

今天的近义词辨析为同学们准备了五组形容词类的词汇，词汇的难度有一定区分，来看看有没有你不熟悉的单词吧！

## afraid / fearful

这两个词都有“害怕的”之意。

### afraid

/ə'freɪd/

1. frightened, for example because you feel you are in danger (害怕的，恐惧的)

例句：I'm still afraid to sleep in my own bedroom.

我还是不敢在自己的卧室里睡觉。

2. worried that something bad might happen (担心的，忧虑的)

例句：The mother is very much afraid for her son who is seriously ill.

母亲很担心自己的儿子，他病得很重。

**fearful**

/'fɪrf(ə)l/

1. frightened (恐惧的, 害怕的)

例句: Bankers were fearful of a world banking crisis.

银行家们害怕会发生一场全球银行业危机。

2. used for emphasizing how bad someone or something is (可怕的, 极坏的)

例句: The region is in a fearful recession.

该地区处于严重的经济衰退中。

**辨析:** afraid 多指对人或物的一贯恐惧, 比如害怕蛇, 害怕考试等, 有时也可表示担心的, 忧虑的惧怕心理; 而 fearful 所表示的担心或恐惧多来自内心, 但只含有预料危险, 失败或烦恼将至的意思。

**absurd / ridiculous**

这两个词都有“荒谬的”之意。

**absurd**

/əb'sɜːrd/

1. completely stupid, unreasonable, or impossible to believe (荒谬的, 荒唐的, 愚蠢的)

例句: I've known clients of mine go to absurd lengths, just to avoid paying me a few pounds.

我知道我的一些客户就为了少付我几英镑, 可谓无所不用其极。

### ridiculous

/rɪˈdɪkjələs/

1. silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at (愚蠢的, 荒谬的, 可笑的)

例句: It's ridiculous that we should have to queue, when we have already got our tickets.

我们已经拿到了票, 居然还要排队, 未免可笑。

**辨析:** absurd 多用于强调违背常理的, 不符合人情或常识的, 不合逻辑的荒谬, 愚蠢; 而 ridiculous 多指因为愚昧无知而荒谬到令人发笑的地步, 有时暗含一点蔑视的成分。

**accurate / exact**

这两个词都有“精确的”之意。

**accurate**

/ˈækjərət/

1. correct or true in every detail (精确的, 准确的)

例句: Quartz timepieces are very accurate, to a minute or two per year.

石英钟表走时非常准，年误差仅为一两分钟。

2. able to do something in an exact way, without making a mistake (正确无误的)

例句: He is always accurate in what he says and does.

他说的和做的总是正确无误。

3. an accurate throw or shot goes where it is intended to go [(武器, 投掷, 射击) 精准的]

例句: The rifle was extremely accurate.

这把步枪准头极高。

**exact**

/ɪɡˈzækt/

1. done, made, or described in a very thorough way, with all the details correct (精确的, 正确的, 确切的)

例句: The exact number of protest calls has not been revealed.

抗议电话的确切数量并未透露。

2. used for emphasizing that you are referring to one particular thing and no other (刚好的, 确切的)

例句: It may be that you will feel the exact opposite of what you expected.

可能你的感觉将和你的期盼刚好相反。

3. doing things very carefully, making certain that all the details are correct (一丝不苟的, 严谨的)

例句: Formal, exact and obstinate, he was also cold, suspicious, touchy and tactless.

严肃、严谨、倔强的他同时又冷漠、多疑、敏感、不会变通。

**辨析：**accurate 强调准确性，指人或事不仅不出错，而且与事实无误；而 exact 多指人或事的数量或质量完全符合事实或标准，在细枝末节上也丝毫不差。此外，accurate 可以用在 be 动词后，比如：this is accurate，但 exact 不可，它通常放在名词前做前置修饰，它还可以表示刚好的，通常加 ly 做副词用—exactly，在口语中使用频率很高。

## delightful / joyful

这两个词都有“令人愉快的”之意。

### delightful

/dɪˈlaɪtful/

1. very pleasant or attractive （令人愉快的，讨人喜欢的）

例句：It was the most delightful garden I had ever seen.

这是我所见过的最惹人喜爱的花园。

### joyful

/ˈdʒɔɪf(ə)l/

1. very happy （高兴的，快乐的，欣喜的）

例句：We're a very joyful people; we're very musical people and we love music.

我们是非常快乐的民族；我们能歌善舞，热爱音乐。

2. something that is joyful causes happiness and pleasure (令人愉快的，使人高兴的)

例句：Giving birth to a child is both painful and joyful.

生小孩是件既痛苦又令人高兴的事。

**辨析：**delightful 指能带来强烈的快乐，激起愉快的情感，比如一次愉快的聚会，a delightful party，丰富愉快的生活 a full and delightful life 等，用于非常愉快的场合；joyful 一般语气比较强烈，强调心情或感情上的欣喜。这两个词的意思还是很像的，具体的使用还是要根据不同的语境来仔细分析。

## charming / charismatic

这两个词都有“有魅力的”之意。

### charming

/ˈtʃɑːmɪŋ/

1. very attractive and pleasant (迷人的，美丽的，可爱的)

例句：Fundamentally, women like him for his sensitivity and charming vulnerability.

基本说来，女人喜欢他是因为他细腻的情感和迷人的文弱气质。

2. used about someone who behaves in a way people are attracted to (富有魅力的，讨人喜爱的)

例句：He can be charming to his friends.

他对朋友有时很和气。

3. used for saying that you do not like what someone has done [(表示对某人的行为评价不高) 岂有此理]

例句：They wanted to stop my dole money for those days.  
Charming!

他们想停掉我那些日子的救济金。岂有此理！

They've left all their clothes on the floor. Charming!

他们把所有的衣服都扔到了地上，晕死！

**charismatic**

/ˌkerɪz'mætɪk/



1. a charismatic person has a strong personal quality that makes other people like them and be attracted to them (有魅力的, 有感召力的)

例句: He was chosen as President because he was a fully qualified, charismatic statesman.

他被选为总统是因为他是一个完全合格、具有超凡魅力的政治家。

**辨析:** 一般来讲这两个词都用来形容人, charming 的意思更多一些, 可表示迷人的, 可爱的, 行为举止富有魅力; charismatic 多指感召力强的, 有人格魅力的。具体的使用方式也是要根据语境来分析。