

如果回首一段时光不会因碌碌无为而悔恨，那也就没有白白度过。希望今年最后为数不多的几十天时光我们可以过的有意义。一起来看今天的 5 组词汇吧！

inspire / stimulate

这两个词都有“激励”的意思。

inspire /ɪnˈspaɪr/

1. to give someone the enthusiasm to do or create something（激励，鼓舞，驱使，启发）

例句：These herbs will inspire you to try out all sorts of exotic-flavored dishes!

这些香草会激发你去品尝各种异国风味的菜肴！

2. to give someone the idea for a piece of work（作为.....的为灵感来源，是.....的原型）

例句：The book was inspired by a real person, namely Tamara de Treaux.
那本书的灵感源于一个真实人物，即塔玛拉·德特罗。

3. to give people a particular feeling [激起，唤起（某种感情或反应）]

例句：The car's performance quickly inspires confidence.

该汽车的性能会很快唤起驾驶者的信心。

stimulate /'stɪmjə.leɪt/

1. to encourage something to happen, develop, or improve (刺激, 激励, 促使, 促起)

例句: The Russian health service has stimulated public interest in home cures.

俄罗斯的公共医疗服务已经激起了公众对家庭治疗的兴趣。

2. to make someone feel interested in learning new things (激发, 激励, 使充满热情)

例句: I was stimulated to examine my deepest thoughts.

我深受启发, 开始审视自己内心深处的想法。

3. to make plants, cells, or a part of someone's body grow or become more active [刺激 (身体部位), 使活跃]

例句: Exercise stimulates the digestive and excretory systems.

锻炼能促进消化和排泄系统的活动。

辨析: inspire 通常指鼓起勇气, 充满信心和希望; 而 stimulate 尤指人或物因外界因素而受到刺激, 使人振作起来或增强做某事的信心和勇气。

tug / tow

这两个词都有“拉”的相关含义。

tug /tʌg/

1. to pull someone or something by making a short strong movement (使劲拉，拽)

例句：A little boy came running up and tugged at his sleeve excitedly.

一个小男孩跑上来，非常激动地拽着他的袖子。

tow /təʊ/

1. to pull a vehicle or boat by attaching it to the back of another vehicle or boat (拖，拉，牵引)

例句：He had been using the vehicle to tow his work trailer.

他一直用这辆车牵引他的活动工作室。

辨析：tug 多指一阵阵地用力拖或拉，但不一定使被拉的人或物移动；而 tow 特指用绳子或链条等拖或拉本身无动力或无法使用自身动力的东西。

soil / mud

这两个词都有“土”的相关含义。

soil /soɪl/

1. the substance on the surface of the Earth in which plants grow (土壤，土地)

例句：We have the most fertile soil in Europe.

我们拥有欧洲最肥沃的土地。

mud /mʌd/

1. a sticky mixture of earth and water (泥，烂泥，泥浆)

例句：His uniform was crumpled, untidy, splashed with mud.

他的制服皱巴巴的，邋遢不堪，还溅上了泥点。

辨析：soil 特指适宜栽种农作物或生长各种植物的泥土；而 mud 指湿土，尤指雨后稀泥、污泥。

incredible / incredulous

这两个形容词拼法相近，含义也有相近之处，应加以区分。

incredible /ɪnˈkredəb(ə)l/

1. surprising, or difficult to believe (难以置信的, 不可思议的)

例句: It seemed incredible that people would still want to play football during a war.

在战时人们仍然想踢足球,这似乎不可思议。

2. used for saying how great or extreme something is (妙极了, 惹人喜爱的, 了不起的)

例句: The wildflowers will be incredible after this rain.

这场雨过后,野花会变得美不胜收。

incredulous /ɪnˈkredʒələs/

1. not able to believe something, or not wanting to believe it (表示怀疑的, 不相信的)

例句: There was a brief, incredulous silence.

有一段短暂的充满怀疑的沉默。

辨析: incredible 意为“难以置信的, 不可思议的, 惊人的”, 而 incredulous 表示“不相信的”“不可轻信的”, 要区别他们表达的含义。

blunder / flaw

这两个词都可以表示“错误”的含义。

blunder /'blʌndər/

1. a careless or embarrassing mistake [(因无知、粗心等造成的) 错误]

例句: I saw that I had been guilty of a careless blunder.

我意识到自己因疏忽而酿成大错。

flaw /flɔ/

1. a mistake or fault in something that makes it useless or less effective (错误, 谬误)

例句: Almost all of these studies have serious flaws.

几乎所有这些研究中都存在严重谬误。

2. a mark or fault that spoils something and makes it less beautiful or perfect (瑕疵, 缺陷)

例句: There isn't the slightest flaw in this bowl.

这只碗上丁点儿毛病都没有。

3. a fault in someone's character [(性格中的) 缺点, 弱点]

例句: The only flaw in his character seems to be a short temper.

他性格中的唯一缺点好像就是脾气急。

辨析：blunder 通常指由于无知或情况不明造成判断或行动上的大错；而 flaw 指结构或组织上的缺点，如破裂之处，用作比喻意义时，指品格上的缺陷。

