- 【例】 be crestfallen at the failure 因失败而垂头丧气
- 【近】 downcast, dispirited, low, gloomy, melancholic, sorrowful, woeful
- 【反】 elated, buoyant, excited, exhilarated, exultant 激动的, 欢悦的

## cronyism [krəuniizəm]

- 【考法 1】 n. 任人唯亲, 对好朋友的偏袒: **favoritism** shown to old **friends** without regard for their qualifications
- 【例】 officials practicing cronyism 任人唯亲的官员
- 【近】 favoritism

# crook [kruk]

- 【考法 1】 v. 使弯曲: to cause to turn <u>away from a straight line</u>
- 【例】 crook your finger to pull the trigger 弯曲你的手指来扣动扳机
- 【近】 arch, bow, crook, curve, hook, swerve
- 【反】 straighten, unbend, uncurl 拉直,伸直

#### croon [kru:n]

- 【考法 1】 v. 低声歌唱或说话: to sing or speak in a gentle murmuring manner
- 【例】 croon mellow tunes 低声唱柔和的调子
- 【近】 whisper, grumble, mumble, murmur
- 【反】 shout, yell 大声喊叫

#### crouch [kraʊt∫]

- 【考法 1】 v. 蹲伏: to **lower** the body **stance** especially by bending the legs
- 【例】 crouched behind a rock and watched vigilantly蹲伏石头后紧惕地观察
- 【近】 huddle, squat
- 【反】 arise, stand 站立

## crucial ['kru:∫əl]

- 【考法 1】 adj. 非常重要的,决定性的: extremely significant or important
- 【例】 a crucial step in his professional career 他职业生涯中具有决定性的一步
- 【近】 critical, decisive, key, pivotal, vital
- 【反】 inconsequential, insignificant, trivial 不重要的

#### crumple ['krampl]

- 【考法 1】 v. 弄皱: to press, **bend**, or crush out of shape
- 【例】 crumple a piece of paper 弄皱一张纸
- 【近】 rumple, crimple, crease, fold, wrinkle
- 【反】 smooth 使平滑
- 【考法 2】 v. (因外力挤压而)垮塌: to <u>fall down</u> or in as a result of physical pressure
- 【例】 The box crumpled when I accidentally dropped a brick on it. 我不小心扔了块石头在箱子上,它就倒塌了
- 【近】 collapse, founder, implode, tumble, yield

CRUTCH CRUX CRYPTIC CULPABLE CULTIVATE CUMBERSOME CUNNING CURMUDGEON CURSORY CURT

#### crutch [kr∧t]]

# 【考法 1】 n./v. 支撑,支柱: something that <u>supports</u> or sustains

- 【例】 a crutch for local economy 当地的经济支柱
- 【近】 brace, buttress, column, stay, support, underpinning, underpropping

### crux [krnks]

#### 【考法 1】 n. 中心, 关键点: the basic, central, or **critical point** or feature

- 【例】 the crux of the problem 问题的核心所在
- 【近】 core, substance, kernel, gist, pivot
- 【反】 trifle, triviality 无价值之物

### cryptic ['krɪptɪk]

#### 【考法 1】adj. 秘密的: secret or occult

- 【例】 cryptic message 秘密的信息
- 【近】 covert, furtive, secret, stealthy
- 【反】 public, open 公开的

## 【考法 2】 adj. 含义模糊的: having or seeming to have a hidden or ambiguous meaning

- 【例】 The senator made some cryptic explanations about the military operations. 参议员就军事行动给出了含糊其辞的解释
- 【近】 ambiguous, equivocal, nebulous, obscure, unclear, vague
- 【反】 clear, explicit, obvious, plain清晰的

#### 【考法 3】 adj. 超出理解能力的: being beyond one's powers to know, understand, or explain

- 【例】 puzzled by the cryptic e-mail message left on his computer 被他电脑里让人费解的电子邮件而迷惑
- 【近】 arcane, enigmatic, impenetrable, inscrutable, mystic, occult, uncanny
- 【反】 comprehendible, understandable 可以理解的

#### culpable ['kʌlpəbəl]

### 【考法 1】 adj. 该受谴责的, 有罪的: <u>deserving</u> of <u>blame</u> or censure as being wrong, evil, improper, or injurious

- 【例】 culpable behaviors 值得谴责的行为
- 【近】 blameworthy, censurable, guilty, reprehensible, sinful, reproachable
- 【反】 inculpable, innocent 无罪的
- 【派】 culpability n. 有罪

#### cultivate ['kʌltɪveɪt]

### 【考法 1】 v. 提升: to **improve** by labor, care, or study

- 【例】 cultivate the mind 开化心智
- 【近】 educate, instruct, illuminate, nurse
- 【反】 degrade, deteriorate, impair 损坏,降低品质

#### 【考法 2】 v. 促进成长,培养: to <u>promote</u> the <u>growth</u> of (a biological culture)

- 【例】 cultivate vegetables 种植蔬菜
- 【近】 grow, breed, produce, raise, develop, nurture
- 【反】 balk, frustrate, thwart 阻碍

#### 【派】 cultivation n. 栽培

### cumbersome ['knmbəsəm]

- 【考法 1】 adj. 笨重的, 难处理的: <u>difficult to handle</u> because of weight or bulk
- 【例】 a cumbersome piece of machinery 一件笨重的机器
- 【近】 unhandy, ponderous, heavy, unwieldy, onerous ,thorny
- 【反】 light, weightless 轻的; handy 容易处理的

#### cunning [ˈkʌnɪη]

- 【考法 1】 adj. 狡猾的: marked by or given to artful subtlety and deceptiveness
- 【例】cunning tactics 狡猾的战术
- 【近】artful, crafty, devious, foxy, sly, tricky, wily
- 【反】artless, naïve, unsophisticated 天真无邪的
- 【考法 2】 adj. (手工)灵巧的: **skillful** with the hands
- 【例】 Only the most cunning cabinetmaker could have crafted such a beautifully proportioned chest of drawers. 只有手工超凡的家具工才能打造出如此精致协调的衣柜
- 【近】 clever, deft, handy
- 【反】 heavy-handed, ham-handed 笨拙的
- 【考法 3】 n. 欺诈,欺骗: the inclination or <u>practice of misleading</u> others through lies or trickery
- 【例】 used cunning and subterfuge to work her way up the corporate ladder 通过欺骗在公司中步步攀升
- 【近】 artifice, deception, fraud
- 【反】 ingenuousness, sincerity 真诚

## curmudgeon [kəˈmʌdʒən]

- 【考法 1】 n. 脾气坏的爱抱怨的人: an irritable and complaining person
- 【例】 a terrible old curmudgeon 一个坏脾气老头
- 【近】 crosspatch, fusser, griper, grouser, growler, grumbler, whiner
- 【反】 agreeable person 令人愉快的人

#### cursory ['kɜːsərɪ]

- 【考法 1】 adj. 匆忙的,不注意细节的: acting or done with excessive or careless speed
- 【例】 a cursory glance at the headline 匆匆地瞥了一眼标题
- 【近】 headlong, overhasty, pell-mell, precipitate, precipitous, rash
- 【反】 fastidious, thorough, deliberate, unhurried, unrushed 极关注细节的,彻底的,不匆忙的

#### curt [ks:t]

- 【考法 1】adj. 言词简略、直接(以至显得粗鲁)的: being or characterized by <u>direct, brief, and potentially rude</u> speech or manner
- 【例】 his curt reply 他简略而略显粗鲁的回答
- 【近】 abrupt, bluff, brusque, downright, unceremonious
- 【反】 circuitous, mealymouthed 迂回的
- 【考法 2】 adj. 言简意赅的: marked by the use of few words to <u>convey much information</u> or meaning
- 【例】 on a daily basis she e-mailed to her commanders curt reports on the situation 她每天向长官做简短汇报
- 【近】 aphoristic, compendious, elliptical, laconic, pithy, sententious, succinct, terse
- 【反】 diffuse, long-winded, prolix, verbose 冗长啰嗦的

# Unit 3

CURTAIL CYNIC DABBLE DAFT DAIS DALLY DAMPER DANDY DANK DAPPER

### curtail [ks:'teɪl]

【考法 1】 vt. 缩短, 削减: to make less in extent or duration

- 【例】curtail your holiday 缩短你的假期
- 【近】abbreviate, abridge, syncopate, truncate, cut back
- 【反】elongate, protract, prolong, extend, lengthen 延长

## cynic ['sɪnɪk]

【考法 1】 n. 愤世嫉俗者: a person who believes all people are motivated by selfishness.

【例】 A cynic might think that the governor visited the hospital just to gain votes. 一个愤青认为州长去医院探视仅仅是为了拉票。

【近】 misanthrope, naysayer, pessimist

### dabble ['dæbl]

【考法 1】 v. 浅尝辄止: to work or involve oneself <u>superficially</u> or intermittently especially in a secondary interest

- 【例】 dabble in arts 对艺术稍有涉猎
- 【反】 dedicate, specialize 投入,专门研究
- 【派】 dabbler vi. 涉猎者,浅尝辙止者: one **not deeply engaged in** or concerned with something
- 【例】 He's not a dedicated musician, just a dabbler. 他并不是专门的音乐家, 只不过是个业馀爱好者
- 【反】 specialist 专家

#### daft [da:ft]

【考法 1】 adj. 神经错乱的: having or showing a very abnormal or sick state of mind

- 【例】 The king was clearly daft, talking to trees and rocks. 国王俨然已经疯了,对着树和石头说话。
- 【近】 bedlam, demented, deranged, lunatic, psychotic, unbalanced, unsound
- 【反】 balanced, sane 头脑正常的

【考法 2】 adj. 不明智的: showing or marked by a <u>lack of good sense or judgment</u>

- 【例】 a daft plan, doomed to wretched failure and merciless ridicule 一个不明智的决定,最终难逃悲催的结局和无情的嘲讽的下场
- 【近】 fatuous, featherheaded, nonsensical, preposterous, senseless
- 【反】 judicious, prudent, sagacious, sapient, wise 明智的

#### dais ['deiis]

【考法 1】 n. 主席台, 嘉宾席: a <u>raised platform</u>, as in a lecture hall, for speakers or <u>honored</u> guests.

- 【例】 the speaker took his place at the front of the dais 演讲者在主席台就坐
- 【近】 podium, rostrum, tribune

#### dally ['dæli]

【考法 1】 vi. 虚度时光: to spend time doing nothing