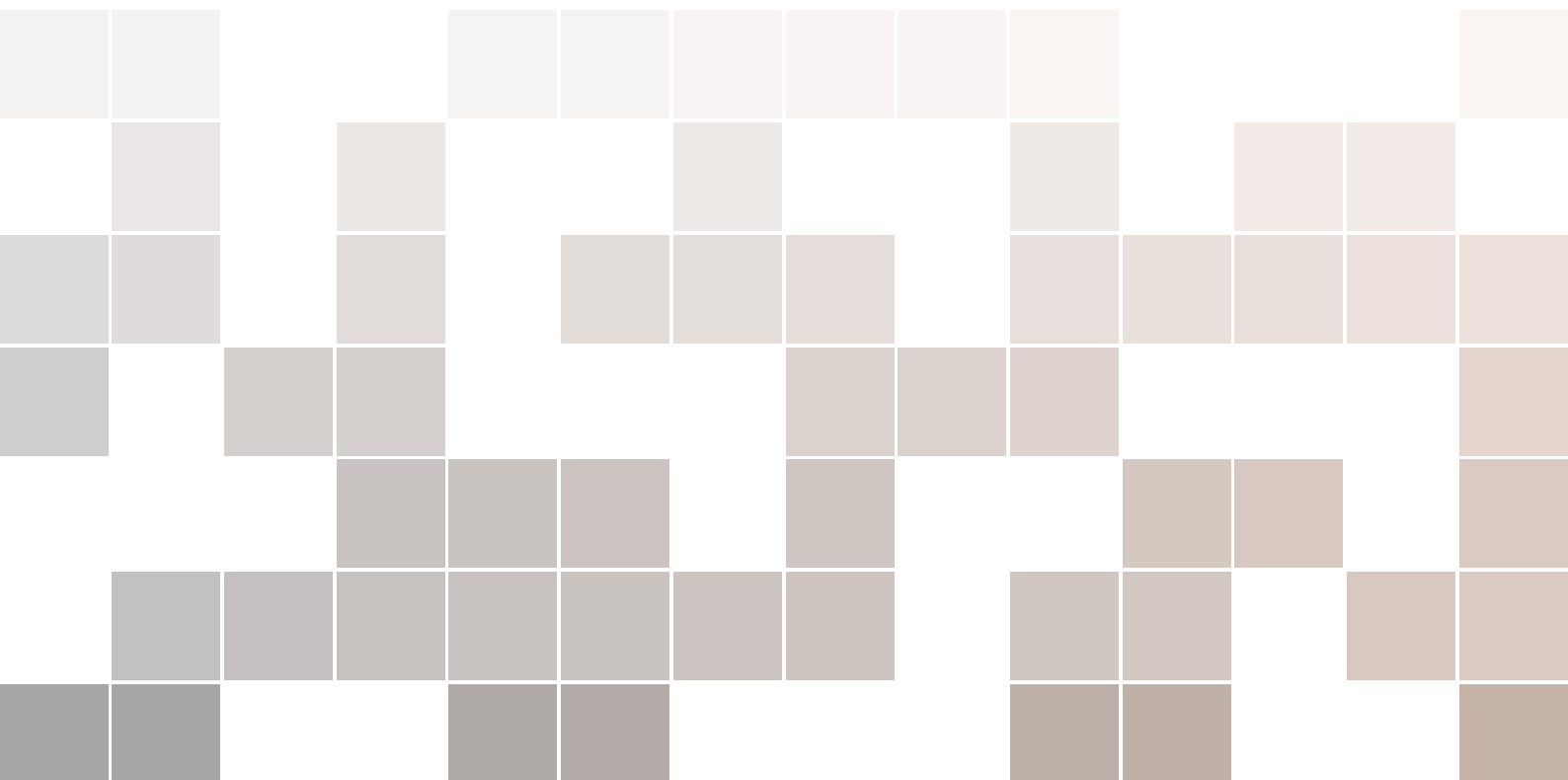




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## 1. ag- (做, 加强)

Vocabulary 1.1 — agenda.

Vocabulary 1.2 — agency.

Vocabulary 1.3 — agent.

Vocabulary 1.4 — aggress, aggressive, aggressor.





## 2. loqu

**Vocabulary 2.1 — eloquent, eloquence.** able to express your ideas and opinions well, especially in a way that influences people;

*an eloquent appeal for support* showing a feeling or meaning without using words

**Vocabulary 2.2 — loquacious.**



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## 3. log

**Vocabulary 3.1** — dialogue.

**Vocabulary 3.2** — monologue.

**Vocabulary 3.3** — prologue.

**Vocabulary 3.4** — epilogue. a concluding section that rounds out the design of a literary work.







## 4. -dict

Vocabulary 4.1 — predict, prediction, predictable, unpredictable.

Vocabulary 4.2 — contradict, contradiction, contradictory.







## 5. audi-

**Vocabulary 5.1 — audio.**

**Vocabulary 5.2 — audience.**

**Vocabulary 5.3 — audition.** My niece was admitted to the Juilliard School of Music in America. But before that she was asked to attend an audition.

**Vocabulary 5.4 — auditorium.**

**Vocabulary 5.5 — audible, inaudible.** The audio-visual equipment there is magnificent that even in the farthest seat the music is still audible.



A full-page background image showing a vast expanse of clouds from an elevated perspective, likely from an airplane. The clouds are illuminated by the warm, golden light of a low sun, creating a gradient of colors from deep blue at the top to bright orange and yellow near the horizon. The clouds are dense and textured, with some appearing as soft, billowy masses and others as more defined, ridged formations.

## 6. vis-

Vocabulary 6.1 — visual, visualize.

Vocabulary 6.2 — visible, visibility, invisible.






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## 7. -tain

**Vocabulary 7.1 — maintain.**

**Vocabulary 7.2 — obtain.**

**Vocabulary 7.3 — attain, attainment.** sense of attainment

**Vocabulary 7.4 — abstain.** 抑制 e.g. *The man tries so hard to abstain from drinking.*

戒绝, 弃权 e.g. *When you are in China, will you have to abstain from voting in your country? Pilots must abstain from alcohol for 24 hours before flying.*

**Vocabulary 7.5 — sustain, sustainable, sustainability.** 维持 e.g. *The salary couldn't sustain her shopping spree.*

支撑 e.g. *It's a wonder that the tree can sustain the weight of such heavy snow.*


**Vocabulary 7.6 — detain, detainer, detainee, detainment.** to force someone officially to stay in a place *A suspect has been detained by the police for questioning.*

to delay someone for a short length of time *I'm sorry I'm late - I was unavoidably detained.*

**Vocabulary 7.7 — retain.** *We hope to **retain** all these beautiful moments in our memory.*







## 8. prehand/pris

**Vocabulary 8.1 — comprehend, comprehension, comprehensible.** comprehensible input

**Vocabulary 8.2 — comprehensive.** comprehensive introduction

**Vocabulary 8.3 — apprehend, apprehension, apprehensive.** arrest (someone) for a crime.

★ *"a warrant was issued but he has not been apprehended"*;

(old-fashioned) understand or perceive. *"great art invites us to apprehend beauty"*; to be apprehensive, suspicious, or fearful; fear.

apprehensive: 担心 We'd been a little apprehensive about their visit.

**Vocabulary 8.4 — surprise.**

**Vocabulary 8.5 — comprise.** The house **comprises** two bedrooms, a kitchen, and a living room. The committee **is comprised of** well-known mountaineers. Women **comprise** a high proportion of part-time workers. Food exports are very important, **comprising** 74% of the total.

**Vocabulary 8.6 — enterprise, enterpriser.** SME (small-medium enterprise); a large and complicated project, especially one that is done with a group of other people (syn **initiative**)

enterpriser 企业家

**Vocabulary 8.7 — prison.** a place of confinement (拘禁) especially for lawbreakers

**Vocabulary 8.8 — imprison.** to put in or as if in prison





## 9. sequ/secut

**Vocabulary 9.1 — sequence, sequential.** of, relating to, or arranged in a sequence; SERIAL

**Vocabulary 9.2 — subsequent, subsequence.** coming after something in time; following.

**Vocabulary 9.3 — sequel.** a published, broadcast, or recorded work that continues the story or develops the theme of an earlier one.

**Vocabulary 9.4 — consequent, consequence.** something that happens as a result of a particular action or set of conditions;

(rare) people of consequence;

**of little/no/any etc consequence** formal not very important or valuable

**Vocabulary 9.5 — execute, execution, executive.** a marketing executive;

a commission with executive powers; executive body/committee etc

**Vocabulary 9.6 — consecutive.** It had rained for four consecutive days.; Can they win the title for the third consecutive season?

**Vocabulary 9.7 — prosecute, prosecution.** The company is to be **prosecuted** under the Health and Safety Act.

**Vocabulary 9.8 — persecute.** The Puritans (清教徒) left England to escape being persecuted. ;Like many celebrities, she complained of being persecuted by the press.






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## 10. ped

**Vocabulary 10.1 — pedal.**

**Vocabulary 10.2 — impede / ɪm pi d/, impediment / ɪm pedəmənt/ .** to make it difficult for someone or something to move forward or make progress *One shouldn't impede another's progress.*

im- 里面

**Vocabulary 10.3 — expedite / ekspəda t/.** to make a process or action happen more quickly, speed up *strategies to expedite the decision-making process. Please expedite the shipment of mangoes, as they are perishable (food that is perishable is likely to decay quickly).*

**Vocabulary 10.4 — expedition.** a long and carefully organized journey, especially to a dangerous or unfamiliar place, or the people that make this journey *another Everest expedition*

a short journey, usually made for a particular purpose *a shopping expedition*







## 11. ambul, ambl

**Vocabulary 11.1** — ambulance.

**Vocabulary 11.2** — ambulate / æm byə le t/. to walk about or move from place to place.

**Vocabulary 11.3** — ambulant / æmbjələnt/. (of a patient) able to walk; not having to stay in bed

**Vocabulary 11.4** — preamble /pri 'æmb(ə)l/. *Harding gave him the news without preamble* (=without saying anything else before it)





## 12. cede, ceed, cess (走)

**Vocabulary 12.1** — excessive.

**Vocabulary 12.2** — exceed, excess, excessively.

**Vocabulary 12.3** — proceed.

**Vocabulary 12.4** — precede, preceding, precedence / *pres dæns*/. to happen or exist before something or someone, or to come before something else in a series

to go somewhere before someone else *The guard preceded them down the corridor.*

precedence: when someone or something is considered to be more important than someone or something else, and therefore comes first or must be dealt with first (priority)

**Vocabulary 12.5** — succession. A succession of military defeats weakened the aggressor.

**Vocabulary 12.6** — successor. *I'm sure she will be a worthy successor.*

**Vocabulary 12.7** — aggress, aggressive, aggressor.






## 13. gress (walk)

**Vocabulary 13.1 — progress.** *More and more people snore as their age progresses and it is harmful to their health.*  
*make progress*

**Vocabulary 13.2 — aggress, aggressive, aggressor.** a person or country that begins a fight or war with another person or country







## 14. grad (walking)

**Vocabulary 14.1 — graduate.** *a graduate  
graduate from university*

**Vocabulary 14.2 — gradual.**

**Vocabulary 14.3 — gradually.**

**Vocabulary 14.4 — upgrade.** *When you feel stuck in a rut, it is time to upgrade your skills.*







## 15. pass (walking)

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**Vocabulary 15.2 — compass.**

**Vocabulary 15.3 — passage.** a long narrow area with walls on either side which connects one room or place to another *My office is just along the passage.*

a short part of a book, poem, speech, piece of music etc *He read out a short passage from the Bible.*

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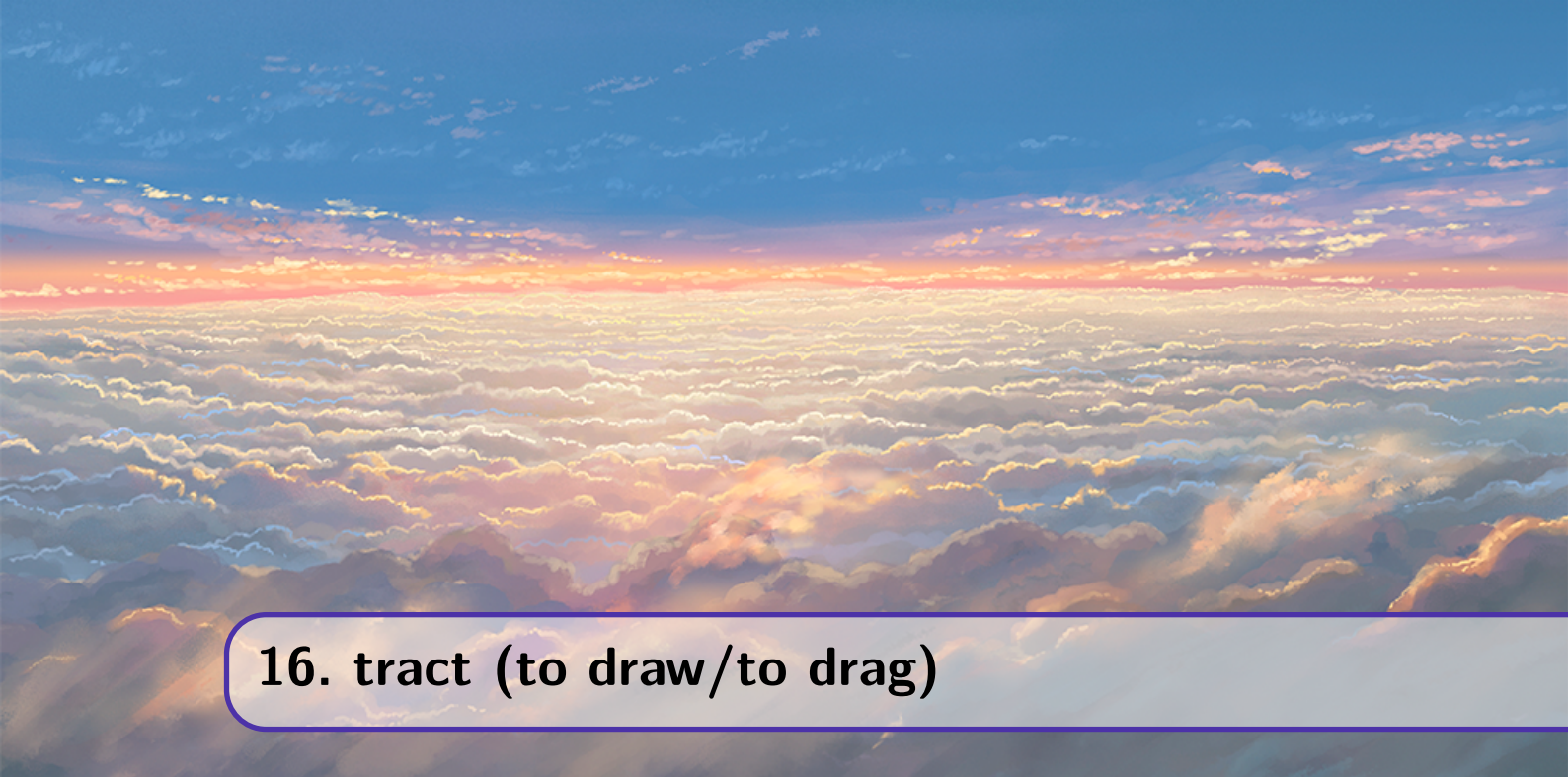




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## 16. tract (to draw/to drag)

**Vocabulary 16.1 — tractor.** a strong vehicle with large wheels, used for pulling farm machinery 拖拉机

**Vocabulary 16.2 — traction.**

**Vocabulary 16.3 — attract, attraction, attractive.**

**Vocabulary 16.4 — distract, dictacting, distracted, distraction.** distracting: taking your attention away from what you are trying to do *distracting thoughts*

distracted: somebody/something because you are worried or thinking about something else *Luke looked momentarily distracted.*

**Vocabulary 16.5 — contract, contraction, contractor.** /'kɒntrækt/ noun, /kən'trækt/ verb  
an official agreement between two or more people, stating what each will do  
**contract with/between** *Tyler has agreed a seven-year contract with a Hollywood studio.*

**contract to do sth** *a three-year contract to provide pay telephones at local restaurants*

**on a contract/under contract** *Employees who refuse to relocate are in breach of contract (=have done something not allowed by their contracts).*

**subject to contract:** if an agreement is subject to contract, it has not yet been agreed formally by a contract

to become smaller or narrower *Metal contracts as it cools.*

to get an illness *Two-thirds of the adult population there have contracted AIDS.*

contraction: a very strong and painful movement of a muscle, especially the muscles around the womb (the part of a woman's or female animal's body where her baby grows before it is born 子宫 SYN uterus) during birth

**Vocabulary 16.6 — extract, extraction, extractor.** extract sth from sth

extraction: the process of removing or obtaining something from something else *the extraction of salt from seawater*

**be of French/Russian/Italian etc extraction** to be from a French, Russian etc family even though you were not born in that country

**Vocabulary 16.7 — abstract, abstraction, abstractly.** based on general ideas or principles rather than specific examples or real events (syn theoretical)

existing only as an idea or quality rather than as something real that you can see or touch (opp concrete)

a painting, design etc which contains shapes or images that do not look like real things or people 抽象画; 抽象设计; 抽象派作品

a short written statement containing only the most important ideas in a speech, article etc

**in the abstract** considered in a general way rather than being based on specific details and examples

to write a document containing the most important ideas or points from a speech, article etc

(formal) to remove something from somewhere

**Vocabulary 16.8 — detract, detraction. detract from something** to make something seem less good (OPP enhance): *One mistake is not going to detract from your achievement.*

**Vocabulary 16.9 — protract.** to draw out or lengthen, especially in time; extend the duration of; prolong.

**Vocabulary 16.10 — retract, retractable.** if you retract something that you said or agreed, you say that you did not mean it (SYN withdraw): *He confessed to the murder but later retracted his statement.*

if part of a machine or an animal's body retracts or is retracted, it moves back into the main part *The sea otter (海獭) can retract the claws on its front feet.*

**Vocabulary 16.11 — subtract, subtraction, subtractive.** subtract sth from sth





## 17. sect (to cut/to divide)

**Vocabulary 17.1 — section.**

**Vocabulary 17.2 — insect.**

**Vocabulary 17.3 — bisect.**

**Vocabulary 17.4 — dissect.**

**Vocabulary 17.5 — intersect.**

**Vocabulary 17.6 — segment.**







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## 18. tran-

**Vocabulary 18.1** — transcript. written copy of a speech

**Vocabulary 18.2** — transcribe.

**Vocabulary 18.3** — transfer.

**Vocabulary 18.4** — transform.

**Vocabulary 18.5** — transformer.

**Vocabulary 18.6** — transit, transition.

**Vocabulary 18.7** — transmit, transmission.

**Vocabulary 18.8** — transplant.

**Vocabulary 18.9** — transport, transportation.



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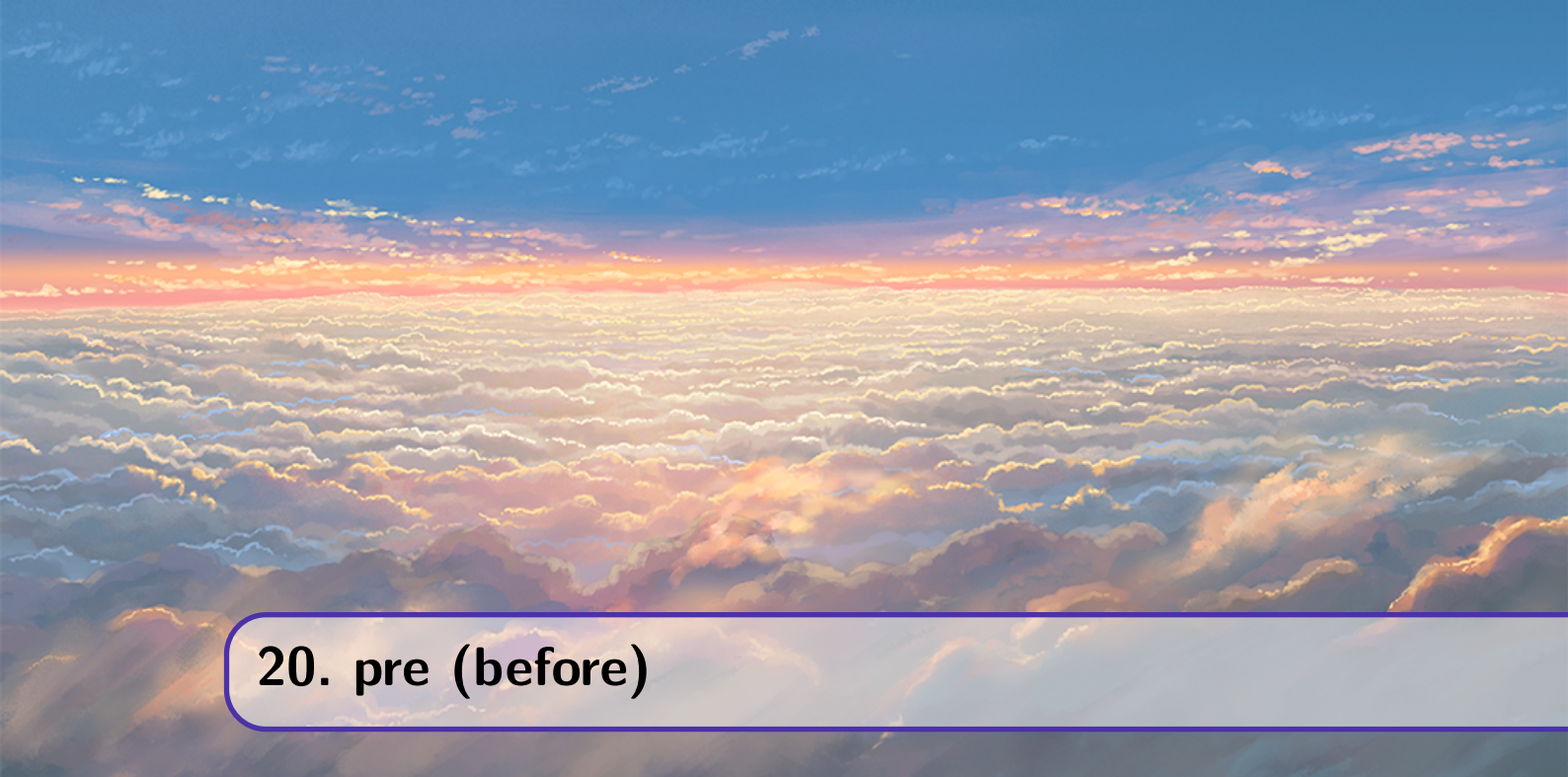
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**Vocabulary 19.1** — suspect, suspicion.

**Vocabulary 19.2** — susceptible.

**Vocabulary 19.3** — suspend, suspension.





## 20. pre (before)

Vocabulary 20.1 — precede.

Vocabulary 20.2 — previous.

Vocabulary 20.3 — predict, prediction.







## 21. pro- (moving forward)

Vocabulary 21.1 — proceed.

Vocabulary 21.2 — progress.

Vocabulary 21.3 — protract. See 16.9.





## 22. ex

Vocabulary 22.1 — excessive.

Vocabulary 22.2 — exchange.

Vocabulary 22.3 — ex-boyfriend.

Vocabulary 22.4 — external.

Vocabulary 22.5 — excursion, excursion.

Vocabulary 22.6 — extract, extraction, extractor. See 16.6.





## 23. com (共同)

Vocabulary 23.1 — compass.








## 24. con (共同)

Vocabulary 24.1 — concur.

Vocabulary 24.2 — concurrent.

Vocabulary 24.3 — contract.





## 25. contra (opposite)

Vocabulary 25.1 — contradict, contradiction, contradictory.






## 26. -ent (person)

Vocabulary 26.1 — agent.







## 27. or (人)

**Vocabulary 27.1 — doctor.**

**Vocabulary 27.2 — aggressor.**

**Vocabulary 27.3 — tractor.**

**Vocabulary 27.4 — contract, contraction, contractor.** a person or company that agrees to do work or provide goods for another company

**Vocabulary 27.5 — monitor.**

**Vocabulary 27.6 — extract, extraction, extractor.** a machine for removing air that is hot or smells unpleasant from a kitchen, factory etc

**Vocabulary 27.7 — detractor.** See 16.8.





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**Vocabulary 29.7 — Achilles' heel.**

**Vocabulary 29.8 — snore.**



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## 30. Miscellaneous Notes

### 30.1





## 31. thesaurus

### 31.1 main

- main
- chief
- principal
- major
- key
- number one
- primary
- core
- central
- predominant (more powerful, more common, or more easily noticed than others. *the predominant group in society*)

### 31.2 cheap

- cheap
- low (prices, rents, and fees do not cost a lot of money)
- inexpensive
- reasonable
- economical (because you do not need to use a lot of money or fuel)

### 31.3 journey

- journey
- trip
- tour (a journey for pleasure)
- excursion (a short journey usually made for pleasure, often by a group of people)

- expedition
- commute (to/from work every day)
- pilgrimage (a journey undertaken for a religious motive)

### 31.4 violent

1. violent, violence
2. vicious /vɪʃəs/ (violent and cruel in a way that hurts someone physically; very unkind in a way that is intended to hurt someone's feelings or make their character seem bad; unpleasantly strong or severe) *a vicious murder. She was shocked by the vicious tone in his voice. a vicious gust of wind*
3. malicious /mə'lɪʃəs/ (very unkind and cruel, and deliberately behaving in a way that is likely to upset or hurt someone) *a malicious girl*
4. rough
5. brutal
6. savage
7. bloody (*battle*)
8. fierce
9. bloodthirsty (person, story)
10. ferocious /fə'rəʃəs -'rɒs-/ (violent, dangerous, and frightening) (*attack, ferocious, determination, critics*)
11. gory (clearly describing or showing violence, blood, and killing)

### 31.5 unkind

1. unkind (rather normal)
2. mean (everyday English)
3. nasty (everyday English, deliberately unkind, and seeming to enjoy making people unhappy)
4. hurtful *remarks* (言语) *and actions*
5. spiteful (deliberately unkind to someone because you are jealous of them or angry with them)
6. malicious *malicious rumours*
7. unsympathetic /ʌnsɪmpə'tetɪk/ (not seeming to care about someone's problems, and not trying to help them or make them feel better)
8. hard-hearted
9. horrible (spoken)
10. cruel (very unkind and deliberately making people feel unhappy or making them suffer physically)
11. wicked /'wɪkəd/ (extremely unkind and behaving in a very immoral way) *the wicked stepmother in Cinderella*
12. sadistic /sə'dɪstɪk/ (cruel and enjoying making other people suffer 施虐癖的 □ masochistic)
13. masochistic (sexual behaviour in which someone gains pleasure from being hurt or punished □ sadism /'seɪdɪzəm/, sado-masochism /'seɪdəʊ'mæsəkɪzəm/ (abbreviation S & M) )
14. thoughtless (likely to upset or embarrass someone without intending to) *I thought it would be tactless to ask about her divorce.*
15. inconsiderate

16. tactless

17. insensitive

**31.6** careless

**31.7** rude







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