

一起来进入今天的 5 组近义词辨析环节，每一天都是新的开始，积极主动胜过消极怠惰，一起继续奋斗吧！

discover/ invent

这两个词都有见到新事物的相关意思。

invent /ɪn'vent/

1. to design or create something such as a machine or process that did not exist before (发明, 创造, 首创)

例句: Edison invented the electric light.

爱迪生发明了电灯。

2. to make up a story, excuse, etc. that is not true (编造, 捏造, 虚构)

例句: I stood still, trying to invent a plausible excuse.

我站着不动,试图编个说得过去的借口。

discover /dɪ'skʌvər/

1. to find out something that you did not know before [发现 (以前不知道的事实)]

例句：It was difficult for the inspectors to discover which documents were important.

检查员们很难发现哪些文件是重要的。

2. to find a place, fact, or substance that no one knew about before (第一次发现)

例句：In the 19th century, gold was discovered in California.

19 世纪时，在加利福尼亚发现了金子。

3. to find out about a place or activity that is new to you (初次接触)

例句：I wish I'd discovered photography when I was younger.

我要是早点接触到摄影技术就好了。

4. to find someone or something that was missing or hidden [发现，找到（一直在寻找的某人或某物）]

例句：A few days later his badly beaten body was discovered on a roadside outside the city.

几天后，他的尸体在城外的路边被发现，身上有被严重殴打过的痕迹。

5. to recognize the ability of someone such as a writer or performer and help to make them famous (发现，发掘作家歌手等)

例句：The Beatles were discovered in the early 1960's.

甲壳虫乐队于 20 世纪 60 年代初为世人所知。

辨析：invent 是指创造前所未有的事物，to create or design some thing not existing before，故作“发明”解，名词是 invention，“发明家”是 inventor；而 discover 指初次看见本来已存在但以前未被发现的事物，to find out something existing but not yet known，故作“发现”解，名词是 discovery，“发现者”是 discoverer。

female / feminine

这两个词都有“女性的”相关意思。

female /'fi:meɪl/

1. a female person or animal belongs to the sex that can produce babies or eggs（女性的，雌性的）

例句：Female fans fought their way past bodyguards and tore at his clothes.
女粉丝冲破保安的阻拦，撕扯他的衣裳。

2. a female plant is one that produces fruit（雌性的，有雌蕊的，能结果实的）

例句：Figs have male and female flowers.
无花果有雄花和雌花。

feminine /'feməniːn/

1. having qualities that are traditionally considered to be typical of women,

for example being gentle and delicate (有女性气质的, 女子气的, 女性的, 女人的)

例句: This is a smart, yet soft and feminine look.

这是一张透着精明的面孔, 但是线条柔和, 女人味十足。

辨析: 作形容词时, female 表示“女的”、“女性的”、“雌的”之意, 着重指性别而言, 经常与之搭配的词有: sex, child, friend, companion, heir, ruler, servant, ward, voice, figure, suffrage, education, animal, plant 等, 其对话是 male; 而 feminine 着重指“有女性气质的”之意, 经常与之搭配的词有 nature, sympathy, weakness, virtue, frivolity, curiosity, voice, pursuits, hobbies, clothes 等。

exhausting/ exhaustive

这一对词语长得比较相像, 但含义却不太相同。

exhausting /ɪgˈzɔːstɪŋ/

1. making you feel extremely tired and without energy (使耗尽的, 使人精疲力竭的)

例句: I find her exhausting to be with—she's too intense.

我感到和她在一起很累, 她这个人太热情了。

exhaustive /ɪg'zɔ:stɪv/

1. thorough or complete (详尽无遗的，彻底全面的)

例句：This is by no means an exhaustive list but it gives an indication of the many projects taking place.

这绝称不上是详尽无遗的清单，但是列出了很多正在进行的项目。

辨析：exhausting 是现在分词，作形容词使用，表示“使竭尽的”、“使疲惫的”，to make empty or tire out，与之经常搭配使用的词有 day、job、task、experiment 等；而 exhaustive 是形容词，意为“完全的”、“彻底的”，thorough or complete，与之经常搭配的词有 work、inquiries、research、investigation、treatment 等。

discreet / discrete

这两个词读音相同，拼法也比较相近，容易混淆。

discreet /dɪ'skri:t/

1. careful not to say anything that is secret or that could upset someone (言行谨慎的，考虑周到的)

例句：He is discreet in choosing his friends.

他交友谨慎。

2. unlikely to attract attention, small and not very noticeable (不显眼的, 朴素的, 少的, 小的)

例句: She wore discreet jeweler.

她戴着素净的首饰。

discrete /dɪ'skri:t/

1. separate (分离的, 互不连接的, 不相关的)

例句: The picture consists of a lot of discrete spots of color.

这幅画由许多不相连的色点组成。

辨析: discreet 的意思是“(言行)谨慎的”、“慎重的”“有判断力的”, not saying too much; showing good sense and judgment, 它的名词是 discretion, 反义词是鲁莽 indiscreet (形容词) 及 indiscretion (名词); 而 discrete 的意思是“分离的”、“不联络的”、“各异的”, separate, disjoined or individually distinct, 它的名词是 discreteness。

consist in / consist of

这两个短语由于所用的介词不同, 其词义也不相同。

consist in

意思是“存在于.....中”, “以.....为主要成分”, 常用来说明一样事物的性质, 这种性质

大都是抽象的、非物质的。

例句：A home does not consist in the quality of its architecture and decoration.

家之所以为家并不在于住所的设计与修饰。

The spirit consists in whole-hearted devotion to public interests.

这种精神就是一心为公。

consist of

意思是“由.....组成”，“由.....构成”，常用来说明组成某一事物的部分，这些部分大都是具体的、物质的。

例句：A chair consists of a seat with a back.

椅子是由椅座和椅背构成的。

The development will consist of 66 dwellings and a number of offices.

新建楼区将由 66 栋住房和一些办公用房组成。