

一起来看今天的 5 组词汇辨析！

### exterminate / extirpate

这两个词都有“消灭”的相关含义。

**exterminate** /ɪk'stɜːmɪˌneɪt/

1. to kill all the insects or animals of a particular type in an area, to kill a person or a group of people (消灭, 灭绝, 根除)

例句：They have a real fear that they'll be exterminated in the ongoing civil war.

他们十分害怕自己会在持续的内战中被彻底消灭。

**extirpate** /'ekstɜːˌpeɪt/

1. to completely destroy or get rid of something (消灭, 灭绝)

例句：To extirpate weeds is not only to destroy their visible parts but also to pull them out by the roots.

除草不光要弄掉它们可以看见的部分并且要把它们的根拔起。

**辨析：**exterminate 指用故意、有选择性的方式完全破坏；而 extirpate 指用除去或其他稳固的根源进行有效的破坏。

## abstain / refrain

这两个词都有“抑制”的相关含义。

### abstain /əb'steɪn/

1. to deliberately avoid doing something that is enjoyable but that may not be healthy, safe, or morally right (戒绝, 抑制)

例句: Do you drink alcohol, smoke, or abstain?

你喝酒抽烟吗, 还是烟酒不沾?

2. to deliberately not vote in an election or at a meeting (弃权)

例句: Three Conservative MPs abstained in the vote.

三位保守党下院议员投了弃权票。

### refrain /rɪ'freɪn/

1. to stop yourself from doing something. This word is often used in official announcements or signs (克制, 忍住)

例句: He appealed to all factions to refrain from violence.

他呼吁所有派系避免使用暴力。

**辨析：**abstain 常暗示一时冲动不做某事；而 refrain 含义为主动的自我克制或有意放弃某事。

### quicken/ hasten

这两个词都与有“加快”的意思。

#### quicken /'kwɪkən/

1. if something quickens, or if you quicken it, it happens or moves more quickly (加快, 加速, 变快)

例句: Ainslie's pulse quickened in alarm.

由于惊恐, 安斯利的脉搏加快了。

#### hasten /'heɪs(ə)n/

1. to make something happen sooner or more quickly (加速, 加快)

例句: But if he does this, he may hasten the collapse of his own country.

但是如果他这样做, 就有可能加速自己国家的崩溃。

2. to go somewhere in a hurry (赶往, 赶去)

例句: One of them, the first to alight, hastened with quicksilver steps

towards me.

他们中第一个下来的人急急忙忙地快步向我走来。

**辨析：**quicken 强调缩短所需时间，表示活动性增强，并含有激发、刺激的意思；而 hasten 多指匆忙或过快地达到结果的意思。

### venture / adventure

这两个词都有“冒险”之意。

#### adventure /əd'ventʃər/

1. an exciting, unusual, and sometimes dangerous experience (冒险，冒险经历，奇遇)

例句：I set off for a new adventure in the United States on the first day of the new year.

新年第一天，我在美国开始了一次新的冒险。

2. the feeling that you want to have new and exciting experiences (冒险的刺激，大胆的开拓)

例句：Their cultural backgrounds gave them a spirit of adventure.

他们的文化背景赋予了他们一种冒险精神。

**venture** /'ventʃər/

1. a new business or activity (风险项目, 冒险事业)

例句: He is too timid to venture upon a new undertaking.

他太胆小, 不敢从事新的事业。

**辨析:** adventure 指大胆的, 危险的或令人非常激动的“活动或经历”; venture 主要指工商业上的冒险和投机。

## definition / interpretation

这两个词都有“解释”的相关含义。

**definition** /,defə'niʃən/

1. a statement of what a word or expression means (定义, 释义)

例句: There is no general agreement on a standard definition of intelligence.

“智力”一词目前还没有一个普遍认可的标准释义。

2. the clear edges or shape that something has that make it easy to see (清晰, 分明, 明确)

例句: The speakers criticized his new program for lack of definition.

几位发言者批评他的新方案不够清楚明确。

**interpretation** /ɪnˌtɜːprəˈteɪʃ(ə)n/

1. an explanation of the meaning or importance of something (解释, 说明, 阐明)

例句: Analysis and interpretation is a very personal thing.

分析与说明是个很主观的事情。

2. a way of performing a piece of music, a part in a play, etc. that shows how you understand it and feel about it (表演, 演绎, 演奏)

例句: I was frankly astonished at the degree to which different singers can affect the interpretation of a song.

说实话, 不同歌手对一首歌曲有如此不同的诠释让我感到惊讶。

**辨析:** definition 主要指对某一词、短语或专门术语的含义作解释、下定义; 而 interpretation 多指对文字上较难的段落, 或难于理解, 令人迷惑的问题作出解释或说明。