

一起来看今天的5组近义词辨析！

indispensable / essential

这两个词都有“必不可少的”的意思。

indispensable /ˌɪndɪˈspensəb(ə)l/

1. difficult or impossible to exist without or to do something without (必不可少的，不可或缺的)

例句：For a successful class humor is indispensable.

要在课堂上取得成功，幽默是必不可少的。

essential /ɪˈsenʃ(ə)l/

1. completely necessary (绝对必要的，必不可少的)

例句：As they must also sprint over short distances, speed is essential.

由于他们也必须进行短跑，因此速度至关重要。

2. the essential features of something are its most basic and typical features (基本的，本质的，根本的)

例句：In this trial two essential elements must be proven: motive and opportunity.

在这次审讯中，必须证明两个基本因素：动机和时机。

辨析：indispensable使用的语气较强，侧重指绝对必要性或不可缺少性；而essential指对事物本身性质具有决定性的重要性，暗含不可缺少，否则便无法存在。

immerse / submerge

这两个词都有“浸入”之意。

immerse /ɪ'mɜrs/

1. to put something or someone in a liquid, especially so that they are covered completely [使浸没（于液体中）]

例句：Immerse the cloth in the dye for twenty minutes.

把布浸在染料里20分钟。

2. if you immerse yourself in something that you are doing, you become completely involved in it [使沉浸（于），使专心（于），使深陷（于）]

例句：Since then I've lived alone and immersed myself in my career.

自那以后，我一直一个人生活，全身心投入我的事业当中。

submerge /səb'mɜːrdʒ/

1. to put something completely under water (使浸没, 使淹没, 使没入水中)

例句: Hippos are unable to submerge in the few remaining water holes.

在仅剩的几个水坑里, 河马根本无法没入水中。

2. if something is submerged, it becomes hidden so that people do not notice it or think about it (完全掩盖, 遮掩)

例句: His talent was submerged by his shyness.

他的腼腆埋没了他的才华。

辨析: immerse侧重指全部被液体所覆盖, 也可用于比喻意义, 表示沉浸于, 深陷于某事; 而submerge指长时间的完全浸入、潜入, 强调浸入液体深层。

hoarse / harsh

这两个词都有“嘶哑的, 沙哑的”意思。

hoarse /hɔːrs/

1. someone who is hoarse or has a hoarse voice speaks in a low rough voice, usually because their throat is sore (嘶哑的, 粗哑的)

例句: Nick's voice was hoarse with screaming.

尼克的声音因尖叫而变得嘶哑了。

harsh /hɑːʃ/

1. harsh conditions or places are unpleasant and difficult to live in, harsh weather is extremely cold and unpleasant [(气候或条件) 艰苦的, 恶劣的, 严峻的]

例句: The weather grew harsh, chilly and unpredictable.

天气变得恶劣、寒冷且变化莫测。

2. harsh actions, words, judgments, or laws are strict, unkind, and often unfair [(言行) 严厉的, 无情的]

例句: He said many harsh and unkind things about his opponents.

他以尖刻恶毒的语言大肆抨击自己的对手。

3. harsh facts are unpleasant but true [(现实, 真相) 残酷的, 无情的]

例句: The harsh truth is that luck plays a big part in who will live or die.

残酷的事实是, 谁死谁活在很大程度上要靠运气。

4. harsh sounds are unpleasant because they are not soft, gentle, or smooth [(声音) 刺耳的, 难听的]

例句: It's a pity she has such a loud harsh voice.

可惜她的嗓门太大太难听了。

辨析：hoarse表示因叫喊或疼痛等声音变得嘶哑，沙哑；而harsh表示声音刺耳，难听，此外它还有一些其他的含义，同学们也要留心记忆。

marginal / negligible

这两个词都有“不重要的”意思。

marginal /'mɑ:dʒɪn(ə)l/

1. very small (微小的)

例句：The role of the opposition party proved marginal.

结果显示反对党的作用微乎其微。

2. not considered important or relevant (边缘的)

例句：I don't want to call him marginal, but he's not a major character.

我不想说他是个人物，可他也不是什么大人物。

3. won by very few votes (以相差无几的票数获胜的)

例句：He won the most marginal seat by only two votes.

他只以两票的微弱优势当选。

negligible /'neglɪdʒəb(ə)l/

1. very unimportant or small (微不足道的，可忽略不计的)

例句：Senior managers are convinced that the strike will have a negligible impact.

高层主管们相信罢工的影响微不足道。

辨析： marginal指处于边缘，幅度、范围小，故价值或重要性不大；而negligible主要指数量小，不重要，微不足道或可忽略不计。

jail / prison

这两个词都有“监狱”的意思。

jail /dʒeɪl/

1. a place where people are put after they have been arrested, or where people go as punishment for a crime (监狱，看守所)

例句：Mr. Garcia said his conscience was clear over the jail incidents.

加西亚先生说他对监狱中发生的事件问心无愧。

prison /'prɪz(ə)n/

1. a building where criminals are kept as punishment or where people accused of a crime are kept before their trial (监狱，监牢，看守所)

例句：The prison's inmates are being kept in their cells.

这个监狱的犯人被关在他们的囚室里。

辨析：jail指收犯轻罪的人或未经判决的人的处所；而 prison多指触犯刑律的人被关押的地方，通常指判决后的罪犯居留地。

