

## Unit 3

DIAPHANOUS  
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DILATORY

**diaphanous** [daɪ'æfənəs]

【考法 1】adj. 模糊的，非实在的：vague or insubstantial

【例】only a diaphanous hope of success 只有一丝成功的希望

【近】vague, obscure, unexplicit, insubstantial, immaterial

【反】substantial 实在的；clear, distinct 清晰的

【考法 2】adj. (质地精致得) 几乎透明的：of such fine texture as to be transparent or translucent

【例】The bride wore a diaphanous veil. 新娘戴着透明的面纱。

【近】transparent, translucent, transpicuous, gossamer

【反】opaque, impermeable of light 不透明的，不透光的

**diatribe** [daɪə'traɪb]

【考法 1】n. 长篇抨击性演讲：a long angry speech or scolding

【例】He was forced to sit through a long diatribe. 他被迫耐着性子听完一个长篇抨击性演讲。

【近】tirade, harangue, jeremiad, philippic, rant

【考法 2】n. 挖苦，讽刺的指责：ironic or satirical criticism

【例】The movie reviewer wrote a diatribe of the movie describing it as having excessive sex and violence.  
那个影评人指责这个电影还有过多的色情和暴力。

【近】irony, satire

【反】encomium, eulogy, panegyric, tribute, laudatory piece of writing 颂词，赞赏作品

**didactic** [dɪ'dæktɪk]

【考法 1】adj. 喜欢说教的：designed or intended to teach

【例】Parents' speech to their kids often seems to be painfully didactic. 父母对他们孩子的话都是让人痛苦的  
的说教。

【近】homiletic, preachy, moralistic, sententious

【反】undidactic 不喜欢说教的

**diehard** ['daɪhɑ:d]

【考法 1】adj. 顽固的，保守的/n. 顽固的人，保守的人：strongly or fanatically determined or devoted/ someone  
who opposes change and refuses to accept new ideas

【例】Some diehard smokers belied the doctors' suggestion. 一些顽固的烟民违背了医生们的建议。

【近】conservative, hidebound, old-fashioned, reactionary, ultraconservative

【反】liberal, nonconservative, open-minded, liberal 自由的，开放的

**diffident** ['dɪfɪdənt]

【考法 1】adj. 不自信的: **hesitant in acting or speaking through lack of self-confidence**

【例】He is diffident to express his opinions in public. 他在公共场合表达自己的观点时有点害羞

【近】unassured, bashful, retiring, self-effacing, withdrawn

【反】confident, assured, self-assured, self-confident 自信的

【考法 2】adj. 内向的: **reserved in manner; unassertive**

【例】She was diffident about stating her opinion. 她很内向, 表达自己的观点的时候有点害羞。

【近】introverted

【反】extroverted, outgoing 外向的

## diffuse [dɪ'fju:s]

【考法 1】adj. 罗嗦的: **being at once verbose and ill-organized**

【例】a diffuse report 冗长的报告

【近】circuitous, circumlocutory, long-winded, prolix, verbose, windy, rambling

【反】concise, pithy, succinct, terse, laconic 简洁的

【考法 2】adj. 不集中的, 扩散的: **not concentrated or localized**

【例】diffuse lighting 散射光

【反】concentrated 集中的

【考法 3】v. 扩展, 散开: **extend, scatter**

【例】The photographer uses a screen to diffuse the light. 摄影师用一个屏幕来分散光线。

【近】spread, extend, disperse, disseminate, scatter

【反】concentrate, center, centralize, focus 集中

## digress ['daɪɡres]

【考法 1】v. 脱离主题: **to turn aside especially from the main subject of attention or course of argument**

【例】digress from her prepared subject 脱离她准备好的主题 || He digressed so often that it was hard to follow what he was saying. 他经常跑题, 以至于我们很难跟上他说的内容。

【近】excuse, ramble, diverge, get off the subject

【派】digressive adj. 偏离的

【近】discursive

【派】digression n. 题外话: the act or an instance of **digressing** in a discourse

【近】aside

## dilapidate [dɪ'læpɪdeɪt]

【考法 1】v. 使荒废: **to bring into a condition of decay or partial ruin**

【例】The house has been dilapidated by neglect. 由于没人照看, 这个房子已经要荒废了。

【近】ruin, wreck

【反】be in use 还在使用; restore 恢复使用; mend, repair 修理; rejuvenate, renew, renovate 翻新

## dilate [daɪ'leɪt]

【考法 1】vt. 使膨胀, 扩大: **to enlarge or expand in bulk or extent; to become wide**

【例】The cat dilated its eyes in the darkness. 猫在黑暗中睁大眼睛。 || The drug dilates the blood vessels. 药使血管膨胀。

【近】expand, amplify, enlarge

【反】contract 收缩; narrow 使变窄

【考法 2】v. 详细表达: **to express more fully and in greater detail**

【例】He refused to dilate upon his plan for improving the economy in the event that he won the election. 他拒

绝在他赢得选举的情况下透露更多关于振兴经济计划的细节。

【近】 amplify, develop, elaborate on, flesh out, dilate on, enlarge on

【反】 abbreviate, abridge, condense, shorten 删减, 缩短

**dilatory** ['dɪlətɔːrɪ]

【考法 1】 adj. 拖延的, 磨蹭的: tending or intended to **cause delay**, characterized by **procrastination**

【例】 dilatory tactics 拖延战术 || The homeowner is claiming that local firefighters were dilatory in responding to the call. 业主声称本地的消防队员对(火警)电话的有拖延。

【近】 delaying, procrastinating, dragging, lagging, tardy

【反】 rapid, fast, fleet, precipitate, rocketing, swift hasty, hurrying, scurrying 快速的

## Unit 4

**DILETTANTE**  
**DINGY**

**DILIGENT**  
**DIOCESAN**

**DILUTE**  
**DIPLOMATIC**

**DIMINISH**  
**DIRE**

**DIN**  
**DIRGE**

**dilettante** [dɪlɪ'tæntɪ]

【考法 1】 n./ adj. 业余爱好者(对艺术或知识领域涉猎浅薄者)/ 缺乏专业技术的: a person having a **superficial interest** in an art/ **lacking** or showing a **lack of expert skill**

【例】 Dilettante watch the scene of bustle, adept guard the entrance. 外行看热闹, 内行看门道。|| Many dilettante efforts could be seen at the sidewalk art show. 街边艺术展上可以看到很多技术业余的作品

【近】 dabbler, amateur, nonexpert, nonprofessional, cognoscente

【反】 authority, expert, pro, professional, specialist 专家

**diligent** ['dɪlɪdʒənt]

【考法 1】 adj. 勤勉的, 辛勤的: characterized by **steady**, **earnest**, and **energetic** effort: painstaking

【例】 A new bride is diligent for three days. 新娶媳妇三日勤。|| a student who has been unceasingly diligent in pursuit of a degree in mathematics. 一个不断勤奋追求数学学位的学生

【近】 assiduous, industrious, sedulous, engaged, hopping, tied-up

【反】 idle, inactive, unbusy, unemployed, unoccupied 空闲的

**dilute** [daɪ'ljuːt]

【考法 1】 v. 稀释: to make thinner or less **concentrated** by adding a liquid such as water/ of relatively **low strength** or **concentration**

【例】 dilute a color 稀释色彩 || a dilute acid that's safe to handle in the classroom 稀释了的可以安全在教室处理的酸

【近】 thin

【反】 condense, densify, concentrate, thicken 使浓缩

【考法 2】 vt. 削弱: to **diminish** the **strength**, **flavor**, or **brilliance** of by admixture

【例】 The hiring of the new CEO diluted the power of the company's president. 新的 CEO 削弱了董事长的权力。