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roam over: 在...漫步

windswept: 被风吹的、风刮的

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重点词汇：

Debut: 首次登台、初次问世

Labeled: 贴标签于

Organic: 有机的

Regenerative: 再生的

Cultivate: 耕作

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Worms: 蠕虫

Crickets: 蟋蟀

Fertilizes: 使肥沃

forage for: 搜查

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重点词汇:

Regenerative: 再生的

Barely: 几乎不、仅仅

Probiotics: 益生菌、原生菌

exploded into: 爆发出

roll out: 正式推出

broccoli: 花椰菜

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重点词汇:

Concept: 概念

Pro ducers: 生产者

Protein: 蛋白质

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重点词汇:

Betting: 打赌

Premium: 加价、保险费

altering: 变更

chalked up: 记下、归咎于

food chain: 食物链

hink: 犹豫

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Opting: 选择

Upend: 使颠倒、倒放

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重点词汇:

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重点词汇:

Culprit: 罪犯、过失者

Mentally: 精神上的

Boredom: 厌烦、无聊

Respondents: 调查对象

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Evolving: 逐渐发展

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One reason for the change in retirement patterns: Americans are living longer. Older Americans are also the fastest-growing segment of the U.S. workforce, and boomers are expected to live longer than previous generations. The percentage of retirement-age people in the labor force has doubled over the past three decades. About 20% of people 65 and older were in the workforce in February, up from an all-time low of 10% in January 1985, according to money manager United Income.

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Segment: 部分

Boomers: 生育高峰中出生的人

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Spans: 寿命

Boosting: 促进

Anticipation: 预期

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co-founder: 共同创立者

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Paternal: 父亲的、得自父亲的

shell out: 还账

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重点词汇:

Prescriptions: 治疗方法、处方

over-the-counter: 不通过交易所直接售给顾客的

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Rage: 流行

Genealogists: 系谱学家

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重点词汇:

Skeptical: 怀疑的

Precision: 精确度、准确性

Hawk: 叫卖

Ancestry: 祖先、血统

Lineage: 血统、家系

Chromosome: 染色体

Inherited: 遗传的

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重点词汇

Commercial: 商业的

Sample: 样本

Lump: 混在一起、成团的

Patented: 取得...专利

evaluation: 估价

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重点词汇:

Conventional: 传统的

Priorities: 优先权

Consistently: 一贯地

Radical: 根本的、完全的

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重点词汇:

Ironically: 嘲讽地

Recess: 暂停时期

Derided: 嘲笑

Automotive: 汽车的

Assembly: 装配

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重点词汇:

Construction: 建筑物

Illiterate: 文盲的

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重点词汇:

Potential: 潜在的

Sufficient: 足够的

Thus: 于是

Constrain: 强迫

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