

Unit 7

PRODIGAL PRODIGIOUS PROFANE PROFFER PROFICIENT
PROFLIGATE PROFUNDITY PROFUSION PROHIBITIVE PROLIFERATE

prodigal ['prɒdɪgəl]

【考法 1】adj. 挥霍的: recklessly spendthrift

【例】prodigal outlays for her clothes 买衣服时挥金如土

【近】extravagant, profligate, squandering, unthrifty, wasteful

【反】frugal, parsimonious, conserving, economical, economizing, penny-pinching, scrimping, skimping, thrifty
节省的, 吝啬的

【派】prodigality 浪费挥霍

【反】penury, husbandry 贫困, 节约

【考法 2】n. 败家子: someone who spends money freely or foolishly

【例】The million-dollar lottery winner was such a prodigal that his windfall was exhausted after only a few years.
靠彩票中了百万的赢家是个败家子, 几年之内就把这笔意外之财全部花完了。

【近】fritterer, high roller, profligate, spender, spendthrift, squanderer, waster, wastrel

【反】economizer, penny-pincher 吝啬的人

prodigious ['prɒdɪdʒəs]

【考法 1】adj. 巨大的: impressively great in size, force, or extent; enormous

【例】a prodigious supply of canned food kept in the basement 地下室贮存着大量罐头食品

【近】colossal, elephantine, enormous, gigantic, titanic, tremendous

【反】slight 微小的

【派】prodigy n. 天才, 神童

【考法 2】adj. 惊人的, 了不起的: causing wonder or astonishment

【例】stage magicians performing prodigious feats for rapt audiences 舞台魔术师在全神贯注的观众们面前表演

【近】amazing, astonishing, astounding, awesome, fabulous, miraculous, portentous, staggering, stunning, stupendous, sublime, surprising

profane [prə'feɪn]

【考法 1】v. 亵渎: to treat (something sacred) with abuse, irreverence, or contempt

【例】invading troops profaned the altar by playing poker on it 侵略军亵渎了祭坛, 竟然在上面打扑克

【近】defile, violate

【派】profaned 被亵渎的

【反】unviolated, inviolable 未被亵渎的, 不可亵渎的

【考法 2】v. 滥用: to put to a bad or improper use

【例】profaned his considerable acting talents by appearing in some wretched movies 在一些烂俗的电影里面出现简直就是浪费表演才华

【近】abuse, misemploy, misuse, pervert, prostitute

proffer ['prɒfə]

【考法 1】v./n. 献出, 提供: to offer for acceptance; tender

【例】 proffered her assistance in helping the two sides reach a compromise 她在斡旋双方达成妥协过程中尽了力

【近】 extend, give, proffer, tender, trot out

【反】 retain, withhold 保留

proficient [prə'fɪʃənt]

【考法 1】 adj. 熟练的, 精通的: having or marked by an **advanced** degree of **competence**, as in an art, vocation, profession, or branch of learning

【例】 proficient in translating foreign languages 精通外语翻译

【近】 accomplished, complete, expert, skilled, versed, virtuoso

【反】 inept, incompetent, amateur, inexperienced, inexpert, jackleg, unprofessional, unseasoned, unskilled 无能的

profligate ['prɒflɪɡət]

【考法 1】 adj./n. 挥金如土的, 挥霍的: recklessly **wasteful**; wildly extravagant

【例】 leading a profligate life 过着骄奢淫逸的生活

【近】 extravagant, high-rolling, spendthrift, squandering, thriftless, unthrifty, wasteful

【反】 parsimonious, provident, thrift, economical, frugal, conserving 吝啬的, 节俭的

【考法 2】 n. 败家子: someone who **spends money freely** or foolishly

【例】 profligate who could not really afford the grand style he maintained at Monticello, Jefferson died deeply in debt 再也支撑不了在蒙蒂塞洛之时的大手大脚的作风, 败家子杰斐逊最终深陷债务危机

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【反】 economizer, penny-pincher 吝啬的人

【考法 3】 n. 堕落的人: a person who has sunk **below the normal moral standard**

【例】 a drunken profligate, he was given to wretched excess in every aspect of his life 一个喝醉的堕落的人, 在生活的方方面面都日趋堕落

【近】 backslider, debauchee, debaucher, decadent, deviate, libertine, perv, pervert, profligate, rake, rakehell, rip

profundity [prə'fʌndɪti]

【考法 1】 n. 深奥, 深刻: something profound or **abstruse**

【例】 His books are a mixture of playfulness and profundity. 他的作品都是搞笑和深刻的结合体。

【近】 deepness, profoundness

【反】 superficiality 肤浅

profusion [prə'fju:ʒən]

【考法 1】 n. 丰富, 大量: the state of being profuse; **abundance**

【例】 snow falling in profusion 雪量很大

【近】 abundance, mass, plenitude, scads, volume, wealth

【反】 paucity 极少量

【派】 profuse 丰富的

【反】 scanty 缺乏的

【考法 2】 n. 挥霍, 浪费: the quality or fact of being free or **wasteful** in the expenditure of money

【例】 in giving gifts to his girlfriend, he was generous to the point of profusion 对于给女朋友的礼物支出一项, 他慷慨到了几乎奢侈的地步

【近】 extravagancy, lavishness, prodigality, wastefulness

【反】 economy, frugality, penny-pinching

prohibitive [prə'hɪbɪtɪv]

【考法 1】adj. 禁止的；阻止的：tending to **prohibit** or **restrain**

【考法 2】adj. （价格高得）抑制购买的：so high or burdensome as to discourage purchase or use

【例】prohibitive prices 抑制购买的高价

proliferate [prə'lifəreɪt]

【考法 1】vi. 快速繁殖，激增：to **grow or multiply by rapidly** producing new tissue, parts, cells, or **offspring**

【例】rumors about the accident proliferated on the Internet 关于事故的小道消息在网上迅速扩散

【近】balloon, boom, build up, escalate, expand, mushroom, snowball

【反】decrease in amount, dwindle, contract, decrease, diminish, dwindle, lessen, recede, wane 数量减少，缩小

Unit 8

PROLIX PROLOGUE PROLONG PROOFREAD PROMULGATE
PROPAGATE PROPENSITY PROPHETIC PROPITIATE PROPITIOUS

prolix ['prɒlɪks]

【考法 1】adj. 罗嗦的，冗长的：tending to speak or write at **excessive length**

【例】habitually transforms brief anecdotes into *prolix* sagas that exhaust his listeners 总是将简短的小趣事变成冗长的传说故事，让听众很疲倦

【近】diffuse, garrulous, rambling, verbose, windy

【反】pithy, taciturn, terse, succinct, concise, extreme brief 精炼的，寡言的

prologue ['prɒləɡ]

【考法 1】n. 序言：the **preface** or introduction to a literary work

【例】the burglary, which he committed while still a teen, was but a prologue to a wasted life of crime 他青少年时犯过的入室抢劫拉开了他偷盗生涯的序幕

【近】exordium, foreword, preamble, preface, prelude, proem, prolusion

【反】epilogue 结尾

prolong [prəʊ'ləŋ]

【考法 1】vt. 延长，拖延：to **lengthen** in extent, scope, or range

【例】Additives are used to prolong the shelf life of packaged food. 添加剂被用来延长包装食品的保存期限。

【近】elongate, lengthen, outstretch, protract, stretch, drag (out), draw out

【反】abbreviate, abridge, curtail, cut, cut back, shorten, truncate 截短

proofread ['pru:fri:d]

【考法 1】vt. 校对：to read (copy or proof) in order to **find errors and mark corrections**

【例】She proofread the paper carefully. 她仔细把论文校对了。

promulgate ['prɒməleɪt]

【考法 1】vt. 正式宣布：to **make known** openly or publicly

【例】The law was promulgated in June 1988. 法律在 1988 年 6 月出台。