

本周第一节近义词辨析课程，赶紧跟我学起来吧！

## vow/ pledge

这两个词都有“誓言”的意思。

### vow /vaʊ/

1.a serious promise (誓言, 诺言)

例句: I made a silent vow to be more careful in the future.

我暗暗发誓，日后要倍加小心。

2.a set of promises that people make to each other,for example during a wedding ceremony (誓词, 誓约, 宣言)

例句: I took my marriage vows and kept them.

我结婚时许下誓言，并一直信守。

### pledge /pledʒ/

1.a serious and public promise to do something (保证, 诺言, 誓言)

例句: The meeting ended with a pledge to step up cooperation between the

six states of the region.

会议以承诺加快这一地区六国间的合作而结束。

**辨析：**vow 多指庄严的许诺或誓约；而 pledge 为普通用词，指保证去做或不做某事的郑重许诺，具体的使用情况还是要多多去熟悉语境来分析。

### nonsense / rubbish

这两个词都有“废话”之意。

#### nonsense /'nʌnsens/

1.if you say that something spoken or written is nonsense,you mean that you consider it to be untrue or silly (胡说, 废话)

例句：Most orthodox doctors however dismiss this as complete nonsense.

但大多数传统的医生认为此说法完全是胡说八道。

2.you can use nonsense to refer to something that you think is foolish or that you disapprove of (愚蠢的举动, 冒失的行为)

例句：Surely it is an economic nonsense to deplete the world of natural resources.

耗尽世界的自然资源毋庸置疑是愚蠢的经济行为。

3.nonsense words or sounds seem like ordinary words but they have no meaning (无意义的话, 荒谬的话)

例句: I think that a lot of poetry published today is obscurantist nonsense.  
我认为当今出版的很多诗歌都是故弄玄虚的无病呻吟。

### **rubbish** /'rʌbɪʃ/

#### 1.garbage (垃圾, 废弃物)

例句: They had piled most of their rubbish into yellow skips.  
他们把大多数的垃圾堆到了黄色的废料桶里。

2.things that someone says or writes that are not reasonable or sensible (废话, 胡说八道)

例句: These reports are total and utter rubbish.  
这些报告废话连篇。

3.something that is useless, of no value, or of very low quality (劣质物品, 垃圾, 废物)

例句: He described her book as absolute rubbish.  
他说她的书一文不值。

**辨析:** 当表示“废话”的意思时, nonsense 多指因愚蠢或无知而出现的一切荒唐和无意义的言语; 而 rubbish 是从本义“垃圾”引申而指“毫无价值的话或思想”。

## weary / tired

这一对词语都有“累的”意思。

### weary /'wɪrɪ/

1. very tired, especially because of hard work or activity (疲倦的, 疲劳的)

例句: He managed a weary smile.

他勉强挤出了一丝疲倦的笑容。

2. tired and impatient about something (不感兴趣的, 感到厌倦的)

例句: They're getting awfully weary of this silly war.

他们越来越厌烦这场无聊的战争。

### tired /'taɪrd/

1. needing to rest or sleep (疲劳的, 累的)

例句: Michael is tired and he has to rest after his long trip.

迈克尔累了, 他在长途旅行以后必须休息。

2. if a part of your body is tired, it needs to rest [(身体部位) 显出倦意的, 感到

疲乏的]

例句: Cucumber is good for soothing tired eye.

黄瓜有助于舒缓眼部疲劳。

3.something that is tired is boring because you have heard or seen it so often (厌烦的, 厌倦的)

例句: I am tired of all the speculation.

我厌烦了所有的推测。

**辨析:** weary 侧重指由于连续不断进行某项活动而造成的疲劳, 以致感到厌烦; 而 tired 为普通用词, 泛指因工作紧张, 劳动过度, 休息不足等而引起的疲乏。

**vertical / perpendicular**

这两个词都有“垂直的”的意思。

**vertical** /'vɜrtɪk(ə)l/

1.standing, pointing, or moving straight up. Something that is horizontal is parallel to the ground or its base (垂直的, 直立的)

例句: The climber inched up a vertical wall of rock.

攀登者慢慢爬上了陡直的石壁。

**perpendicular** /ˌpɜːpənˈdɪkjələr/

1. completely upright and straight (垂直的, 笔直的)

例句: We made two slits for the eyes and a perpendicular line for the nose.

我们划了两道缝儿做眼睛,另外划了一条竖线做鼻子。

2. forming a 90° angle with another surface or line [垂直(于)的; 成 90 度角的]

例句: The left wing dipped until it was perpendicular to the ground.

左翼下垂至与地面成 90 度角。

**辨析:** vertical 指与平面、水平线或基线成直角或几乎成直角向上延伸至顶点的物体。也可指呈直线上升或下降的; 而 perpendicular 指与水平线形成 90 度的线或面, 或朝垂直方面延伸的, 尤指向下的急剧运动。

**used to / would**

这两个词均含“过去惯常, 过去总是”之意。

**used to**

指客观地表示过去的习惯, 既可是过去经常发生的动作, 又可是过去一向存在的状态,

比 would 通俗，往往含今昔感。

例句：They used to buy ten kilos of beef in one lump.

他们过去常买 10 公斤重的整块牛肉。

Naomi used to go to church in Granville every Sunday.

娜奥米以前每个星期天都去格兰维尔的教堂做礼拜。

### would

指过去经常发生的行为，主观感情色彩较浓，只表过去惯常行为，既不表状态也不表持续动作。不含“过去如此，现在不再这样了”的意味。

例句：Sunday mornings my mother would bake. I'd stand by the fridge and help.

星期天早晨，妈妈会烤面包，我就站在冰箱旁帮忙。

'Beauty is only skin deep,' my mother would say.

“美是肤浅的。”妈妈会说。