

今天只剩下 2 个月了，如果现在的你觉得时间安排得不好，每天都感觉事情做不完，那就试试利用好边边角角的时间吧。在时间面前，人人平等，就看你要怎样度过属于你的时间啦！一起来看今天的 5 组词汇。

## amuse / entertain

这两个词都有“娱乐”的相关意思。

### amuse /ə'mju:z/

1. to do or say something that other people think is funny or entertaining (逗乐，逗笑)

例句：The thought seemed to amuse him.

这种想法好像把他逗乐了。

2. to keep someone interested or entertained, so that they do not get bored [给...提供娱乐 (或消遣)]

例句：I need distractions. I need to amuse myself so I won't keep thinking about things.

我需要分散我的注意力。需要消遣一下，让自己不去想这样那样的事。

**entertain** /,entər'tein/

1. to give a performance that people enjoy (使快乐, 给...以娱乐, 使有兴趣)

例句: They were entertained by top singers, dancers and celebrities.

顶级歌手、舞蹈演员和名人们给他们带来娱乐。

2. to receive someone as a guest and give them food and drink or other forms of enjoyment (招待, 款待)

例句: You weren't allowed to entertain men in your rooms even with a chaperone.

即使你有监护人陪同, 也不允许在房间里招待男性。

3. to consider an idea or feeling and allow it to develop in your mind [考虑, 心存, 怀有 (主意、建议等)]

例句: I wouldn't entertain the idea of such an unsociable job.

我不会考虑从事这种不跟人打交道的工作。

**辨析:** amuse 指使人通过注意某些有趣或悦人的事物而消遣, 着重使人愉

快的效果。

而 entertain 指通过给他人快乐感的消遣活动，使自己或他人从单调中解脱出来。

## horror / terror

这两个词都有“恐惧”的意思。

horror /'hɒrər/

1. a very strong feeling of shock, fear or disgust caused by something extremely unpleasant (震惊, 恐惧, 惊恐)

例句: As I watched in horror the boat began to power away from me.

我惊恐万分地看着船加足马力从我身边开走了。

2. something that is very unpleasant or frightening (令人感到恐怖的事)

例句: Sometimes his mind would dwell on the horrors he had been through.

有时他会老是想着他所经历过的种种恐怖。

3. the horror of an experience is how unpleasant it is [极其不愉快  
(或可怕) 的经历]

例句: Can you possibly imagine all the horrors we have undergone since I last wrote you?

你能想象得出自从我上次给你写信以来我们所经历的所有可怕事情吗?

4. books and movies that are intended to frighten people (恐怖电影, 恐怖小说)

例句: This novel is not science fiction, nor is it Gothic horror.

这本小说既非科幻小说亦非哥特派恐怖小说。

**terror** /'terər/

1. a strong feeling of fear (恐惧, 惊恐, 恐慌)

例句: I shook with terror whenever I was about to fly in an airplane.

每次坐飞机前, 我都吓得直发抖。

2. something or someone that makes you very frightened (恐怖的人或事物)

例句：As a boy, he had a real terror of facing people.

小时候，他特别害怕见人。

3. violence used for making people very frightened in order to achieve political aims [(尤指有政治目的的) 恐怖活动, 恐怖主义]

例句：The bomb attack on the capital could signal the start of a pre-election terror campaign.

对首都的炸弹袭击可能标志着选举前的恐怖活动开始了。

**辨析：**horror 侧重指因看到令人讨厌或危险的东西或情景而引起的厌恶情绪、极度恐惧心情或战栗的动作；而 terror 指极大的恐惧和惊骇，语气很强，也可以表示恐怖主义。

## comply / obey

这两个词都有“服从”的意思。

**comply** /kəmˈplaɪ/

1. to obey a rule or law, or to do what someone asks you to do (服从, 遵守)

例句：Some beaches had failed to comply with European directives on bathing water.

有些海滩未能遵守欧洲有关浴场的指令。

**obey** /ou'bei/

1. to do what a law or a person says that you must do (服从, 听从, 顺从, 遵守)

例句：All I had to do now was to obey him in silence.

这时，我要做的只是默默地服从他。

**辨析：**comply 指同意依从他人的愿望或请求，或遵守某种规则或顺应某种环境条件，常与 with 连用；而 obey 为一般用词，指服从或接受某种权威，或遵循某种原则而行事。

**elastic / plastic**

这两个词都有材料性质的相关意思。

**elastic** /ɪ'læstɪk/

1. something that is elastic can be stretched easily and can then return to its original shape quickly (有弹性的, 有弹力的)

例句: Beat it until the dough is slightly elastic.

一直搅打, 直至生面团略有弹性。

2. able to change when the situation changes (有通融性的, 灵活的, 能变通的)

例句: The new policy was sufficiently elastic to accommodate both views.

新政策充分灵活地适用两种观点。

**plastic** /'plæstɪk/

1. made of plastic (塑料的)

例句: It was packaged in a fancy plastic case with attractive graphics.

它装在一个别致的有漂亮图纹的塑料盒子里。

2. a plastic substance can be bent into any shape and will keep that shape (可塑的, 塑形的)

例句：The mud is smooth, gray, soft, and plastic as butter.

这种泥浆呈灰色，它光滑、柔软，像黄油一样易塑。

### 3. looking or tasting artificial (不自然的，不真实的)

例句：When girls put on too much eye-shadow, they look plastic.

女孩子如果把眼影涂得过重，看起来就不自然了。

**辨析：**elastic 多用于强调物体的伸展性，也可作引申用，表示想法，计划，政策等灵活的，有通融性的；而 plastic 指事物质地柔软，可塑造成所需的形状，整容手术就可以表达为 plastic surgery。

## goal / target

这两个词都可以表示“目标”相关含义。

### goal /gəʊl/

#### 1. something that you hope to achieve (目标，目的)

例句：It's a matter of setting your own goals and following them.

这就需要设立自己的目标并为之努力。



2. an area or structure that a ball must go into or through to score points in some sports (球门)

例句: David Seaman was back in the Arsenal goal after breaking a knuckle.

戴维·西曼在一个指关节骨折后又回到阿森纳队的球门前。

3. the action of putting a ball into a goal, the point or points that you score by putting a ball into a goal (进球, 进球得分)

例句: They scored five goals in the first half of the match.

他们在上半场比赛中攻入了 5 球。

**target** /'tɑ:ɡət/

1. a target is something at which someone is aiming a weapon or other object (靶子, 目标, 对象)

例句: The village lies beside a main road, making it an easy target for bandits.

村子坐落在大路边上, 很容易成为土匪袭击的对象。

2. something that you try to achieve (目标, 目的)

例句：He's won back his place too late to achieve his target of 20 goals this season.

他赢回自己的位置时为时已晚，无法实现本赛季进 20 粒球的目标。

**辨析：**target 一般指射击的靶，军事攻击目标，引申指被攻击、批评或嘲笑的目标；而 goal 指经过考虑和选择，需经坚持不懈的努力奋斗才能达到的最终目标。