

今天的近义词课程为大家带来五组形容词类的词汇辨析，都是我们比较熟悉的词语，一起来学习吧！

## beautiful / pretty

这两个词都有“漂亮的”之意。

### beautiful

/ˈbjʊtɪf(ə)l/

1. a beautiful person is extremely attractive (美丽的，漂亮的)

例句：To me he is the most beautiful child in the world.

对我来说，他是世界上最美丽的孩子。

2. something that is beautiful is very pleasant (美好的，美妙的)

例句：It was a beautiful morning.

那是一个美妙的早晨。

3. done or made very well or with a lot of skill (巧妙的，娴熟的)

例句：That's a beautiful shot!

射得漂亮！

### pretty

/ˈprɪti/

1. a pretty girl or woman is good-looking in a fairly ordinary way and has a nice face (漂亮的，好看的，标致的)

例句: She was a shy, delicately pretty girl with enormous blue eyes.  
她是一个害羞、娇美的女孩，长着一双大大的蓝眼睛。

2. a pretty boy or young man is attractive in a way that is more typical of a girl or woman (好看的，漂亮的)

例句: The band seemed to be just another bunch of pretty boys with no talent.

这个乐队看起来只是又一波有长相没才华的花瓶。

3. a pretty place, building, or object is attractive, especially in a delicate way, but not really beautiful or impressive (漂亮的，美丽的，但无特殊之处)

例句: Whitstable is still a very pretty little town.

惠特斯特布尔仍然是一个非常漂亮的小镇。

**辨析：**当这两个词都表示“漂亮的，美丽的”时，beautiful is a stronger word, used to describe someone who is unusually attractive and has perfect good looks, beautiful的语气较强，一般不用于男性；pretty相对来讲语气较弱，表示“美丽的、可爱的和标致的”，多用于小孩，妇女和较细小的东西。

## precise / pinpoint

这两个词都有“精确的”的意思。

### precise

/prɪ'saɪs/

1. exact and accurate (精确的，准确的)

例句：He does not talk too much and what he has to say is precise and to the point.

他话不多，但他说的话既准确又中肯。

2. used for emphasizing that something is definite or clearly true (明确的，确切的)

例句：He was not clear on the precise nature of his mission.

他对自己使命的确切性质还不清楚。

### pinpoint

/'pɪn.pɔɪnt/

1. very accurate and exact; if something is placed with pinpoint accuracy, it is placed in exactly the right place or position (非常精确的，定位精确的)

例句：These missiles can be fired with pinpoint accuracy.

这些导弹可精确地命中目标。

**辨析：**precise表示精密的，指具有高度的精确性，明确的；而pinpoint用的比较少，一般就是指定位精确，比如导弹、箭靶等位置很准。

## difficult / hard

这两个词都有“困难的”的意思。

### difficult

/ˈdɪfɪkəlt/

1. not easy to do, deal with, or understand（困难的，不容易的）

例句：The lack of childcare provisions made it difficult for single mothers to get jobs.

由于缺乏保育服务，单身母亲很难找到工作。

2. difficult conditions or situations cause a lot of problems and make it hard for you to succeed（充满艰难困苦的，问题很多的）

例句：She had a difficult childhood.

她的童年时期很艰难。

3. someone who is difficult never seems to be happy or satisfied with anything（难相处的，难取悦的，不随和的）

例句：I had a feeling you were going to be difficult about this.

我有种感觉：你会在这件事上找别扭。

## hard

/hard/

1. stiff, firm, and not easy to bend or break (硬的，坚硬的，坚固的)

例句：He shuffled his feet on the hard wooden floor.

他拖着脚在硬木地板上走动。

2. difficult to do (困难的)

例句：Our traveller's behavior on the journey is hard to explain.

我们的旅客一路上的行为让人很难解释。

3. involving a great deal of effort (累人的，费力的，费劲的)

例句：Their work is hard and unglamorous, and most people would find it boring.

他们的工作又累又平淡，多数人会认为很乏味。

4. unkind, or cruel (苛刻的，不友善的，严厉的)

例句：Don't be so hard on him.

别对他太苛刻了。

**辨析：**difficult习惯用来修饰需要运用智慧和技巧才能解决的问题，可指智力和行动方面的困难，或者是有技术上的难度，程度相对要比hard深；hard多侧重于指艰苦的，可以是精神上 and 身体上的感受，比如任务量繁重，时间紧迫，压力大之类的，口语中使用的比较多。

## clever / smart

这两个词都有“聪明的”的意思。

### clever

/'klevər/

1. good at achieving what you want, especially by using unusual or slightly dishonest methods, good at doing or using something, good at learning or understanding things（聪明的，聪颖的，智商高的）

例句：Even clever people are not terribly clever when put on the spot.

即便是聪明人在面对难题时也未必就能表现得特别聪明。

2. used about an unusual but effective and intelligent idea or action（巧妙的，绝妙的）

例句：A colleague of mine in Milan devised the following very clever little experiment.

我在米兰的一个同事设计了下面这个非常巧妙的小实验。

## smart

/smɑ:t/

1. intelligent; done with intelligence or careful thought (机灵的, 聪明的)

例句: Buying expensive furniture is not necessarily the smartest move to make.

购买昂贵的家具不见得就是最明智之举。

2. clean and neat in appearance and dressed in nice fashionable clothes, especially in a slightly formal way (外表整洁的)

例句: He was smart and well groomed but not good looking.

他仪容整洁，穿戴漂亮，就是人长得不好看。

3. connected with rich fashionable people (时髦的, 气派的)

例句: We spent a few hours on Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills' smartest shopping district.

我们在比弗利山最时髦的罗迪欧名品街逛了几个小时。

**辨析:** 当两个词都表示聪明的时, **clever**侧重表示脑力很灵活, 含有巧妙的意思, 容易成事, 用的比较广; **smart**也可以表达聪明的意思, 可指小孩子聪明伶俐, 比较强调顽皮的一面, 比较口语化, 在英式英语当中常表示衣着整洁, 时髦的。

## basic / essential

这两个词都有“基础的”的意思。

### basic

/ˈbeɪsɪk/

1. forming the main or most important part of something, without which it cannot really exist (根本的, 主要的, 首要的)

例句: One of the most basic requirements for any form of angling is a sharp hook.

不管以什么方式钓鱼, 有一个锋利的鱼钩都是最基本的要求之一。

2. basic products and services are ones that everyone needs such as food, medicine, and fuel (基本的, 起码的, 基础的)

例句: Hospitals lack even basic drugs for surgical operations.

医院连最基本的外科手术药物也没有。

3. simple and with no special features (最简单的, 最基本的)

例句: We provide 2-person tents and basic cooking and camping equipment.

我们提供双人帐篷和最基本的炊具以及露营装备。



## essential

/ɪ'senʃ(ə)l/

1. completely necessary (绝对必要的, 必不可少的, 基本的)

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

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:** basic指比较普遍的用词, 指基本的、基础的、起码的, 含有相对简单的、不含附加值的意思, 有明确具体的基础或起点; 而essential的语气要更强, 强调必不可少, 暗含如缺少某一部分则失去本质的意思。