

让我们一起来学习今天的 5 组近义词辨析，每天进步一点点，日积月累就会提升一大截，滴水穿石，贵在坚持，加油！

young / youthful

这两个词都有“年轻的”之意。

young /jʌŋ/

1. someone who is young has lived for only a short time and not mature (年幼的，幼小的，未成熟的)

例句：You weren't so very young when she died; you were old enough to remember.

她去世的时候你不算太年幼，已经能记事了。

2. to describe a time when a person or thing was young (年轻时的，青年时代的)

例句：In her younger days my mother had been a successful fashion wear saleswoman.

我妈妈年轻时曾经是个成功的时装销售员。

3. someone who is young in appearance or behavior looks or behaves as if they are young (显得年轻的，岁数不大的)

例句：I was twenty-three, I suppose, and young for my age.

我当时 23 岁，我想，看上去比实际年龄小。

youthful /'juθf(ə)l/

1. typical of young people, someone who is youthful has many of the positive qualities considered to be typical of young people (年轻的，富有青春活力的，朝气蓬勃的)

例句：Gary Glitter, 48, revealed the secret of his youthful looks.

48 岁的加里·格利特透露了他青春永驻的秘密。

辨析：young 指“年轻、年青”，词义范围较广，既可以用于人和动物，也可以用于植物、国家、政党和机构等词；有时它亦可用作引申义，指“不够成熟”或“缺乏经验”；而 youthful 的意思是“少壮的”、“壮盛的”、“年轻力壮的” (having the qualities of young people)，它是个褒义词，表示美好的意味，特指精神、容貌、体力、热情等方面而言。

woollen / woolly

这两个词都是“wool”的派生词，但意思有一些细微的差异。

woollen /'wʊlən/

1. made from wool (羊毛制的，羊毛的)

例句：She likes to wear woollen socks in winter.

冬天她喜欢穿羊毛袜。

woolly /'wʊli/

1. made of or feeling like wool (毛料的, 羊毛制的, 像羊毛的)

例句：She wore this woolly hat with pompoms.

她戴着这顶有小绒球的毛绒帽子。

2. confused and not clear (混乱的, 糊涂的, 不明确的)

例句：It is no good setting vague and woolly goals — you will not know whether or not you have really achieved them.

树立模糊而不明确的目标是没有用处的一一你无法知道自己是否已经达到了目标。

辨析：woollen 的意思是“毛制的”、“羊毛的”、“毛织的”，如：woollen cloth (毛布)；woollen blanket (毛毯)；woollen gloves (羊毛手套)；woollen stockings (毛袜)；woollen merchants (毛料商人) 等；而 woolly 多表示“羊毛似的”、“蓬乱的”意思，相当于 looking like wool or lacking in precision 之意。它亦可用作转义，表示“不清楚的”、“朦胧的”意味。

valuable / valued

这两个词虽然感觉意思比较像，但却并不是同义词。

valuable /'væljəb(ə)l/

1. worth a lot of money (贵重的, 值钱的)

例句: Just because a camera is old does not mean it is valuable.

古旧的相机不一定就值钱。

2. very useful and important (有价值的, 有意的, 有用的)

例句: Many of our teachers also have valuable academic links with Heidelberg University.

我们的很多老师也和海德堡大学保持着有益的学术联系。

valued /'væljud/

1. held in great esteem for admirable qualities especially of an intrinsic nature (受人尊敬的, 值得重视的)

例句: As you are a valued customer, I am writing to you to explain the situation.

您是一位我们很重视的客户, 所以我写信向您解释一下情况。

辨析: valuable 的意思是“有价值的”、“贵重的”、“宝贵的”; 它的对义词是 valueless, 而不是 invaluable. invaluable 是 valuable 的同义词, 作“非常珍贵的”、“无法估价的”解; 而 valued 的意思是“受人敬重的”、“值得重视的”。valued 同时也是动词 value 的过去分词, 为此, 它是分词形容词, 在句中只能作定语, 不可用作名词。

sociable / social

这两个形容词都有“社交的”的意思。

sociable /'səʊjəb(ə)l/

1. a sociable person is friendly and enjoys being with other people (随和的, 好交际的, 友善的)

例句: Some children have more sociable personalities than others.

有些孩子比其他孩子更善于交际。

social /'səʊʃ(ə)l/

1. relating to activities that involve being with other people, especially activities that you do for pleasure (社交的, 交际的)

例句: Social activities might include barbecues on the beach and walking tours of the Old Town.

社交活动可以包括沙滩上的烧烤和老城区的步行游览。

2. relating to society and to people's lives in general (社会的)

例句: Social progress is normally a matter of struggles and conflicts.

社会进步通常是斗争和冲突的结果。

3. relating to the position that someone has in society in relation to other people (与社会地位有关的)

例句: Higher education is unequally distributed across social classes.

社会各个阶层享受高等教育的权利是不平等的。

4. social animals live in groups instead of living alone (群居的)

例句: These endangered gentle giants are highly social animals.

这些濒临灭绝的、性情温顺的大型动物属于高度群居的动物。

辨析: sociable 表示“爱交际的”、“社交性的”和“善交际的”意味; 而 social 表示“社会的”、“社会性的”、“有关社会的”意味。如: social problem (社会问题)、social life (社会生活)、social science (社会科学)、social welfare (社会福利)、social morality (社会道德) 等。

on the whole / as a whole

这两个词组的意思是有一些细微差别的。

on the whole

意思是 used for talking about the general situation, 翻译为“大体上”、“基本上”、“整体上”。

例句：The wine towns encountered are, on the whole, quiet and modest.

所到的酒镇总的来说都是宁静祥和的。

My opinion is on the whole the same as yours.

我的意见大体上同你的差不多。

as a whole

意思是 considering all the parts of something as one unit，翻译为“从整个来看”、“就全体而言”、“总括而论”。

例句：We must consider these matters as a whole.

我们必须从整体上考虑这些事情。

We must look at the educational problem as a whole .

我们必须从整体的角度来考虑教育问题。