

【考法 1】 n. 顶峰: the **highest point** of development or achievement

【例】 a singer who has reached the pinnacle of career 已到达事业巅峰的歌手

【近】 acme, apex, climax, culmination, meridian, peak, summit, top, zenith

【反】 bottom, nadir 最低点

pinpoint ['pin,point]

【考法 1】 adj. 非常精确的: located, fixed, or directed with **extreme precision**

【例】 The commander demanded the pinpoint location of artillery fire. 指挥官需要火炮攻击的精确位置。

【近】 accurate, close, delicate, exact, fine, hairline, mathematical, precise, refined, rigorous

【反】 coarse, cursory, rough 粗略的; imprecise, inaccurate, inexact 不准确的

【考法 2】 v. 精确定位或确认: to locate, fix, determine, or **identify with precision**

【例】 pinpoint the target by tracking calls from his cellphone 通过跟踪手机信号精确定位了目标 || pinpoint the cause of failure 准确找出失败的原因

【近】 determine, distinguish, locate, identify, recognize, spot

【反】 estimate 估计

piquant ['pi:kənt]

【考法 1】 adj. 辛辣开胃的: pleasantly **pungent** or tart in **taste**

【例】 a piquant sauce 开胃的酱汁

【近】 peppery, poignant, salty, savory, spicy, zesty

【反】 insipid, vapid, zestless 索然无味的

【考法 2】 adj. 令人振奋的: appealingly **provocative**

【例】 a piquant glance 充满挑逗的一瞥

【近】 exciting, pungent, racy, stimulating

【反】 flat, pallid 单调的, 无聊的

Unit 8

PIQUE
PLACATE

PIRATE
PLACEBO

PITHY
PLAGIARIZE

PITLESS
PLANGENT

PITTANCE
PLASTIC

pique [pi:k]

【考法 1】 vt. 使愤怒: to **arouse anger** or resentment in

【例】 She was greatly piqued when they refused her invitation. 他们拒绝她的邀请让她很生气。

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

【反】 delight, gratify, rejoice 使高兴

【考法 2】 vt. 激起, 刺激: to **excite or arouse** especially by a provocation, challenge, or rebuff

【例】 radical remarks that pique their curiosity 引起他们兴趣的激进评论

【近】 arouse, encourage, excite, fire, impassion, incite, instigate, move, stimulate, stir

【反】 allay, alleviate, assuage, ease, mitigate, mollify, palliate, relieve, soothe 平息, 缓和

pirate ['paɪərɪt]

【考法 1】 vt. 盗版，盗用： to take or make use of under a guise of authority but **without actual right**

【例】 a pirated version of the software 盗版软件

【近】 arrogate, commandeer, convert, expropriate, preempt, press, seize, usurp

【考法 2】 n. 海盗： a **robber** on the high **seas**

【例】 little boys dreaming of sailing as pirates 梦想成为海盗的小男孩

【近】 corsair, freebooter, rover

pithy ['pɪθɪ]

【考法 1】 adj. 精练的，简洁的： precisely meaningful; forceful and **brief**

【例】 The professor gave a pithy introduction to this course. 教授就这门课程做了简短的介绍。

【近】 apothegmatic, brief, capsule, compact, compendious, concise, laconic, succinct, telegraphic, terse

【反】 circuitous, circumlocutory, diffuse, rambling, prolix, verbose, windy, wordy 冗长累赘的

【派】 pithiness n. 简洁，犀利

pitiless ['pɪtlɪs]

【考法 1】 adj. 没有同情心的： **devoid of** or unmoved by **pity**

【例】 a pitiless humiliation 毫不留情的羞辱

【近】 affectless, callous, coldhearted, cruel, harsh, indurate, merciless

【反】 charitable, clement, compassionate, humane, merciful, sympathetic, tender 有同情心的，仁慈的

pittance ['pɪtəns]

【考法 1】 n. 少量津贴： a **small portion**, amount, or allowance

【例】 The internship offers only a pittance for a salary, but it is a great opportunity to gain experience. 实习所能挣到的报酬是很少的，但是它提供了获得经验的绝佳机会。

【近】 bit, mite, modicum, peanuts, trace

【反】 cornucopia, opulence 富饶；boodle, bundle, fortune 大笔财富

placate ['pleɪkət]

【考法 1】 vt. （通过让步以）平息抚慰： to **lessen the anger** or agitation of

【例】 The colonists implemented a new policy to placate local opposition 殖民者采取新政策以缓和当地的反抗情绪。

【近】 appease, assuage, conciliate, mollify, pacify, propitiate, tranquilize

【反】 anger, enrage, foment, gall, incense, inflame, infuriate, peeve, rile 激怒，使气恼

【派】 placation n. 安抚

placebo [plə'si:bəʊ]

【考法 1】 n. 安慰性的事物： something of no intrinsic remedial value that is **used to appease or reassure** another

【例】 Candies are often adopted as the placebo for the dying patients. 糖果通常作为安慰剂给重症患者服用。

plagiarize ['pleɪdʒəraɪz]

【考法 1】 v. 剽窃，抄袭： to **steal** and pass off (the **ideas** or words of another) as one's own

【例】 In scientific community, plagiarizing other's paper is a felony. 在学术界，剽窃他人的论文是一项重罪。

【近】 steal

【派】 plagiarism n. 剽窃

plangent ['plændʒənt]

【考法 1】adj. 轰鸣的: having a **loud** reverberating **sound**

【例】The camera man was stunned by the plangent roar of wild animals. 摄影师被野生动物发出的怒号吓得不知所措。

【近】blaring, blasting, clamorous, deafening, earsplitting, resonant, resounding, sonorous, thunderous, vibrant

【反】muffled, muted 声音被减弱的; gentle, low, soft 声音轻柔的

【考法 2】adj. 凄凉的, 哀伤的: having an expressive and especially **plaintive** quality

【例】a plangent song about a long-ago love 一首关于往日爱情的凄凉歌曲

【近】doleful, dolorous, funeral, grieving, lamentable, lugubrious, plaintive, rueful, sorrowful, woeful

【反】agreeable, cheerful, delightful, enjoyable, jolly, pleasing 令人愉快的

plastic ['plæstɪk]

【考法 1】adj. 可塑的: susceptible of being **modified** in form or nature

【例】the plastic quality of modeling clay 模型泥的可塑性质

【近】adaptable, ductile, flexible, malleable, pliable, pliant, resilient, supple

【反】inflexible, rigid, stiff 僵硬的

【考法 2】adj. 虚假的, 做作的: **lacking in natural** or spontaneous quality

【例】There's usually a plastic cordiality at these corporate events. 通常在公司的活动上都有一种虚假的热情和友好。

【近】affected, assumed, bogus, factitious, fake, false, feigned, mock, phony, pretended, pseudo, spurious

【反】artless, genuine, natural, spontaneous, unaffected, uncontrived, unfeigned 真诚的

【派】plasticity n. 可塑性

Unit 9

PLATEAU
PLETHORA

PLATITUDE
PLIABLE

PLAUSIBLE
PLIANT

PLEAT
PLIGHT

PLENTITUDE
PLODD

plateau [plæ'təʊ]

【考法 1】n. 高原: a usually extensive level land area **raised** sharply **above** adjacent land on at least one side

【例】Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau 青藏高原

【近】highland, mesa, tableland, upland

【反】lowland 低谷; basin 盆地

【考法 2】n. 稳定时期, 平台期: a relatively **stable level**, period, or state

【例】reached a plateau of development 达到了发展的稳定期

【近】equilibrium, stage, stasis

platitude ['plætɪtju:d]

【考法 1】n. 陈词滥调: a trite or **banal** remark or **statement**, especially one expressed as if it were original or significant