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hesitate / waver

这两个词都有“**犹豫，踌躇**”的意思，这里我们辨析的是waver的动词性。

hesitate /'hezɪ,teɪt/

1. to pause before doing something, or to do something very slowly, usually because you are nervous, embarrassed, or worried (犹豫，迟疑，踌躇)

例句：The telephone rang. Catherine hesitated, debating whether to answer it.

电话响了。凯瑟琳犹豫了一下要不要去接。

waver /'weɪvər/

1. if a person wavers, they are not certain about what to say or do (动摇，犹豫)

例句：Today on the streets of Montreal, opinion seems still to waver.

今日在蒙特利尔的街头巷尾，人们的意见仍摇摆不定。

2. if a light or image wavers, it is not steady and it shakes or changes a lot
(摇晃, 摇曳)

例句: The shadows of the dancers wavered continually.

舞者的身影在轻轻晃动着。

辨析: hesitate为普通用词, 一般指在决定干什么, 选择什么或说什么等行动之前犹豫不决; 而waver多指因优柔寡断而迟迟不见行动, 或虽作出决定, 伸行动上却犹豫不决, 因此含畏缩不前之意。

hunger / starvation

这两个词都有“饥饿”之意。

hunger /'hʌŋgər/

1. a lack of food that can cause illness or death, especially among large numbers of people (饥饿, 饥荒)

例句: Three hundred people in this town are dying of hunger every day.

该镇每天有300人濒于饿死。

2. the feeling that you have when you need to eat something (饥饿感)

例句: Hunger is the body's signal that levels of blood sugar are too low.

饥饿感是身体发出的信号, 表示血糖水平太低。

3. the feeling that you have when you want something very much (渴望, 渴求, 欲望)

例句: Geffen has a hunger for success that seems bottomless.

格芬的成功欲望似乎永无止境。

starvation /stɑr'veɪʃ(ə)n/

1. a situation in which a person or animal suffers or dies because they do not have enough to eat (极度饥饿, 饿死)

例句: 1.5 million people are in immediate danger of death from starvation.

150万人正面临着被饿死的急迫危险。

辨析: hunger为普通用词, 指人体对于食物迫切需要的正常生理现象, 也可指对某事的欲望; 而starvation语气比hunger强得多, 指因长期缺乏食物所造成的痛苦, 甚至死亡, 侧重人为的灾难所致。

idle / lazy

这两个词都有“闲散的, 懒惰的”意思。

idle /'aɪd(ə)l/

1. machines or factories that are idle are not being used [(机器, 工厂等) 闲置的]

例句: Now the machine is lying idle.

如今机器闲置着。

2. workers who are idle have no work to do (无事可做的, 闲散的)

例句: Employees have been idle almost a month because of shortages.

由于原料短缺, 员工们已将近一个月无事可做。

3. lazy, not doing anything, when there are things that you should do (懒散的, 懒惰的, 无所事事的)

例句: I never met such an idle bunch of workers in all my life!

我一辈子都没碰到过像他们这样吃白饭的工人!

4. without a good reason or real purpose (琐碎无聊的, 毫无意义的)

例句: Brian kept up the idle chatter for another five minutes.

布赖恩又絮絮地唠叨了5分钟。

5. not really intended or not likely to have any result (徒劳的, 徒然的, 无用的)

例句: It would be idle to pretend the system is perfect.

假装系统完美无疵是徒劳的。

lazy /'leɪzi/

1. not willing to work or do any activity that needs effort (懒惰的, 懒散的)

例句: I was too lazy to learn how to read music.

我太懒, 没有学识谱。

2. spent relaxing and not involving any activity that needs effort (令人精神松弛的, 令人懒洋洋的)

例句: Her latest novel is perfect for a lazy summer's afternoon reading.

在慵懒的夏日午后阅读她的最新小说最合适不过了。

3. a lazy movement or smile is slow and relaxed (徐徐的, 缓缓的)

例句: Their lazy, blurred voices fell pleasantly on his ears.

他们那种慢吞吞, 含糊不清的声音在他听起来却很悦耳。

辨析: idle通常指不忙, 闲置, 无事可干, 多数情况下不含应责备之意; 而 lazy 指好逸恶劳, 贪闲偷懒, 或不愿学习或工作等, 常含应受责备之意。

impartial / neutral

这两个词都有“公平的, 不偏不倚的”意思。

impartial /ɪm'pɑːrj(ə)l/

1. not connected to or influenced by one particular person or group (不偏不倚的，公正的，无偏见的)

例句：Careers officers offer impartial advice to all pupils.

就业指导员向所有学生提供公正无私的建议。

neutral /'nju:trəl/

1. If a person or country adopts a neutral position or remains neutral, they do not support anyone in a disagreement, war, or contest. [(个人或国家) 持中立态度的，中立的，无倾向性的]

例句：Those who had decided to remain neutral in the struggle now found themselves required to take sides.

那些先前决定在争斗中保持中立的人现在发现他们需要表明立场了。

2. not showing strong feelings or opinions in the way that you speak or behave (不露声色的，平淡的)

例句：He told her about the death, describing the events in as neutral a manner as he could.

他告诉了她这次死亡事故的情况，描述经过时尽可能不掺杂个人感情。

3. neutral colors are not very strong or bright (灰暗的，素净的，无色的)

例句：At the horizon the land mass becomes a continuous pale neutral grey.

陆地在地平线处变成了一片浅灰。

4. a neutral wire does not have an electrical charge (不带电的)

例句：A neutron is simply a neutral particle in the nucleus of an atom.

中子就是原子核里不带电的粒子。

5. a neutral chemical is neither an acid nor a base (中性的，非酸非碱的)

例句：Pure water is neutral with a pH of 7.

纯水是中性的，酸碱度为7。

辨析：impartial：侧重对任何人或任何一方没有成见或偏袒；而neutral强调持中立态度，不偏袒任何一方，甚至不作最后的裁决。

immediately / presently

这两个词都有“立刻，马上”的意思。

immediately /ɪ'midiətli/

1. very quickly and without delay (立即，马上)

例句：Ingrid answered Peter's letter immediately.

英格丽德立即给彼得回了信。

2. most directly (直接地)

例句：The man immediately responsible for this misery is the province's governor.

对这种不幸境况负有直接责任的人是该省的省长。

3. with no one or nothing between (紧接地, 紧靠地, 贴近地)

例句：Immediately to our right the old German summer resort was awakening.

紧靠我们右面,古老的德国避暑胜地正在苏醒。

4. just before or just after an event (一.....就.....)

例句：Immediately I've done it I feel completely disgusted with myself.

我一做完那件事就对自己感到十分厌恶。

presently /'prezəntli/

1. if you say that something is presently happening, you mean that it is happening now (目前, 现在, 此时)

例句：She is presently developing a number of projects.

她现在正着手开发多个项目。

2. to indicate that something happened quite a short time after the time or event that you have just mentioned (不久, 随即)

例句：Presently, a young woman in a white coat came in.

很快，一个穿着白色外套的年轻女子走了进来。

3. if you say that something will happen presently, you mean that it will happen quite soon (不久以后, 很快, 马上)

例句: "st take it easy, " David said. "you'll feel better presently. "

"放松点,"戴维说,"你很快就会觉得更舒服些。"

辨析: immediately多指做完一件事后, 立即就做另一件事, 中间一般没有明显的时间间隔, 用法最普遍; 而presently多用于表示不久、即将, 相当于soon。