

不论何时，怀着一刻感恩的心总是错不了的。感恩我们的父母，感恩我的朋友，感恩我们还有前进的目标和力量，感恩每一天的充实生活。希望全年团会成为大家充实生活的一部分，也感恩各位小伙伴与我一同前行。来看本周第一节的 5 组近义词辨析！

merchant /businessman

这两个词都有“商人”的意思。

merchant /'mɜ:(r)tʃ(ə)nt/

1. a person or business that buys and sells goods, especially one that trades with other countries [(尤指外贸) 商人，批发商]

例句：Any knowledgeable wine merchant would be able to advise you.

任何一个懂行的葡萄酒商人都是可以给你提出建议。

2. a person who owns or runs a shop, store, or other business (店主，商人)

例句：The family was forced to live on credit from local merchants.

这家人不得不靠向当地商人赊账生活。

businessman /'biznəsmæn/

1. a man who works in business, especially a manager (商人，企业家，实业家)

例句：Like a good businessman, Stewart identified a gap in the market.

像精明的商人一样，斯图尔特发现了市场上的一个空白。

辨析：merchant指从事批发生意的大商人，尤指从事国际贸易的大商人，但在美国或苏格兰等地，也指一般商人；而businessman多指有经验、善于经营、从事各种买卖活动的买卖人、实业家或工商业家。

merit / virtue

这两个词都有“优点”意思。

merit /'merit/

1. an advantage or good quality that someone or something has (优点，长处，优势)

例句：It was obvious that, whatever its merits, their work would never be used.

很明显，无论他们的作品有何优点都永远不会被采用。

2. the good qualities of someone or something that make you admire them or think they are important or valuable (良好品质，价值)

例句：Box-office success mattered more than artistic merit.

票房上的成功比艺术价值更重要。

virtue /'vɜ:(r)tʃu:/

1. a good quality or habit that a person has, especially a moral one such as honesty or loyalty (美德, 德行)

例句: Her flaws were as large as her virtues.

她的缺点和优点一样多。

2. a way of behaving in which you do what is morally right and avoid things that are morally wrong (善行, 正直的品性)

例句: She could have established her own innocence and virtue easily enough.

她本可以轻易地证实自己纯真善良的品性。

3. an advantage or a good feature that something has that makes it better than something else (优点, 长处)

例句: Its other great virtue, of course, is its hard-wearing quality.

它的另一个突出优点当然就是经久耐用。

辨析: 当表示优点时, merit多指有值得赞扬的优点, 但不一定是出类拔萃; 而virtue指人或物的优点长处, 多指人的美德。

molecule / particle

这两个词都有“微粒”的意思。

molecule /'mɒlɪ,kju:l/

1. the smallest part of an element or compound that is capable of independent existence. It consists of two or more atoms (分子)

例句：A molecule of water consists of two atoms of hydrogen and one atom of oxygen.

水分子由两个氢原子和一个氧原子构成。

particle /'pɑ:(r)tɪk(ə)l/

1. an extremely small piece or amount of something (微粒, 极小量)

例句：There is a particle of truth in his statement.

他的陈述中有一点点实话。

2. an extremely small piece of matter that is part of an atom, for example an electron, proton, or neutron (粒子)

例句：A proton is an elementary particle of matter.

质子是物质的基本粒子。

3. an adverb or preposition used with a verb to form a phrasal verb. For example in the sentence 'He quickly put on his clothes', 'on' is a particle. (小品词)

例句：Prepositions and conjunctions are particles.

介词和连词是小品词。

辨析：molecule指物质中保持原物质的一切化学性质，能独立存在的最小微粒，即分子；而particle指任何物质的微粒，引申指任何小的部分。

mold / forge

这两个词都有“使成形”意思。

mold /məʊld/

1. to give something a particular shape or form (塑造，浇铸)

例句：Using 2 spoons, mold the cheese mixture into small balls or ovals.

用两把小匙将奶酪混合物塑成圆球或椭圆球形状。

2. to influence someone strongly so that they will have certain qualities or will behave in a certain way (影响，改变，形成)

例句：She was only 17 at the time and the experience molded her personality.

那时她只有17岁，那次经历影响了她的性格。

forge /fɔ:(r)dʒ/

1. to develop a successful relationship, especially in business or politics, with another country, organization, or person (缔造, 建立)

例句: The program aims to forge links between higher education and small businesses.

这个项目旨在为高等教育和小企业之间建立联系。

2. to heat metal until it is soft, then hit it with a hammer or pour it into a mould to form different shapes (炼, 锻造)

例句: To forge a blade takes great skill.

锻造刀刃需要很高超的技巧。

3. to illegally copy documents, paper money, or works of art with the intention of cheating people (伪造, 仿造)

例句: He admitted seven charges including forging passports.

他承认了7项罪名，其中包括伪造护照。

辨析: 当表示“使成形”时，mold通常指把有延展性的材料浇铸或塑成所需形状的物品；而forge意义较窄，指用锤子和砧对金属材料进行加工或锻造。

murmur / whisper

这两个词都有“低语”的相关含义。

murmur /'mɜ:(r)mə(r)/

1. to say something in a very quiet voice, to make a quiet continuous sound
(低声说, 悄声说, 发出连续而低沉的声音)

例句: He turned and murmured something to the professor.

他转身对教授小声说了些什么。

whisper /'wɪspə(r)/

1. to say something very quietly so that other people cannot hear you (低声说, 悄悄说, 耳语)

例句: She sat on Rossi's knee as he whispered in her ear.

她坐在罗西的膝盖上, 听他低声耳语。

2. to tell other people a piece of news or information that may or may not be true (私下谈论, 谣传)

例句: It is whispered that he intended to resign.

据传他打算辞职。

3. to make a quiet gentle sound (发出低沉而轻微的声音)

例句：The cold breeze moved through the bushes around him, whispering just loud enough to obscure the chanting.

冷飕飕的风吹动着 he 周边的矮树丛，沙沙声刚好盖过了吟唱的声音。

辨析：murmur 通常指人、微风或小溪等低沉、柔和或连续的声音；而 whisper 通常指耳语、窃窃私语，还可表示谣传，私下谈论等。

