

今天继续为大家带来五组名词类的近义词辨析，词汇难度不大，学会使用才算数。

## confidence / trust

这两个词都有“信任”的意思。

### confidence

/ˈkɒnfɪdəns/

1. the belief that you are able to do things well (自信, 信心)

例句: The band is on excellent form and brimming with confidence.

这支乐队状态极佳，自信满满。

2. the belief that someone or something is good and that you can trust them (信任, 信赖)

例句: This has contributed to the lack of confidence in the police.

这导致了大家对警方缺乏信任。

3. if you have confidence that something is true, you feel certain that it is true (肯定, 把握)

例句：I can say with confidence that such rumors were totally groundless.

我可以肯定地说这样的谣言完全没有根据。

#### 4. a secret that you tell someone (秘密)

例句：Gregory shared confidences with Carmen.

格雷戈里和卡门说了知心话。

### trust

/trʌst/

1. a feeling of confidence in someone that shows you believe they are honest, fair, and reliable (信任, 信赖)

例句：There's a feeling of warmth and trust here.

这里有一种温暖和信任的感觉。

2. an arrangement in which a person or an organization manages someone else's money or property (信托, 托管)

例句：The money will be put in trust until she is 18.

钱会交付他人托管，直到她年满 18 岁。

3. a situation in which someone is made responsible for another person or thing (照顾, 关怀, 职责)

例句: She's not yet old enough to be employed in a position of trust.

她还年轻, 不能担当重任。

**辨析:** 当两个词作名词使用的时候, **confidence**指在有依据的基础上相信, 常指自信, 有把握; 而**trust**意思是信赖, 信任, 含有坚定的信念的意思, 多指对别人的人品, 能力的信任。

### boat / ship

这两个词都有“船”的意思。

### boat

/bout/

1. a small vehicle that people use for traveling on water (船, 小船)

例句: One of the best ways to see the area is in a small boat.

游览该地区的一个最好方式是乘坐小船。

2. a ship, especially one that carries passengers (客轮, 客船)

例句: When the boat reached Cape Town, we said a temporary goodbye.

客轮到达开普敦时, 我们暂时分别。

## ship

/ʃɪp/

1. a very large boat used for carrying people or goods long distances (大船, 轮船)

例句: Within ninety minutes the ship was ready for departure.

90分钟之内轮船准备出发。

**辨析:** Boats are usually smaller than ships, and are moved by means of sails, oars, or motors。一般来讲, boat多指小船, 如用浆滑行的船, 帆船或小机动船, 在内河或靠近海岸的区域运行; 而ship多指航海的大船, boat有时是可以装在ship上的, 例如救生艇等。

## matter / thing

这两个词都有“事情”的意思。

**matter**

/'mætər/

1. something that you are discussing, considering, or dealing with  
(事件, 状况)

例句: It was clear that she wanted to discuss some private matter.

很明显, 她想谈些私事。

2. the matter used for talking about problems or bad situations (麻烦事, 问题)

例句: Carole, what's the matter? You don't seem happy.

卡萝尔, 出什么事了? 你好像不开心。

3. a situation that someone is involved in (事态, 情况, 局面)

例句: If your ordinary life is out of control, then retreating into a cozy ritual will not improve matters.

如果正常生活都一团糟了, 那么再讲究小情调根本无济于事。

4. a particular type of substance (某一类型的物质)

例句: They feed mostly on decaying vegetable matter.

它们大多以腐烂的蔬菜为食。

5. used for emphasizing how short a period of time is (强调数量少, 时间短)

例句: Within a matter of days she was back at work.

仅仅几天后, 她又回去上班了。

## thing

/θɪŋ/

1. an object, or an item. This word is used when you cannot or do not want to refer to the object or item in a more specific way [(不能, 不必, 不愿指明的) 东西, 事物, 特征, 事情]

例句: If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

如果你能够改变自己的某个方面, 那会是哪个方面呢?

2. an action, or an activity (行动, 活动)

例句: I would have done the same thing in his situation.

如果我是他我一样会这么做。

3. a situation, or an event (事件)

例句：That sort of thing is quite occasional and not regular.

那种事十分偶然，没有规律。

4. an aspect of life (物质生活，精神生活)

例句：I think I'm more aware now of some spiritual things and I do believe in good and evil.

我觉得我现在更加注重精神生活，而且我真的相信善恶报应。

5. an idea, a comment, or a piece of information (想法，意见，观念)

例句：There are some interesting things in your report.

你的报告中有很多有趣的想法。

**辨析：**matter多指事件，而且偏重指麻烦或不好的事件，必须要考虑和处理，而thing可以指事件也可以指东西，范围比较广泛，具体情况还是要根据语境进行分析。

## warning / caution

这两个词都有“警告”的意思。

### warning

/ˈwɔːnɪŋ/

1. an action or statement telling someone that they will be punished or that something bad will happen if they do something (警告, 警示)

例句: The government has unveiled new health warnings for cigarette packets.

政府公布了新的用于香烟盒上的健康警示语。

2. a warning is an advance notice of something that will happen, often something unpleasant or dangerous (预告, 预兆)

例句: The soldiers opened fire without warning.

士兵们在没有发出警告的情况下开了枪。

### caution

/ˈkəʊ(ə)n/



1. careful thought and lack of hurry in order to try to avoid risks or danger (谨慎, 慎重)

例句: Extreme caution should be exercised when buying part-worn tires.

购买部分磨损轮胎时要格外当心。

2. an official warning that the police give when they arrest someone, to tell them that anything they say may be used as evidence against them (警察发出的警告)

例句: In November 1987 Paula escaped with a caution. In October 1988 she was fined.

1987年11月,葆拉运气好只是受到了口头警告;1988年10月,她被处以罚款。

3. a warning that you should be careful (警告, 告诫)

例句: His gesture indicated a caution.

他的手势表示警告。

**辨析:** warning意思是警告, 警示, 常常表示警告某人不要做某事, 不然可能会有相关的惩罚和不好的事发生等; 而caution更多的是提醒一个人要小心潜在的危險, 有小心谨慎之意。

## cap / hat

这两个词都有“帽子”的意思。

### cap

/kæp/

1. a soft hat with a stiff part called a bill or visor that comes out over your eyes (有舌帽的帽子，便帽)

例句：Her cap fell off in the street and blew away.

她的帽子掉在大街上，被风吹走了。

2. a lid or part that fits over the top of something (瓶盖)

例句：She unscrewed the cap of her water bottle and gave him a drink.

她拧开水瓶盖，让他喝了一口。

### hat

/hæt/

1. a piece of clothing that you wear on your head; a head covering, often with a brim round it, which is usually worn out of doors to give protection from the weather (帽子, 常指有檐的)

例句: Issa's white beach hat gleamed in the harsh lights.

伊萨的白色沙滩帽在刺眼的阳光下闪闪发亮。

2. one particular aspect of someone's duties or responsibilities (职位, 角色)

例句: There are various problems, including too many people wearing too many hats.

现在有各种问题, 包括有太多的人身兼多职。

**辨析:** cap是指无帽檐但常有帽舌的软帽或便帽, 一般刚好能罩着头部, 如军帽, 制服帽等; 而hat的形状比较多变, 一般都有檐, 多指礼帽, 还可引申为官职的象征。