

同学们在词汇学习的过程中要不断扩大对词组的识别能力和运用能力，不要仅仅拘泥于词语本身。一起来看今天的 5 组词汇辨析！

### scarcely / barely

这两个词都有“几乎不”之意。

#### scarcely / 'skersli/

1. almost not, or almost none, used for showing that something is certainly not true or possible (几乎不)

例句：Yesterday, however, his views seemed scarcely relevant.

然而，昨天他的观点似乎毫无关联。

2. only just (刚刚，才)

例句：Bruce had scarcely shaken our hands when the phone rang.

布鲁斯刚和我们握了握手，电话就响了。

#### barely / 'berli/

1. used for saying that something almost does not happen or exist, or is almost not possible (几乎不，几乎没有)

例句：It was 90 degrees and the air conditioning barely cooled the room.

当时气温达到了 90 度，空调也不能让房间凉快多少。

2. used for emphasizing that something happened only a very short time before something else (刚刚)

例句：The Boeing 767 had barely taxied to a halt before its doors were flung open.

这架波音 767 刚刚停住，它的舱门就弹开了。

**辨析：**scarcely 常指数量不足，也常常可理解为“仅仅”；而 barely 则指刚刚好，强调“不多余，勉强”，表示否定的意义相对弱。

### **mess / chaos**

这两个词都有“混乱”的相关含义。

### **mess** /mes/

1. a situation in which a place is dirty or not neat, someone or something that looks dirty, not neat, or in bad condition (脏乱，凌乱，不整洁)

例句：The wrong shampoo can leave curly hair in a tangled mess.

不合适的洗发水会使卷发纠缠成乱糟糟的一团。

2. a difficult situation with a lot of problems, especially because people have made mistakes (困境，麻烦，混乱)

例句：She'd got herself into a mess, of that he was certain.

他肯定她已经让自己陷入了困境。

3. a room where people have their meals in the military [(军队的) 餐厅, 食堂]

例句：He hurried to the Mess to find the control officer.

他匆忙赶到餐厅去找指挥官。

**chaos** /'keɪ,ɒs/

1. a situation in which everything is confused and in a mess (混乱, 乱糟糟)

例句：He needs them to stop the country sliding into chaos.

他需要他们来防止这个国家陷入混乱。

**辨析：**mess 语气较强，是口语中较常用的非正式用词，多指既混乱又肮脏，尤指人思想混乱或外表不整洁；而 chaos 着重指令人无能为力或感到绝望的混乱状态，突出没有很好的组织。

**release / discharge**

这两个词都有“释放”的相关含义。

**release** /rɪˈlis/

1. if a person or animal is released from somewhere where they have been locked up or looked after, they are set free or allowed to go (释放, 放出)

例句: He is expected to be released from hospital today.

他有望今天出院。

2. to stop holding something (放手, 放开, 释放)

例句: He stopped and faced her, releasing her wrist.

他停下来面对着她, 放开了她的手腕。

3. to let a substance or energy spread into the area or atmosphere around it, especially as part of a chemical reaction [释放, 放出, 排放 (气体、热量或某种物质)]

例句: The contraction of muscles uses energy and releases heat.

肌肉的收缩消耗能量并且释放热量。

4. to make information or documents available (发布, 发表, 公布)

例句: Figures released yesterday show retail sales were down in March.

昨天公布的数据显示零售额在 3 月份有所下滑。

5. to make a movie, game, album, etc. available for people to see or buy [发行, 推出 (唱片、碟片或电影)]

例句：He is releasing an album of love songs.

他即将推出一张情歌专辑。

6. to move a piece of equipment from the position that it is held in [打开, 放开, 松开 (制动装置)]

例句：Wade released the hand brake and pulled away from the curb.

韦德松开手刹驶离路边。

7. to get rid of a negative feeling, especially one that you have had for a long time [发泄, 释放 (情感)]

例句：Becoming your own person releases your creativity.

保持自己的本色才有助于发挥自身创造力。

8. to allow someone not to have to do something (使免除, 使免于)

例句：Divorce releases both the husband and wife from all marital obligations to each other.

离婚解除了夫妻双方相互之间所有的婚姻义务。

**discharge** /ˈdɪs.tʃɑːdʒ/

1. to be officially allowed or forced to leave an institution such as a hospital, a prison, or the army [允许...离开 (医院、军队), (从监狱) 释放]

例句：You are being discharged on medical grounds.

出于健康原因你将会退伍。

2. to allow liquid or gas to leave a place, especially when this has harmful effects (排出, 使流出, 放出)

例句: The resulting salty water will be discharged at sea.

所产生的盐水将被排入大海。

3. to do everything that needs to be done to perform a duty or responsibility [履行 (职责), 完成 (任务)]

例句: We have to discharge ourselves of our duties.

我们必须尽我们的职责。

4. to pay what you owe to someone [清偿 (债务)]

例句: The goods will be sold for a fraction of their value in order to discharge the debt.

货物将被贱价卖出以清偿债务。

5. to fire a weapon [击发 (枪、炮)]

例句: Lewis was tried for unlawfully and dangerously discharging a weapon.

刘易斯因非法和不安全的开枪而受到了审判。

**辨析:** release 侧重指放松限制、解除监禁或免除义务; discharge 强调指把某人或某物从监禁、束缚中释放出来。

## light / lamp

这两个词都有“灯”的相关含义。

### light /laɪt/

1. brightness from the sun or from a light, which allows you to see things  
(光, 光线, 光亮)

例句: Cracks of light filtered through the shutters.

斑驳的光线透过百叶窗照射进来。

2. a piece of electrical equipment that produces brightness (发光体, 电源, 灯)

例句: You get into the music, the lights and the people around you.

你融入到音乐、灯光以及身边的人群中。

3. something used for lighting a cigarette (点火物)

例句: Have you got a light anybody?

你们谁有火吗?

### lamp /læmp/

1. an electric light, especially a small one, that stands on a table or desk, or an oil or gas light, especially a small one, that you can carry (灯)

例句：In the evenings we eat by the light of an oil lamp.

晚上我们便在一盏油灯下吃饭。

**辨析：**light 由“光线”转义而来，指各种发光物体；多指电灯、信号灯等；而 lamp 则主要指有罩的灯，尤指“油灯”。

## bunch / bundle

这两个词都有“捆，包”之意，这里面我们辨析的是它们的名词性。

**bunch** /bʌntʃ/

1. a group of people [一伙，一群 (人)]

例句：My neighbors are a bunch of busybodies.

我的邻居们是一群爱管闲事的人。

2. a group of cut flowers that you hold together or that someone has tied together [一束 (花)]

例句：He had left a huge bunch of flowers in her hotel room.

他在她宾馆房间里留下了一大束花。

3. a group of bananas, grapes, etc. that grow together [一串 (香蕉或葡萄)]



例句：Lily had fallen asleep clutching a fat bunch of grapes.

莉莉手里抓着一大串葡萄睡着了。

4. a set of keys that are together on a metal ring [一串 (钥匙)]

例句：George took out a bunch of keys and went to work on the complicated lock.

乔治掏出一串钥匙，上前去鼓捣那把结构复杂的锁。

**bundle** /'bʌnd(ə)l/

1. a group of things that have been tied together, especially so that you can carry them easily (捆, 束, 包)

例句：He gathered the bundles of clothing into his arms.

他把一包包的衣服夹在胳膊下面。

**辨析：**bunch 指有规则地把同类东西固定在一起；而 bundle 多指多件东西被捆扎在一起。