

【例】assuage his thirst 消渴

【例】That meal certainly assuaged my hunger. 那顿大餐满足了我的口腹之欲。

【近】satisfy, sate, satiate, quench

Unit 7

ASTOUNDING
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astounding [ə'staʊndɪŋ]

【考法 1】adj. 令人吃惊的，出乎意料的：causing **astonishment** or **amazement**

【例】The richness and variety of the undersea environment are astounding. 富饶而多样的海底环境是令人惊奇的。

【近】amazing, astonishing, blindsiding, dumbfounding, shocking, startling, stunning, stupefying

【反】unsurprising 平常的

astute [ə'stu:t]

【考法 1】adj. 机敏的，有洞察力的：having or showing **shrewdness** and **perspicacity**

【例】Astute salesmen know how to invest emotionally. 精明的推销员知道如何进行感情投资。

【近】canny, smart, shrewd, perspicacious, clear-eyed, clear-sighted, savvy, hardheaded

【反】unknowing 无知的

asunder [ə'sʌndə]

【考法 1】adv. 分离成多部分或多片：into **separate parts** or **pieces**

【例】broken asunder 打碎

【例】Buildings were burst asunder. 建筑物已经被炸成碎片了。

【近】piecemeal

【反】in a piece 完整一片；together 在一起

【考法 2】adv. 分离：**apart** from each other in position

【例】A quiet conscience sleeps in thunder, but rest and guilt live far asunder. 平静的良心能在雷声中入睡，而安宁和负罪则无法毗邻。

【例】Our opinions are wide as the poles asunder. 我们的意见完全相反。

【近】apart

【反】together 在一起

asylum [ə'saɪləm]

【考法 1】n. 收容所/ 保护所：an inviolable place of **refuge** and protection giving shelter to criminals and debtors/ something (as a building) that offers cover from the weather or **protection** from danger

【例】an insane asylum 疯人院

【例】The embassy serves as an asylum for that country's nationals in need of help. 大使馆作为该国需要帮助的公民的保护所。

【近】harbor, haven, refuge, sanctuary, sanctum

asymmetrical [æsi'metrikəl]

【考法 1】adj. 不平衡的,不对称的: having **no balance** or **symmetry**

【例】the asymmetrical construction 非对称的建筑

【近】asymmetric, nonsymmetrical, unsymmetrical, unbalanced

【反】symmetrical 对称的; balanced 平衡的

atone [ə'təʊn]

【考法 1】v. 赎罪, 弥补: to make **amends**, as for a sin or fault

【例】Blood must atone for blood. 以命抵命。

【例】Even death cannot atone for the offence. 罪不容诛。

【近】redeem

atrocious [ə'trəʊʃəs]

【考法 1】adj. 极坏的, 极其残忍的: **extremely wicked**, brutal, or cruel

【例】Murder is an atrocious crime. 犯罪是一种极其恶劣的犯罪活动。

【近】heinous

【反】benign, kind, kindhearted, benignant, good-hearted, humane, sympathetic, tenderhearted 善良的, 好的

【考法 2】adj. 让人极为不满意的 **extremely unsatisfactory**

【例】The service on plane was atrocious. 飞机上的服务让人极为不满意。

【反】satisfactory 令人满意的; wonderful 精彩的, 极好的

attenuate [ə'tenjuət]

【考法】v. 使降低 (数量, 力量, 价值): to **lessen** the amount, force, magnitude, or value of

【例】an investment attenuated by inflation 一份因通货膨胀而贬值的投资。

【近】cheapen, devalue, downgrade, reduce, write down

【反】appreciate, enhance, upgrade, mark up 升值, 提升

【派】attenuation n. 弱化, 贬值

audacious [ɔ:'deɪʃəs]

【考法 1】adj. 大胆的, (但往往) 愚勇的: **fearlessly**, often **recklessly** daring; bold

【例】an audacious plan 一个冒进的计划

【近】bold, adventurous, brash, brassy, brazen, rash, reckless

【反】cautious, circumspect, guarded, wary 小心谨慎的

【考法 2】adj. 蔑视 (法律、礼节) 的, 无礼的: **contemptuous of law**, religion, or decorum

【近】impertinent, impudent, insolent

【反】timid, meek 温顺的

【考法 3】adj. 乐于冒险的: inclined or willing to **take risks**

【例】audacious adventurers risking everything they had for a shot at glory 为了荣誉而孤注一掷的冒险家们

【近】daring, emboldened, enterprising, nervy, venturesome

【考法 4】adj. 大胆创新的: marked by originality and **verve**

【例】an audacious interpretation of two dramas 对两部戏剧的创造性阐述

【派】audacity n. 胆量, 不敬

augur ['ɔ:gə]

【考法 1】n. 预言家: one who **predicts** future events or developments

【例】 The ancient Roman augurs predicted the future by reading the flight of birds. 古罗马的预言家们通过鸟类的航线来预测未来

【近】 forecaster, foreseer, diviner, foreteller, prophesier, visionary

【考法 2】 v. 出现好兆头: to show **signs of** a favorable or **successful outcome**

【例】 This augurs well for us. 这是一个好兆头

【近】 forebode, promise

【考法 3】 vt. 预言: to **tell** of or describe **beforehand**

【例】 The fortune-teller augured nothing but a series of calamities for me. 占卜人预言在我身上将会有一系列大灾难发生

【近】 forecast, predict, presage, prognosticate, prophesy

Unit 8

AUTHENTIC
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AUTHORITY
AVERSION

AUTOCRACY
AVID

AUTONOMY
AWASH

AVARICE
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authentic [ɔ:'θentɪk]

【考法 1】 adj. 真实的，非仿造的: being **exactly** as appears or as claimed

【例】 found an authentic Native American arrowhead 发现了一支美洲土著的箭头

【近】 bona fide, certified, genuine

【反】 bogus, counterfeit, fake, mock, phony, spurious 伪造的

【考法 2】 adj. 准确的，相符合的: following an **original** exactly

【例】 an authentic reconstruction of the Parthenon 帕台农神殿的准确复刻

【近】 accurate, exact, precise, right, veracious

【反】 corrupt, false 错误的

【派】 authenticity n. 真实，真实性

authority [ɔ:'θɔ:rtɪ]

【考法 1】 n. (某领域的) 权威人士: a person with **a high level of knowledge** or skill in a field

【例】 a leading authority on neural anatomy 一名神经解剖学领域的权威人士

【近】 expert, connoisseur, maestro, master, virtuoso

【反】 amateur 业余爱好者

inexpert 非专家

【考法 2】 n. 管辖权，控制: **lawful control** over the affairs of a political unit (as a nation)

【例】 The sheriff had authority over the whole county. 郡守对于整个郡都有管辖权

【近】 administration, governance, regime, regimen

【考法 3】 n. 影响力: the **power to direct the thinking** or behavior of others usually indirectly

【例】 He speaks with a persuasive authority on matters of public health. 他就公共健康事务发表了带有影响力的、令人信服的评论

【近】 clout, credit, leverage, weight

【考法 4】 n. (管束他人的) 权力: the **right** or means to command or **control others**

【例】 By the authority vested in me, I now pronounce you married. 依我所拥有的权力，我宣布你们成为夫妻

【近】 arm, command, control, dominion, reign