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## assessment/ evaluation

这两个词都有“评估”的相关含义。

### assessment /ə'sesmənt/

1. the process of making a judgment or forming an opinion, after considering something or someone carefully (评估, 评定, 鉴定)

例句: This was an uncharitable assessment of the reasons for the failure.

这是对失败原因毫不讲情面的分析评估。

2. calculation of the cost or value of something, or the amount of the cost or value [(价值的) 评估, 评定, 估价]

例句: If the vulnerabilities of each asset change before the due time for another assessment, repeat the first two steps.

如果任何资产的漏洞在另一次预计评估时间之前发生变化, 则重复前两个步骤。

### evaluation /ɪ,vælju'eɪʃn/

1. the process of making a judgment about the value, importance, or quality of something after considering it carefully; a judgment that you make about the

value, importance, or quality of something after considering it carefully (评估, 评价)

例句: The new scheme is still under evaluation.

新方案还在评估阶段。

**辨析:** assessment表示“评估”, “估价”, 常常表示对于财产、价值的评估; 而evaluation的“评估”则是侧重对于能力, 价值、工作业绩的评价, 估价, 常带有肯定的、正确的含义。具体使用方法还要大家去实践中体会。

### certify / testify

这两个词都有“证明”相关意思。

**certify** /'sɜrtɪ faɪ/

1. to state officially that something is true, accurate, or of a satisfactory standard (证明, 出具证明, 证实)

例句: The National Election Council is supposed to certify the results of the election.

全国选举委员会应对选举结果出具证明。

2. to give someone an official document stating that they have passed an examination or have achieved the qualifications necessary to work in a particular profession (给.....颁发合格或结业证书)

例句：They wanted to get certified as divers.

他们想拿到潜水员资格证。

### **testify** /'testɪfaɪ/

1. to make a statement about something that you saw, know, or experienced, usually in a court of law [(在法庭上) 作证, 证明]

例句：Several eyewitnesses testified that they saw the officers hit Miller in the face.

几位目击证人证明他们看见那几个警官打了米勒的脸。

2. to provide evidence that something exists or is true (证明, 证实)

例句：Recent excavations testify to the presence of cultivated inhabitants on the hill during the Arthurian period.

最近几次发掘证实了亚瑟王时期这座山上有农耕人口居住过。

**辨析：**certify表示“出具证明”，“证实”，指明确的保证，还有“发证书”等意；而testify多表示法庭作证，亲眼目睹，宣布事实和真相。具体的用法还是要根据上下文的语境去分析。

### **reproach/ scold**

这一对词语都有“责备”的意思。

**reproach** /rɪ'proutʃ/

1. to criticize someone and feel disappointed with them for something they have done (责备, 斥责, 职责, 责怪)

例句: We begin to reproach ourselves for not having been more careful.

我们开始自责起来, 怪自己不够小心。

**scold** /skould/

1. to criticize someone, especially a child, severely and usually angrily for something they have done wrong (训斥, 责骂)

例句: Later she scolded her daughter for having talked to her father like that.

后来她训斥女儿不应该那样对父亲说话。

**辨析:** reproach意思是“责备”, 多用来表达不满, 是一个比较书面化的用法; scold在日常交流中用的更多一些, 表示“责骂”, scold someone就是责骂某人。

**applaud / clap**

这两个词都有“鼓掌”的意思。

**applaud** /ə'plɒd/

1. to show that you enjoyed someone's performance, speech, etc. by hitting the palms of your hands together [鼓掌 (以示赞赏)]

例句: Every person stood to applaud his unforgettable act of courage.  
所有人起立为他不可磨灭的英勇之举鼓掌。

2. to praise a decision, action, idea, etc. (称赞, 赞许)

例句: She applauds the fact that they are promoting new ideas.  
他们在宣传新思想, 对此她表示赞许。

**clap** /klæp/

1. to hit your hands together many times to show that you liked something or admire someone; to hit your hands together, for example to get someone's attention or because you are happy (鼓掌, 拍手, 拍巴掌)

例句: Londoners came out on to the pavement to wave and clap the marchers.

伦敦居民从家里涌到人行道上, 向游行队伍挥手、鼓掌。

2. to suddenly put something somewhere (快速而有力地放置)

例句: I clapped a hand over her mouth.

我用一只手迅速地捂住她的嘴。

**辨析：**applaud 表示的“鼓掌，赞扬”，多用于指因精湛表演或某种行为得到别人的赞许、大声叫好或热烈鼓掌；而clap更多的是强调这个动作，注意clap someone的意思是“为某人鼓掌”。

### act as / act like

这两个短语由于所用的介词不同，其词义也不相同。

#### act as

意思是“充当”、“担任”，相当于serve as，可与指人或物的名词，如：doctor、director、interpreter、guide、coach、teacher、go-between、furniture、tools等词语搭配使用。

例句：This herb can act as an antidote against snakebite .

这种药草可以用作蛇咬的解毒药。

Last summer she acted as a guide for tourists .

去年夏天，她担任旅游向导。

#### act like

意思是“行为像”、“举动像”，相当于英语的to act in the manner of，它常与指人或动物的名词连用。

例句：That child acts like a grown-up .

那个孩子的举动像成年人一样。

His refusal of our offer acted like a wet blanket .

他拒绝了我们的建议，真使我们扫兴。

