

【例】nerves of steel 钢铁般的意志

【近】bravery, fortitude, guts, intrepidity, resolution, stamina

【反】cowardice, pusillanimity 怯懦

【考法2】vt. 给予勇气，鼓励：to **give** strength or **courage** to

【例】needs to nerve himself for the big game tomorrow 需要为明天的比赛给自己加油鼓劲

【近】animate, brace, cheer, embolden, encourage, inspirit, steel, strengthen

【反】appall 使胆寒；discourage, dishearten 使沮丧

【派】nervy adj. 有勇气的

Unit 9

NETTLE
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NEUTRALIZE
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NOCTURNAL

NIBBLE
NOISOME

nettle ['netl]

【考法1】vt. 惹怒：to **arouse** to sharp but transitory annoyance or **anger**

【例】His pompous attitude nettled several people. 他自大的性格得罪了不少人

【近】aggravate, annoy, exasperate, inflame, infuriate, irritate, peeve, pique, provoke, roil, ruffle, vex

【反】appease, assuage, conciliate, mollify, placate, propitiate 安抚

neutralize ['nju:trəlaɪz]

【考法1】vt. 中和：to cause (an **acid** or base) to **undergo neutralization**

【例】industrial exhaust neutralized by lime 被石灰中和的工业废气

【反】acidify 酸化

【考法2】vt. 破坏，使无效：to **make inoperative or ineffective** usually by means of an opposite force, influence, or effect

【例】influenced by the kind of propaganda that is difficult to neutralize 被一种难以消除的宣传攻势所影响

【近】annul, cancel, counteract, frustrate, negate, nullify

【反】activate, vitalize 激活

【派】neutralization n. 中和；消除

nicety ['naisiti]

【考法1】n. 准确，精确：**careful** attention to **details**; delicate exactness

【例】There's a nicety of detail in his meticulously painted landscapes. 在他精心绘制的景观图中，有着十分精准翔实的细节

【近】accuracy, delicacy, exactness, fineness, precision, veracity

【反】coarseness, imprecision, inaccuracy, roughness 不准确，粗糙

【考法2】n. 细微之处：a **fine point** or distinction

【例】the niceties of table manner 餐桌礼仪的细微之处 || niceties of diplomatic protocol 外交礼节中的细节

【近】detail, particular, nuance, subtlety

nexus ['neksəs]

【考法 1】 n. 连结: a means of **connection**

【例】 Correlativity does not sufficiently lead to causal nexus. 相关性不是因果关联的充分条件

【近】 bond, connection, link, tie

【考法 2】 n. 核心, 最重要的地带: a thing or place that is of **greatest importance** to an activity or interest

【例】 As the nexus for three great religions, Jerusalem has had a troubled as well as illustrious history. 作为三大宗教的圣城, 耶路撒冷有着动荡而辉煌的历史

【近】 base, capital, center, core, focus, kernel, heart, hub, nucleus

【反】 margin, periphery 边缘

nibble ['nibl]

【考法 1】 vt. 小口咬: to eat with **small**, quick **bites** or in small morsels

【例】 waves nibbling the shore 缓慢侵蚀海岸的浪

【近】 bite, nip, peck, sip, tipple

【反】 gobble 狼吞虎咽

nil [nil]

【考法 1】 n. 不存在, 零: **nothing**; zero

【例】 reduced to nil 消逝殆尽

【近】 nothing, nonentity, nullity, zip

【反】 existence 存在

nip [nip]

【考法 1】 n. 少量: a very **small amount**

【例】 I'll have just a nip of your sandwich. 我只吃一点点你的三明治

【近】 bit, hint, little, mite, ounce, snap, trace

【反】 abundance, affluence, avalanche 大量

【考法 2】 vi. 小口吃喝: to sip (alcoholic liquor) **in small amounts**

【近】 nibble, sip, tipple

【反】 guzzle, quaff, swill 大口吃喝

nitpick [nitpik]

【考法 1】 v. 吹毛求疵: to **criticize** by nit-picking

【例】 a peevish critic always ready to quibble 一个总是吹毛求疵的古怪评论家

【近】 carp, cavil, fuss, niggle, quibble, pick nits

【派】 nitpicker n. 吹毛求疵的人

nocturnal [nɒk'tɜ:nl]

【考法 1】 adj. 夜间的: of, relating to, or occurring **in the night**

【例】 a nocturnal raid 夜间突袭

【近】 nightly, nighttime

【反】 daily, diurnal 白昼的

【考法 2】 adj. 夜间活动的: **active at night**

【例】 a nocturnal predator 夜间活动的捕食者

【派】 nocturne n. 夜曲

noisome ['noisəm]

【考法 1】 adj. 有害的，有毒的：noxious, **harmful**

【例】noisome chemical fumes 有害的化学烟雾

【近】deleterious, detrimental, insalubrious, noxious, unhealthy, unwholesome

【反】beneficial 有益的；healthy, salubrious, wholesome 有益健康的

【考法 2】 adj. 恶臭的：offensive to the senses and especially to the sense of **smell**

【例】noisome garbage 恶臭的垃圾

【近】fetid, foul, malodorous, smelly, stinky

【反】ambrosial, aromatic, fragrant, perfumed, redolent, savory, scented, sweet 有香味的

【考法 3】 adj. 非常令人厌恶的：highly obnoxious or **objectionable**

【例】noisome habits of littering 让人反感的随地乱扔垃圾的坏习惯

【近】abhorrent, appalling, disgusting, hideous, loathsome, nauseating, offensive, repugnant, repulsive

【反】appealing, captivating, enchanting, fascinating 有吸引力的；agreeable, pleasant 令人愉悦的

Unit 10

NOMAD
NONPLUS

NOMINAL
NONSENSE

NONCHALANT
NOTCH

NONDESCRIPT
NOVEL

NONENTITY
NOXIOUS

nomad ['nəʊmæd]

【考法 1】 adj./n. 游牧的；居无定所的人：a member of a people who have **no fixed residence** but move from place to place usually seasonally and within a well-defined territory

【例】after college she became quite the nomad, backpacking through Europe with no particular destination
大学毕业后她开始漂泊，漫无目的地游遍欧洲

【近】ambulant, fugitive, gallivanting, perambulatory, peripatetic, ranging, roaming, vagabond, vagrant, wandering, wayfaring

【反】settled 定居的

nominal ['nɒmɪnəl]

【考法 1】 adj. 不重要的：so small or **unimportant** as to warrant little or no attention

【例】His involvement was nominal. 他的参与不太重要。

【近】inconsequential, inconsiderable, paltry, trifling, trivial

【反】big, consequential, considerable, important, material, significant 重要的

【考法 2】 adj. 名义上的：existing or being **something in name** or form only

【例】nominal head of the party 党派的名义首领

【近】formal, paper, titular

nonchalant ['nɒnʃələnt]

【考法 1】 adj. 冷漠的：having an air of easy unconcern or **indifference**

【例】She was surprisingly nonchalant about winning the award. 她竟然对得奖很淡然。

【近】apathetic, disinterested, insensible, insouciant, perfunctory, unconcerned

【反】concerned, interested 忧虑的，有兴趣的