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## inquire / question

这两个词都有“问”的相关意思，这里我们辨析的是它们的动词性。

### inquire /ɪnˈkwaɪr/

1. to ask someone for information about something (询问, 查询, 打听)

例句: He went to the hospital to inquire about her.

他到医院去打听她的情况。

### question /ˈkwestʃ(ə)n/

1. if the police question someone, they ask them questions to find out what they know about a crime (质询, 盘问)

例句: The police questioned the witness.

警察询问了证人。

2. to ask someone a question to find out what they know about something (向.....提问)

例句: I prefer questioning my pupils to lecturing them.

我喜欢少讲课, 多提问我的学生。

3. to have or express doubts about something (对.....表示怀疑, 对.....有疑问)

例句: It never occurs to them to question the doctor's decisions.

他们从未想过要怀疑医生的决定。

**辨析:** inquire 为较正式用词, 指为得到真实情况而详细询问或调查了解; 而 question 指因感到可疑或为了解情况, 弄清究竟而发问, 有时指一连串的发问。

## author / writer

这两个词都有“作者”的意思。

**author** /'ɔθər/

1. someone who writes books, articles, etc., especially as their job (作家)

例句: Haruki Murakami is Japan's best-selling author.

村上春树是日本当红的畅销书作家。

2. the person who writes a particular document or other piece of writing (作者, 著作者)

例句: She's indexed the book by author, by age, and by illustrator.

她根据作者、年龄和插图画家分别为该书编了索引。

3. the person who is responsible for something (筹划者, 制定者, 发起人)

例句: As the author of the scheme I can't really comment.

我作为这一计划的创始人是不便置评的。

**writer** /'raɪtər/

1. someone who writes books, stories, or articles as their job [(专业) 作家]

例句: Turner is a writer and critic.

特纳是作家兼批评家。

2. someone who has written something (作者, 撰写者)

例句: No-one is to see the document without the permission of the writer of the report.

此报告未经作者允许, 任何人不得翻阅。

**辨析:** author 泛指用自己名字或笔名发表过作品的人, 不强调是否以写作为主职业; 而 writer 含义广泛, 多指以写作为职业的人。

**ascend / mount**

这两个词都有“攀登”的意思。

**ascend** /ə'send/

1. to climb a mountain, stairs, etc. (攀登, 登上)

例句: Mrs Clayton had to hold Lizzie's hand as they ascended the steps.

拾级而上的时候克莱顿夫人不得不抓着莉齐的手。

2. to rise into the air (上升)

例句: Keep the drill steady while it ascends and descends.

打钻和提钻时要保持钻头平稳。

3. if a road, path, or set of stairs ascends, it goes up [(楼梯、路) 上升, 升高]

例句: A number of staircases ascend from the cobbled streets onto the ramparts.

一段石阶从鹅卵石路上一直向上直通城墙。

4. to get a more important job or position (升迁, 升职)

例句: Before ascending to the bench, she was a lawyer in a large New York firm.

在升为法官之前, 她是纽约一家大型律所的律师。

**mount** /maʊnt/

1. if a particular feeling mounts, it gets stronger over a period of time (增

强，加剧)

例句：There was mounting concern in her voice.

她的声音里流露出越来越多的担心。

2. to prepare for and begin an activity or event (组织，发起，开展)

例句：The ANC announced it was mounting a major campaign of mass political protests.

非洲人国民大会宣布他们正在开展一次大规模政治抗议活动。

3. to get on a horse (骑上)

例句：He mounted his horse and rode away.

他骑上马走了。

4. to go up stairs, or to climb up somewhere [爬上，登上 (台阶、梯级)]

例句：Llewelyn was mounting the stairs up into the keep.

卢埃林登上台阶，走进城堡主楼。

5. to attach something firmly in a particular place or position (安装，安置，裱)

例句：Her husband mounts the work on velour paper and makes the frame.

她丈夫把作品裱在绒纸上，并制作了画框。

**辨析：**ascend 为正式用词，多指不用手攀，一直上升直到很高的地方；而 mount 为

书面用词，强调连续不断地向上移动、攀登或上涨，此外，骑马时要用 mount。

## torture / torment

这两个词都有“痛苦”的意思。

### torture /'tɔ:tʃə/

1. extreme physical pain caused by someone or something, especially as a punishment or as a way to make someone say something (折磨，痛苦，苦恼，拷问)

例句：I believed that in civilized countries, torture had ended long ago.

我原以为在文明国家，严刑拷打早已销声匿迹。

### torment /'tɔ:ment/

1. severe physical or mental pain that someone suffers, often caused deliberately by someone else (极度痛苦，折磨，苦恼万分)

例句：The torment of having her baby kidnapped is written all over her face.

因孩子被绑架所受的万分折磨全写在她脸上。

2. someone or something that makes you suffer severe physical or mental pain (使人痛苦的事，折磨人的事)

例句：Sooner or later most writers end up making books about the torments of being a writer.

或早或晚，大多数作家最终都会著书讲述身为作家的苦恼。

**辨析：**torment 一般强调烦恼或痛苦的长期性；而 torture 的语气比 torment 强，指在精神或肉体上受到的折磨所产生的痛苦。

### trust / confide

这两个词都可以表示“信任”的相关含义。

#### trust /trʌst/

1. to be confident that someone is honest, fair, and reliable (信任，信赖)

例句：He did argue in a general way that the president can't be trusted.  
他确实泛泛提过总统不可信赖。

2. to be confident that something is safe, reliable, or effective (确信，觉得……可靠，对……放心)

例句：I still can't trust myself to remain composed in their presence.  
我仍然不放心自己能否在他们面前保持镇静。

3. to be confident that a fact or piece of information is true or accurate (相信，认为……是正确的)

例句：Jake has raised two smashing kids and I trust his judgment.

杰克养大了两个了不起的孩子，我相信他的判断。

**confide** /kən'faɪd/

1. to tell someone a secret or discuss your private feelings with them [吐露  
(或倾诉) 秘密]

例句：I knew she had some fundamental problems in her marriage because she had confided in me a year earlier.

我知道她的婚姻存在一些根本性的问题，早在一年前她就向我倾诉过。

**辨析：**trust 指绝对相信或信赖某人；而 confide 侧重表示忠诚可靠与可信赖。