How to spot a "weaken" question?

key words : weaken, cast the most doubt, undermine

furthermore, additionally ==> support

therefore, thus, because ==> draw conclusions

however,nontheless,although ==> contrast

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No Shift Sentences:

words: likewise, in fact, indeed, so, just as ... so(too),not only ...(but) also

Cause and Effect :

words: because, given that, as a result of, since, therefore, consequently, thus...

Elaboration Sentence:

words: hyphen(-), colon(:), semi-colon(,),indeed

Apposition:同位词

two words(usually adjective) follow one another

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Shift Sentence:(contrast)

words: though, although, even (thouth), despite(尽管), yet, but, however,

contrary to, in opposition to, in spite of(尽管), on the other hand,

notwithstanding(尽管), nonetheless(尽管),regardless(尽管),

Time Shifts:

words: once..., at first..., then... now, Initially...

deviating from the norm:

words: surprised, typically, anything but(means not),

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unimpeachable: 可靠的

impeachable: 可弹劾的

tumor: 肿瘤

forsake: 抛弃

prevarication 与 equivocation 近义词: 含糊其词

eloquence: 雄辩(positive)

discernment: 洞察力

openness: 坦诚, 公开

foolhardy 与 reckless 近义词: 鲁莽的

crafty: 狡猾的

brazen(厚颜无耻的) 与 audacious(大胆的) 近义词

deliberate pacing: 缓慢的速度

find有一种用法 与 deem, judge 近义词: 认为 ( 例: I find it trite!)

genre: 题材

bare: 露出

baring: 裸露的

pugnacity 与 truculence 近义词: 好战

valour/valor: 勇猛

untutored: 未受教育的

wont: 习惯

overturn: 推翻

indignation: 愤怒

equanimity: 镇静

poise: 平衡,镇静

subsistence: 存活

construe: 解释

omen: 预兆

strife: 冲突

laud: 称赞

lump: 结块

demanding: means difficult

intractable: 棘手的

forgo : 放弃

funeral: 丧葬的

doleful: 悲哀的

cupidity: 贪婪

verisimilar: 逼真的

magnanimous : 有雅量的(反义词: selfish)

ramifications: 结果(与consequence近义词)

dispensation: 分配

rarely: 很少

dementia: 痴呆

logorrhea: 速语症

illicit: 非法的

onerous: 繁重的

crackle: 有趣的

stagnate: 停滞不前

opt: means to choose

inadvertently: means unintentionally

diligence: 勤奋

imminent: 迫近的

adamant 与 unyielding 近义词: 不屈从的

stringent: means very strict 严格的

doting: means to be excessively fond of someone

woo: 追求

hipness: 时尚

effortless: 不费力的

oblivion: 遗忘

inimical: 敌意的,有害的

sift: 过滤

metastasize: 转移

juxtapose: 并排放

demeanor: 举止

upbeat: 乐观(近: sanguine)

reticent 与 taciturn近义词: 沉默寡言的

martial: 战争的

propulsive: 有推进力的

granular: 颗粒状的

blurry: 模糊的

indulgent: 宽容的(与unkind是反义词)when you are indulgent, you are favorable to ...

charitable: 仁慈的

singular: 卓越的

disruption: 中断

hectic: 繁忙的

serendipitous: 偶然的

merit: 优点

ardent: 热情的

outright: 完全的,彻底的

avert: 转移

tenacious: 执着的

institute: 开始着手

sarcasm: 讽刺

merriment: 欢笑

wallow: 沉迷

roundabout: indirect

openhanded: 大方的

admonitory:劝告的

fortuitous: 偶然的

endearing: 讨人喜欢的

precipitate: 仓促的,沉淀特,促成

churlish: 没有礼貌的

churl: 吝啬鬼, 粗暴的人

courteous: 彬彬有礼的

detractor: 诋毁者

affront: 侮辱

eyesore: 难看的东西, 眼中钉

notoriety:臭名声

abnomaly: 反常的,异常的 (反义词为: normal, typical)

melancholia:精神忧郁症

downcast:情绪低落的

forlorn: 孤立无助的

hostile: 带有敌意的

capita: 牺口

premise: 前提

recoup: 重新获得(失去的东西)

disgrace: 耻辱

ignomity: 耻辱

fortune: 幸运的

curious: 稀奇的

indulgence: 放纵, 沉迷

verbiage: 废话

concoct: 捏造,混合

pauper: 穷人

chore: 家庭杂物

roundabout: 不直接的

brusque: 无礼的

apposition: 同位

charitable: 仁慈的

huffy: 易怒的

labored: 费力的

apathetic: 冷漠的

graveyard: 墓地

necropolis: 墓地

bonanza: 发财机遇

monument:纪念碑

contingent upon = dependent on :取决于

peripheral to = unrelated to : 与...无关

coterminous: 差不多相同的

posterity: 后代, 子孙

With all the trappings of a “successful” novelist : 这里的加引号的successful表示并不成功.

belated: 迟到的

enduring: 持久的

menial: 卑贱的

amass: 积累

prestigious: 有名望的

shrub: 灌木

bush: 灌木

deliberate: 慎重的

shrug off: 不屑理睬

precocity: 早熟

diva: 歌剧中的女主角

perceive: 觉察

injustice: 不公正

provenance: 起源

immense:巨大的

immerse:沉浸

apathetic: 冷淡的

he went on to sever ties with these people.

他继续与这些人断绝关系.

The phrase “not so much thing A as thing B” means that thing B is more important or greater than thing A. It doesn’t mean that thing A isn’t also a contributing factor. For instance:

Bob was not so much tired as he was hungry.

Bob is tired but not to same extent as he is hungry.

Here's an example of the "For every X there is a Y" structure: For every pair of shoes she buys, there is a purse that she needs to buy too, to match.. This sentence is describing a woman who buys a lot of shoes, and every time she buys shoes, she also buys a purse that matches it. It's a pretty silly sentence :) but it implies that she buys a lot of shoes, and also a lot of purses.

--------------------magoosh vocabulary--------------

veracity: 真实

veracious: 真实的 近truthful

voracity: 贪婪

voracious: 贪婪的

alacrity: 乐意, 敏捷

prosaic: 缺乏想象力的, 单调乏味的

maintain: assert

contrite: remorseful 懊悔的

laconic: A person is described as laconic when he/she says very few words.

pugnacious: 好斗的

disparate: 迥然不同的

egregious: 极坏的

innocuous: 无害的

candid: 坦率的

bleak: 荒凉的,阴郁的

profuse: 慷慨的,浪费的

extant: 现存的(反: extinct:灭绝的)

contentious: 好争论的

content: 满意的

auspicious: 吉祥的,有利的(反: inauspicious, untoward, unfavorable: 不利的, 不祥的)

enervate: 使衰弱

sedulous: 勤奋的

blinkered: 狭隘的

unchecked: (贬)未受遏制的 Describing something undesirable that has grown out of control.

raft: 大量的, 充气船

involved: 复杂的, 涉及的

retiring: 退休的, 不善社交的(to be retiring means to be shy)

moment: If something is of moment, it is significant and important (think of the word momentous).

scintillate: 闪耀的, 有才华的

benighted: 无知的

hedge: 篱笆, 模棱两可的说以欺骗(近 equivocate)

fell: 砍倒(树等),fall的过去式,邪恶的(evil)

arch: 故意刁难的(to be arch means to be deliberately teasing),拱形,主要的

intimate: to suggest something subtly.

wanting: 缺乏的(lacking)

becoming: 合适的(appropriate, matches nicely)

fleece: 欺诈,剥削

wax: 增大(反义词: wane 衰减)

check: to check means to limit

qualify: means to limit. For example, an author usually expresses qualified approval or some qualified opinion in the passage.(有保留的做)

prevaricate: 支吾,说谎

frugal has a positive connotation(节约的)

miserly has a negative connotation(吝啬的)

parsimonious has a negative connotation(过度节约的)

demur is a verb meaning to object or show reluctance(反对)

demure : 娴静的(专门用来形容女子)

beatific: 幸福的

beautiful: 漂亮的

preemptive: 先发制人的 To act before someone else does is to act preemptively.

peremptory: 专横傲慢的 If you are peremptory you are bossy(专横的) and domineering.

indigent: 贫穷的

indigenous: 土生土长的

indignant: 愤怒的

Errant (adj. 偏离正路的) vs. Arrant (adj.彻头彻尾的(贬)) vs. Errand (n.差事) vs. Err (v.犯错误)

To be errant() is to be wandering, not sticking to a circumscribed path. It can also connote deviating from accepted behavior or standards.

Unlike his peers, who spent their hours studying in the library, Matthew preferred errant walks through the university campus to help his brain function.

Arrant means complete and utter. It usually modifies a noun with a negative connotation, e.g. liar, fool, etc.

An arrant fool, Lawrence surprised nobody when he lost all his money in a pyramid scheme that was every bit as transparent as it was corrupt.

An errand is a small chore.

Maria carried out her errands with dispatch, completing most before noon.

To err is (surprise!) to make an error.

He erred in thinking that errant and arrant were synonyms.

artful: 狡猾的

artifice: 诡计 To have artifice is to be artful

artless: 单纯的 If somebody is artless, on the other hand, that person is innocent, guileless.

censor 与 expurgate 近义词: 删除(令人讨厌的)部分

imponderable : 不可估量的

pariah 与 outcast 近义词: 被遗弃者

mesmerize: 使入迷

hector: 威吓 hector means to bully or intimidate

quixotic: 不切实际的, 空想的

maudlin: 伤感的

protean 与 versatile近义词: 多才多艺的

sartorial:(穿衣风格的) sartorial does not relate directly to the muscle or tailor, but rather to the way we dress

bilious: 脾气坏的

reprobate: 道德败坏的人

virago: 泼妇

syncretic: 融合的

parochial: 狭隘的

catholic 与 universal 近义词: 包容一切的, 广泛的

desecrate: 亵渎

malfeasance: 不法行为

lascivious: 淫荡的

embroiled: 卷入的,涉及的

badger: 纠缠

hound: v.追踪

dog:(近义词 hound) v.追踪

ferret :搜索

vituperation: 谩骂

thrifty: 节约的

spendthrift: 挥霍的

penurious 与 impecunious 近义词: 贫穷的

insolvent: 负担不起的(bankrupt)

solvent: 负担得起的

cupidity: 贪婪(avarice)

stipend: 津贴(allowance)

pittance: A small amount of money, pittance carries with it a negative connotation: a pittance is inadequate and will do little to take care of one’s costs.

dupe: means to trick, swindle or fleece.

mulct: This strange looking word also means to swindle or defraud someone. (Though the swindling doesn’t always have to relate to money.) Mulct can also mean to fine someone.

最高点: zenith, summit, acme, pinnacle, apex,apogee,apotheosis

好战的: bellicose, truculent,pugnacious,contentious,jingoist

underwrite: 资助 Underwrite means to support financially.

overweening: 自负的

precipitate: 仓促的,使...突然发生.

To be precipitate is to be hasty or rash.

To precipitate something, such as a government precipitating a crisis, means to make something happen suddenly.

amalgam : 混合物

slapdash: 粗心的(careless)

heyday: 最强盛时期

thoroughgoing: 完全的

telltale : 揭露真相的(revealing)

cadaverous: 憔悴的, 虚弱的(近义词: emaciated,gaunt)

goosebumps: 鸡皮疙瘩

gregarious 与flocking, sociable近义词

mettle: 勇气(近义词: courage, valor(英勇))

mettlesome: 英勇的, 精力充沛的

amiable: friendly, affable

amenable: means easily persuaded

animosity: 敌意

aberration : 异常

conciliate: 平息

calumny 与 aspersion, slander近义词: 诽谤

churlish: 没有礼貌的

chastise 与castigate 近义词: 谴责,惩罚

fractious: 易怒的

factious: 闹派别的

factitious: 不自然的, 虚假的(近义词: artificial(人造的,假的),phony(假的))

vicarious: 代理的

venerate: 尊敬

enervate: 使衰弱

excoriate: 斥责

execrate: 痛骂

execrable: 讨厌的

exegesis: 解释

insufferable: 令人无法容忍的

unconscionable: 不合理的

unconscious: 无知觉的, 未察觉的

immaterial: 不相干的(means not relevant)

inflammable:易燃的

flammable: 可燃的

nonflammable: 不可燃的

unnerve: 使急躁

disinterested 与unbiased, neutral 近义词, 公正的

equivocal 与 vague, undecided 近义词

sententious 与moralizing 近义词 : 说教的

propitiate : appease,placate 安抚

feckless: 不负责任的,懒的(与lazy,irresponsible(不负责任的)是近义词)

limpid: 容易看懂的( it relates to clarity in terms of expression)

betray: 背叛, 不小心泄漏

pronounced: 明显的(obvious)

remiss: 疏忽大意的

restive:急躁的

repine:抱怨

remonstrate: 抗议

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做RC时, 把握paragraph要表达的意思及全文之前的联系是重点,没必要每个词都认识.