

【反】dodge, duck, shirk, sidestep 躲开, 避谈

**breach** [bri:tʃ]

【考法 1】n. 对伦理、法律准则的破坏: a **breaking** of a **moral or legal code**

【例】cheating on the exam was a serious breach of the military academy's honor code 考试作弊是对军校的荣誉准则的严重破坏

【近】malefaction, transgression, trespass, violation, wrongdoing

【考法 2】v. 违背: to **fail to keep**

【例】a builder being sued by a homeowner for breaching a contract 建筑商因违约被房主起诉

【近】contravene, fracture, infringe, transgress

【反】obey, observe, comply with, conform to 遵守

**brevity** ['brevɪtɪ]

【考法 1】n. 简短, 简洁: **shortness** of duration

【例】the best quality a graduation speech can have is brevity 好的毕业演讲必须简洁

【近】briefness, conciseness, shortness

【反】lengthiness 冗长

【考法 2】n. 精炼: the quality or state of being marked by or using only **few words** to convey much meaning

【例】if brevity is the soul of wit, then that speech wasn't at all witty 如果说精炼是智慧的灵魂, 那么演讲毫无智慧可言

【近】conciseness, pithiness, sententiousness, terseness

【反】diffuseness, long-windedness, prolixity, verbosity, wordiness 冗长啰嗦

## Unit 7

**BRIBE**  
**BROACH**

**BRIDLE**  
**BROMIDE**

**BRISK**  
**BROOK**

**BRISTLE**  
**BROWBEAT**

**BRITTLE**  
**BRUIT**

**bribe** [braɪb]

【考法 1】v. 贿赂, 收买: to give something, such as **money** or a favor, offered or **given** to a person in a position of trust to influence that person's views or conduct.

【例】They bribed him to keep quiet about the incident. 他们收买他, 希望其保持缄默。

【近】corrupt, pay off, square

**bridle** ['braɪdl]

【考法 1】v. 限制: to keep from exceeding a desirable degree or level (as of expression)

【例】try to bridle your criticism next time so that it is helpful and not hurtful 下回控制好批评的语气, 让其既顺耳又有益

【近】check, contain, curb, constrain, inhibit, regulate, restrain, tame, rein in

**brisk** [brɪsk]

【考法 1】adj. 充满生机, 有活力的: marked by much life, movement, or **activity**

【例】brisk and concise response 轻快而简洁的回答

【近】animated, bouncing, bustling, frisky, kinetic, sprightly, vibrant

【反】lackadaisical, languid, leaden, dead, inactive, lifeless 没有生机的

【考法2】adj. 刻薄的，言辞或方式尖刻辛辣的： **keen or sharp** in speech or manner

【例】a brisk greeting 尖刻的祝贺

### bristle ['brɪsl]

【考法1】v. 怒不可遏，咆哮： to express one's **anger** usually violently

【例】bristle at the suggestion of gay marriage 对基情怒不可遏

【近】bluster, fulminate, rampage, fume, storm

【反】cower 畏缩

【考法2】v. 供应充足： to be **copiously** supplied

【例】starting a new life in New York city bristling with possibilities 在有着无限机会的纽约开始新生活

【近】brim, overflow, swarm, teem

### brittle ['brɪtl]

【考法1】adj. 易碎的，脆弱的，易坏的： easily **broken**, cracked, or snapped

【例】as brittle as glass 像玻璃一样脆弱

【近】crispy, crumbly, flaky, friable

【考法2】adj. 不热心的，不真心的： **lacking in friendliness** or warmth of feeling

【例】a brittle apology that was anything but heartfelt 一个毫不真诚的道歉

【近】chilly, frigid, frosty, glacial, unfriendly, unsympathetic

【反】cordial, genial, warmhearted 热心的

### broach [brəʊtʃ]

【考法1】v. 开启，启封： to **open** for the first time

【例】broach a keg of beer 开一小桶酒

【近】break

【反】close off 关闭

【考法2】v. 提出讨论： to **present** or bring forward for discussion

【例】broached the topic of plans for next year's parade 将明年的游行活动计划摆上讨论日程

【近】moot, place, raise, bring up

### bromide ['brəʊmaɪd]

【考法1】n. 陈词滥调： a commonplace or **hackneyed** statement or notion

【例】a newspaper editorial offering the timeworn bromide that people should settle their differences peacefully  
报纸编辑又拿出那一套呼吁和平解决纷争的陈词滥调

【近】banality, cliché, platitude, homily, truism, chestnut, shibboleth

### brook [brʊk]

【考法1】v. 忍受，容许： to stand for, **tolerate**

【例】brook no inference with his plans 不能容忍别人对于他计划的干涉

【近】abide, countenance, endure, stomach

【考法2】n. 小溪流： a natural stream of water normally smaller than and often tributary to a river: **creek**

【例】there are tiny fish and frogs in that brook 那条小溪里有小鱼还有小青蛙

【近】creek, rivulet

**browbeat** ['braubi:t]

【考法 1】 vt. 恐吓: to intimidate by a stern manner or arrogant speech: bully

【例】 They would often browbeat the younger child until he cried. 他们总是把小朋友欺负到哭为止。

【近】 blackjack, bulldoze, bully, cow, hector, intimidate

**bruit** ['bru:t]

【考法 1】 vt. (未经证实地)散播消息: to make (as a piece of information) the subject of common talk without any authority or confirmation of accuracy

【例】 It's been bruited that... 到处传播……

【近】 circulate, whisper, noise about

【反】 keep secret 保持秘密

## Unit 8

**BUCK**  
**BUNGLE**

**BUDGE**  
**BUOY**

**BULGE**  
**BUOYANT**

**BULLY**  
**BURGEON**

**BUMPTIOUS**  
**BURLESQUE**

**buck** [bʌk]

【考法 1】 v. 阻止, 反对: to refuse assent, to refuse to give in to

【例】 buck the system 不遵守制度

【近】 defy, fight, oppose, repel, withstand

【反】 assent to, bow to, submit to, succumb to, surrender to, yield to 赞成, 服从

【考法 2】 v. 转移, 交接: to shift possession of (something) from one person to another

【例】 buck each box to the next person in line 将每一个盒子传给队伍中的后一人

【近】 transfer, hand over

**budge** [bʌdʒ]

【考法 1】 vi. 改变立场或态度: to alter a position or attitude

【例】 Nothing would budge him. 没有什么可以改变他的主意。

【考法 2】 v. 停止抵抗, 屈服: to cease resistance (as to another's arguments, demands, or control)

【例】 despite hours of intense pressure, she refused to budge from her position 尽管被连续施压几小时, 她仍旧不肯改变立场

【近】 concede, relent, submit, succumb, surrender

【反】 resist 拒绝, 抵抗

**bulge** [bʌldʒ]

【考法 1】 n. 凸起: a protuberant or swollen part or place

【例】 bulging eyes 暴鱼眼

【近】 convexity, projection, protrusion, protuberance, swell

【反】 depressed region, cavity, dent, indent, recess, pit 凹陷, 坑

【考法 2】 n. 比赛中的优势地位: the more favorable condition or position in a competition

【例】 somehow she got the bulge on him in the race for the statehouse 她在州议员竞选中领先了他

【近】 high ground, inside track, upper hand, whip hand