Lesson 5 核心词汇

1. Within (easy) reach (of sth) 很接近，靠近；够得着；在某人双手所及范围之内

e.g. The house is within easy reach of schools and sports facilities.

E.g. The clothes they model for Littlewoods are all within easy reach of every woman.

Out of (或beyond )reach 超出某人双手的所及范围

Victory is now out of her reach.

1. inhospitable
2. adj.(地方)不适于居住的；（尤指）无遮蔽处的，荒凉的(=unwelcoming)

e.g. the earth’s most inhospitable regions

e.g. the island’s inhospitable climate

2) adj.(人)不殷勤待客的；不好客的(=unfriendly)(反：hospitable)

e.g. They’re extremely inhospitable these days.

1. lengthen v. (使)加长；使(时间)延长 （反:shorten)

e.g. The evening shadows were lengthening.

e.g. Vacations have lengthened and the work week has shortened.

1. downturn n.(经济等的) 衰退，下降趋势 (反：upturn)

e.g. They predicted a severe economic downturn.

e.g. unchanged profits for 1990 due to a sharp downturn in the industry

1. fragile

adj. 1) 易脆的；易损的 fragile china/glass/bones

2)不牢固的，脆弱的 e.g.The economy remains extremely fragile.

3)虚弱的 e.g. Her father is now 86 and in fragile health.

1. deteriorate v. 恶化；退化；变坏

e.g. Her health deteriorated rapidly, and she died shortly afterwards.

e.g. The discussion quickly deteriorated into an angry argument.

1. confirm v. (尤指提供证据来)证实,证明，确认

e.g. Rumours of job losses were later confirmed.

e.g. Please write to confirm your reservation(=say that it is definite).

e.g. It has been confirmed that the meeting will take place next week.

1. plight n.境况；困境；誓约

e.g. He just wants to draw attention to the plight of the unemployed.

1. acknowledge

v.1)承认(属实)(=admit)

e.g. She refuses to acknowledge the need for reform.

e.g. I did not acknowledge that he had done anything wrong.

1. 承认(权威，地位)

e.g. He is widely acknowledged to be the best player in the world.

3) 表示感谢

e.g. I gratefully acknowledge financial support from several local business.

1. remarkable adj. 非凡的；显著的；引人注目的(=astonishing) ( 反：unremarkable)

e.g. a remarkable achievement/career/talent

E.g. She was a truly remarkable woman.

be remarkable for...

The area is remarkable for its scenery.

1. prestigious adj.有威望的；声誉高的

e.g. a prestigious award

e.g. a prestigious university

e.g. It’s one of the best equipped and most prestigious schools in the country.

1. desperate

adj.1) 因(绝望而)不惜冒险的，不顾一切的，拼命的

e.g. I heard sounds of a desperate struggle in the next room.

2)铤而走险的；孤注一掷的

e.g. His increasing financial difficulties forced him to take desperate measures.

3)非常需要；渴望

e.g. I was absolutely desperate to see her.

4)极严重的；很危急的

e.g. The children are in desperate need of love and attention.

e.g. They face a desperate shortage of clean water.

adv. desperately

He took a deep breath, desperately trying to keep calm.

1. approach

V. 1)（在距离或时间上）靠近，接近

e.g. Winter is approaching.

e.g. He didn’t approach the front door at once.

2)接洽；建议；要求

e.g. We have been approached by a number of companies that are interested in our products.

3)（在数量，水平或质量上）接近

e.g. profits approaching 30 million dollars

e.g. Few writers approach his richness of language.

4) 着手处理；对付

e.g. What’s the best way of approaching this problem?

n. (待人接物或思考问题的)方法，方式，态度

e.g. The school has decided to adopt a different approach to discipline.

1. pervade v. 弥漫；渗透；充满；遍及 (=permeate)

e.g. The entire house was pervaded by a sour smell.

e.g. a pervading mood of fear

1. commission

V.1)正式委托(谱写或制作，创作，完成)

e.g. She has been commissioned to write a new national anthem.

2)任命...为军官

e.g. He has just been commissioned (as a )pilot officer.

n. 1)委员会

e.g. a commission on human rights

2)佣金；回扣

e.g. You get a 10% commission on everything you sell.

1. immensely adv.极大地；非常 (=enormously)

e.g.Immensely popular/ difficult/ grateful

e.g.I enjoyed this movie immensely.

adj. immense 极大的；巨大的 (=enormous)

e.g. The benefits are immense.

e.g. a project of immense importance

1. influential adj. 有很大影响的；有支配力的

e.g. a highly influential book

e.g. She is one of the most influential figures in local politics.

e.g. It helps to have influential friends.

1. fade

V.1) 使变淡，变暗

e.g. He was wearing faded blue jeans.

2)逐渐消失；逐渐消逝

Her smile faded.

All other issues fade into insignificance compared with the struggle for survival.

3)(运动员，运动队，演员等)走下坡路，衰退，衰落

Black faded on the final bend.

1. dominate

V. 1)在... 中占首要地位；在...中最具影响力

e.g. The book is expected to dominate the best-seller lists.

2)统治；支配；控制

e.g. He denied that his country wants to dominate Europe.

3)俯视；高耸于

e.g. It’s one of the biggest buildings in this area, and it really dominates this whole place.

1. intimate

adj.1)亲密的；密切的

intimate friends

2)个人隐私的

The article revealed intimate details about his family life.

3)宜于密切关系的；温馨的

e.g. an intimate restaurant

4)详尽的；精通的

e.g.an intimate knowledge of the English countryside

5)(事物间的联系)密切的；紧密的

e.g.an intimate connection between class and educational success

adv.密切地

e.g. intimately connected/linked/related