海上平安渡过了一场巨大的风暴。

【近】 survive

【反】 deace, die, expire, perish, succumb, pass away 死亡，消亡

## wily ['waɪli]

【考法 1】adj. 狡诈的，狡猾的： clever at attaining one's ends by indirect and often **deceptive means**

【例】 He is an experienced and wily old statesman. 他是一个经验丰富而狡诈的老销售员。 || His wily plan only rebounded on him. 聪明反被聪明误。

【近】 beguiling, cagey, crafty, cunning, devious, foxy, guileful, scheming, shrewd, slick, sly, subtle, tricky

【反】 artless, guileless, ingenuous, innocent, undesigning 天真的，单纯的

## arable ['ærəbəl]

【考法 1】adj. 适合耕种的： fit for or used for the **growing of crops**

【例】 explore the west for arable land 向西探索适合耕种的土地

【近】cultivable, tillable

【反】barren, sterile, infertile, unfruitful, unproductive 贫瘠的

**convene** [kən'vi:n]

【考法 1】vt. 召开, 召集: to **bring together in assembly** by or as if by command

【例】convened the members of the council for an emergency session 召集委员会的成员进入紧急议程

【近】assemble, call, convene, muster, summon

【反】disband, dispel, disperse, dissipate, dissolve, squander 驱散, 驱逐

【考法 2】vi. 聚集, 集合: to **come together** in a body

【例】The students convened in the auditorium to hear the principal's address. 学生们在大礼堂集合, 聆听校长的致辞。

【近】cluster, collect, concenter, concentrate, conglomerate, congregate, converge, gather, meet, rendezvous

【派】convention n. 集会, 大会

**decadent** [di'keɪdnt, 'dekədənt]

【考法 1】adj. 堕落的, 腐败的: having or showing **lowered moral character** or standards

【例】Opponents of gambling casinos claim that gambling is a decadent form of entertainment. 赌场的反对者们宣称赌博是一种堕落腐化的娱乐形式。

【近】debased, debauched, degenerate, depraved, dissolute, perverse, perverted, reprobate, warped

【反】pure, uncorrupted 纯净的, 未腐化的

【考法 2】n. 放纵的人: a person whose life is **devoted to luxury and sensual pleasures**

【例】a decadent who squandered her once considerable family fortune 一个挥霍了大量的家族财富的人

【近】debauchee, hedonist, libertine, sensualist, sybarite, profligate

【反】ascetic 苦行者, 禁欲者

【考法 3】n. 道德上堕落的人: a person in a condition or process of mental or **moral decay**

【例】avant-garde artists who were scorned by the bourgeoisie as talentless decadents 被中产阶级鄙视为没有才华的堕落者的前卫艺术家

【近】deviate

【反】saint 圣人

**demotion** [di:'məʊʃən]

【考法 1】n. 降级, 降职: the act or an instance of bringing to a **lower grade or rank**

【例】Anyone who objects will get a demotion. 任何胆敢反对的人都会被降职。|| received a demotion from sergeant to corporal 从中士降为下士

【近】degradation, downgrading, reduction

【反】elevation, promotion 晋升

**glower** ['glauə]

【考法 1】vi. 怒目而视: to look or **stare with** sullen annoyance or **anger**

【例】Baseball fans glowering at their TVs as they watched their favorite team lose. 看着他们支持的球队输球, 棒球迷们恶狠狠地盯着电视屏幕。|| He just glowered without speaking. 他一言不发地怒视着我。

【近】glare, gloom, lower, scowl

【反】beam, grin, smile 笑

## Unit 7

GRIT      INFRACTION      MADCAP      NOVICE      OBSERVANT  
PLENITUDE      REPLENISH      STASIS      TYCOON      UMBRAGE

**grit** [grɪt]

【考法 1】 n. （面对困难时所表现出来的）毅力： the strength of mind that enables a person to **endure pain or hardship**

【例】 She was an athlete with true grit, continuing her training despite bad weather and an injury. 她是真正一个有着惊人毅力的运动员，即便是在受了伤外加天气恶劣的情况下仍然坚持训练。

【近】 backbone, constancy, fiber, grittiness, guts, intestinal fortitude, pluck, spunk

【反】 cowardliness, cravenness, gutlessness, pusillanimity, spinelessness 懦弱

**infraction** [ɪnˈfrækʃən]

【考法 1】 n. 违背，违犯： a **failure to uphold the requirements** of law, duty, or obligation

【例】 Speeding is only a minor infraction, but vehicular homicide is a serious felony. 超速只是小的违章，但是用机动车故意杀人就是重罪了。

【近】 breach, contravention, infringement, transgression, trespass, violation

【反】 observance 遵守

**madcap** [ˈmædkæp]

【考法 1】 n. 热爱冒险的人： a person who **seeks out very dangerous or foolhardy adventures** with no apparent fear

【例】 an incorrigible madcap who loves drag racing and white-water rafting 一个热爱飙车和激流竹筏的无药可救的冒险狂

【近】 daredevil, madman

【考法 2】 adj. 大胆的，鲁莽的： behaving or acting impulsively or rashly; **foolishly adventurous or bold**

【例】 They switched from one madcap scheme to another. 他们从一个鲁莽的方案换到了另一个。

【近】 audacious, bold, brash, daredevil, overbold, overconfident, reckless, temerarious

【反】 careful, cautious, circumspect, guarded, heedful, prudent, wary 谨慎的，小心的

**novice** [ˈnɒvɪs]

【考法 1】 n. 新手，初学者： a person **new** to a field or activity

【例】 a novice chess player 象棋初学者

【近】 apprentice, colt, fledgling, freshman, greenhorn, neophyte, newcomer, recruit, rook, tenderfoot, tyro, virgin

【反】 doyen, maven, veteran 有经验的人

**observant** [əbˈzɜ:vənt]

【考法 1】 adj. 警惕的，警觉的： **paying close attention** usually for the purpose of anticipating approaching danger or opportunity

【例】 Good reporters are keenly observant of everything around them. 优秀的记者应该对身边所有的事情都保持高度的警惕。 || If you were more observant, you would perceive that something is troubling her deeply. 如果你能再警觉一些的话，你就会发现她正被某些东西困扰。

【近】 alert, attentive, awake, cautious, sharp, vigilant, watchful