

【例】 The surly receptionist told us we would have to wait outside in the rain. 态度粗暴的服务员说我们必须在外等——哪怕是在下雨。

【近】 acid, bearish, bilious, cantankerous, disagreeable, dyspeptic, ill-humored, ill-natured, ornery, splenetic

【反】 amiable, good-humored, good-natured, good-tempered 性格好的

**surmise** [sə'maɪz]

【考法 1】 n. (根据不足的) 推测, 揣测: a thought or idea **based on scanty evidence**

【例】 My surmise is that the couple's "good news" is the announcement that they are going to have a baby.  
我猜那对夫妻说的“好消息”就是他们要有小孩了。

【近】 guess, hypothesis, shot, supposition, theory

【反】 fact 事实

【考法 2】 vt. 推测: to form a notion of **from scanty evidence**

【例】 From his tone I surmised that he was unhappy. 从他的语气中我猜测他并不高兴。

【近】 assume, conjecture, daresay, imagine, infer, presume, speculate, suppose, suspect

【反】 demonstrate, prove, substantiate, validate 证明

## Unit 7

**SURMOUNT**  
**TEMPORAL**

**SURROGATE**  
**TENTATIVE TYRANT**

**TAME**  
**TANGLE**  
**UNANIMOUS**

**TEEMING**  
**UNREMITTING**

**surmount** [sə'maʊnt]

【考法 1】 vt. 战胜, 获得胜利: to **achieve a victory** over

【例】 an Olympic swimmer who surmounted endless obstacles to achieve her goals 一个克服重重困难最终实现目标的奥运游泳运动员

【近】 conquer, defeat, overbear, overcome, overmatch, prevail, subdue, triumph, win

【反】 lose 失败

**surrogate** ['sɜ:rəɡɪt]

【考法 1】 n. 替代品: one that **takes the place** of another

【例】 For some people, Google Earth is never a justified surrogate for actual travel. 对于一部分人而言, 谷歌地球决不是旅行的合理替代品。

【近】 backup, cover, fill-in, relief, replacement, reserve, stand-in, substitute

**tame** [teɪm]

【考法 1】 adj. 被驯化的: **reduced from a state of native wildness** especially so as to be tractable and useful to humans

【例】 Every evening, a wild Canada goose is at the food trough with our tame geese. 每天傍晚的食槽边总会出现一只野生加拿大鹅和我们的饲养家鹅一起进食。

【近】 domestic, domesticated, tamed

【反】 feral, savage, undomesticated, untamed, wild 野生的

【考法 2】 adj. 无聊的, 乏味的: **lacking spirit**, zest, interest, or the capacity to excite

【例】 That action movie was so tame I fell asleep about 20 minutes into it. 那部动作片实在是太无聊了，我刚开场二十分钟就睡着了。

【近】 arid, drab, dreary, drudging, humdrum, insipid, jading, jejune, monochromatic, monotonous, pedestrian, ponderous, stale, stodgy, tedious, tiresome, wearisome

【反】 absorbing, engaging, engrossing, gripping, interesting, intriguing, involving, riveting 令人感兴趣的

【考法 3】 vt. 控制，抑制： to **keep from exceeding** a desirable degree or level (as of expression)

【例】 Try to tame your language when you are in front of the kids. 在孩子面前注意一下你的措辞。

【近】 bridle, check, constrain, contain, curb, govern, hold, inhibit, keep, measure, regulate, rein, restrain, rule

【反】 unleash 宣泄（感情等）

## tangle ['tæŋgl]

【考法 1】 n. 困惑，不解： a state of **perplexity** or complete bewilderment

【例】 My mind has been in a tangle ever since I learned some information about an old, deceased acquaintance. 自从我获知一些关于已故的老熟人的消息之后我就陷入了困惑之中。

【近】 bafflement, befuddlement, bemusement, bewilderment, confusedness, distraction, muddle, mystification, perplexity, puzzlement, whirl

【反】 assurance, certainty, certitude, confidence, conviction, sureness 确信

【考法 2】 vt. 纠缠，使…纠结： to seize and hold in or as if **in a snare**

【例】 was at last tangled in the web of lies that he had told to everyone 最终被自己所编织的谎言缠住了

【近】 enmesh, ensnare, ensnarl, entrap, mesh, net, snare, trap

【反】 disentangle 解开

## teeming ['ti:miŋ]

【考法 1】 adj. 大量的： possessing or covered with **great numbers** or amounts of something specified

【例】 oceans teeming with life 孕育着无穷生命的海洋

【近】 abundant, ample, awash, cornucopian, flush, fraught, lousy, replete, swarming, thick, thronging

【反】 bare, barren, blank, devoid, empty, stark, vacant, void 贫瘠的，空无一物的

## temporal ['tempərəl]

【考法 1】 adj. 世俗的，尘世的： of or relating to **earthly life**

【例】 The master told his disciples not to worry about temporal concerns, but instead focus on spiritual matters. 大师要弟子们不要为尘世间的纷争而苦恼，而是将精神集中于灵魂上的思考。

【近】 carnal, earthborn, earthbound, fleshly, material, mundane, secular, sublunary, terrene, terrestrial, worldly

【反】 heavenly, unearthly, unworldly 非尘世间的； spiritual 精神上的； religious 宗教的

## tentative ['tentətiv]

【考法 1】 adj. 暂时性的，尝试的： **not fully** worked out or **developed**

【例】 Our plans are only tentative at this point and will depend on whether you can come. 我们的计划只是暂时性的，具体还要看你能否前来。

【近】 ad interim, impermanent, interim, provisional, provisionary, provisory, short-term, temporary, trial

【反】 final 最终的； ceaseless, endless, eternal, immortal, permanent, perpetual, undying 永久性的

## tyrant ['taɪərənt]

【考法 1】 n. 暴君： a ruler who exercises absolute power **oppressively or brutally**

【例】 The people universally feared the tyrant, who was notorious for his frequent use of torture. 人们非常恐惧这个暴君，因为他有着经常折磨犯人的臭名。

【近】 dictator, oppressor, pharaoh, strongman

【派】 tyranny n. 暴政，苛政

## unanimous ['ɪ'nɪdʒ]

【考法 1】adj. 一致同意的: having the agreement and **consent of all**

【例】a unanimous vote to upgrade the school's computer facilities 一致同意对学校的计算机设备进行升级

【近】consentaneous, uncontested

【派】unanimity n. 一致同意

## unremitting ['ʌnrɪ'mɪtɪŋ]

【考法 1】adj. 连续不断的: going on and on **without any interruptions**

【例】Unremitting rain lasted for six days. 连续下了六天的雨。

【近】ceaseless, continual, continuing, incessant, nonstop, perpetual, unbroken, uninterrupted

【反】discontinuous, intermittent 不连续的，有间断的

# Unit 8

VERSED  
WRONGHEADED

VOCATION

VOYEUR

WILLFUL

WISTFUL

## versed [vɜːst]

【考法 1】adj. 熟知的: **having information** especially as a result of study or experience

【例】versed in the latest developments in aeronautics 熟知当今航空业的发展情况

【近】abreast, acquainted, conversant, informed, knowledgeable, well-informed

【近】ignorant, unacquainted, unfamiliar, uninformed, unknowledgeable 无知的

【考法 2】adj. 精通的: having or showing **exceptional knowledge**, experience, or skill in a field of endeavor

【例】well versed in the techniques of laser surgery 精通激光手术方面的技术

【近】accomplished, adept, complete, consummate, experienced, expert, master, practiced, professed, skilled, veteran, virtuoso

【近】amateur, inexperienced, inexpert, jackleg, unprofessional, unseasoned, unskilled 业余的，不精通的

## vocation [vəʊ'keɪʃən]

【考法 1】n. 职业: the work in which a person is regularly **employed**

【例】finally made soccer her vocation instead of just a hobby 终于将足球从爱好升级为谋生的职业

【近】calling, employment, occupation, profession, trade, work

【反】hobby 爱好

【派】vocational adj. 职业的，为职业做准备的

## voyeur [vɔɪ'jʊə]

【考法 1】n. 淫窥狂: one obtaining sexual gratification from **observing unsuspecting individuals** who are partly undressed, naked, or engaged in sexual acts

【例】They accidentally found out that their ostensibly benign neighbor is actually a voyeur. 他们偶然间发现那个表面和善的邻居居然是一个偷窥狂。

【近】peeper

【派】voyeurism n. 偷窥癖