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without so much as。甚至于不

Oct 25, 2013 on [Without so much](#)

hold forth on 滔滔不绝地说 提供

Jan 22, 2014 on [Many imagine philosophy apparelled](#)

repast [rɪ 'pɑː st]

基本释义

n. 就餐，饮食

vi. 就餐；设宴

umbrage ['ʌ mbrɪ dʒ]

基本释义

n. 不快，生气；树荫；怀疑

dander ['dændə]

n. 头皮屑（等于 dandruff）；怒气；（苏格兰）闲逛；（英）颤抖

vi. 说话语无伦次；闲逛

Jan 22, 2014 on [The Olympic Cycling Team](#)

reprisal

n. 报复（行为）；报复性劫掠

retaliation, revenge

Jan 22, 2014 on [Hoping for a fresh](#)

pastoral ['pɑː st(ə)r(ə)l]

adj. 牧师的；牧人的；田园生活的；乡村的

n. 牧歌；田园诗；田园景色

同近义词

n. 牧师的；牧人的；田园生活的；乡村的

ministerial, ecclesiastical

n. 牧歌；田园诗；田园景色

eclogue, idyll

Jan 22, 2014 on [Unlike many poets](#)

wayward ['wei wəd]

adj. 任性的；不规则的；刚愎的

n. 任性的；不规则的；刚愎的

abnormal, self-partial

persnickety [pə'sni kɪ ti]

adj. 爱挑剔的；要求极度精确的；难应付的

同近义词

n. 爱挑剔的；要求极度精确的；难应付的

critical, curious

Jan 22, 2014 on [Meticulous to a fault](#)

jingoism

paranoia [ˌpærə'noɪ ə]

基本释义

n. [心理] 偏执狂，[内科] 妄想狂

agitation [ædʒɪ'teɪʃ(ə)n]

基本释义

n. 激动；搅动；煽动；烦乱

cupidity [kjuː'pɪdɪti]

基本释义

n. 贪心，贪婪

restiveness ['restɪvnɪs]

基本释义

n. 难以驾驭；倔强

Jan 22, 2014 on [Revolutions do little to](#)

a tiny subset of the population 与 the majority 相对

dismiss

vt. 解散；解雇；开除；让...离开；不予理会、不予考虑

vi. 解散

dismiss as

基本释义

认为...而辞退：；认为...而不予考虑：

Jan 22, 2014 on [Yet another creation](#)

subservient

subversive

Jan 22, 2014 on [By nature she was](#)

embodiment [ɪ m'bɒdɪ mənt]

基本释义

n. 体现；化身；具体化

Jan 22, 2014 on [Brutus is often held](#)

to no avail

基本释义

无效，完全无用

entreaty [ɪ n'tri:t tɪ ;en-]

基本释义

n. 恳求；乞求

earnest entreaty 热切的恳求

importune [ɪ m'pɔ : 'tju: n]

基本释义

vi. 强求；胡搅蛮缠

vt. 强求；一再向某人要求

Jan 22, 2014 on [The citizens' movement](#)

desperately ['despərətli]

adv. 拼命地；绝望地；极度地

ingratiating means trying desperately to win the affection of others

fawning, while slightly different from ingratiating, captures the college graduate's attempts to win the affection of others through excessive flattery

Jan 22, 2014 on [As the job fair](#)

diffidence means lacking confidence. It is not supported by the context.

Jan 22, 2014 on [For the time being](#)

steel for 作好思想准备以.....

balked at 回避

Jan 23, 2014 on [With the critics waiting](#)

belabor [bɪ 'ləbə]

vt. 痛打；抨击；过度说明；反复讨论

Jan 23, 2014 on [The judge's closing remarks](#)

galling ['gɔ : lɪ ŋ]

adj. 难堪的；使烦恼的；擦伤人的

bracing ['breɪ sɪ ŋ] 想启用英文朗读功能吗？请先安装 flash 插件！详细 »

adj. 令人振奋的；凉爽的

n. 支撑；支柱；背带

v. 绷紧，顶住（brace 的现在分词形式）

Jan 23, 2014 on [There is nothing more](#)

trope [trəʊ p]

n. 比喻；修辞；转义

anodyne ['ænədaɪ n]

n. [药] 止痛剂；起安慰作用的事物

adj. 止痛的；安慰人的；平淡无奇的

Jan 23, 2014 on [In regards to](#)

mavericks

pugilists

doyennes

consiglieri

potentates

Jan 24, 2014 on [Many high-tech CEOs](#)

cloak any venality

hindsight 是后见之明，不是先见之明！！

Jan 25, 2014 on [Had the committee any](#)

as such»

同样地；本身；就其本身而论

Jan 25, 2014 on [The conception of time](#)

purity does not denote speed

(B) celerity, a very difficult word, means speed, swiftness

(C) fecklessness is idleness

(D) semblance means outward appearance. Does not match context

(E) deliberations means to do something carefully and slowly

(F) swiftness means speed

Jan 25, 2014 on [When sketching, Pablo Picasso](#)

dacey ['daɪ sɪ] 想启用英文朗读功能吗？请先安装 flash 插件！详细»

n. (Dicey)人名；(英)戴西

adj. 不确定的；冒险性的；认命的；危险的

Jan 25, 2014 on [Stranded north of the](#)

sparse is the opposite of dense

(B) eradicated means wiped out

(C) innumerable means a great number

(D) immutable means cannot be changed

(E) legion means great in number

(F) thoroughgoing means absolute, which is not the same as having a great number of

Jan 26, 2014 on [Once across the Western plains](#)

"hardwired"引申义可以泛指那些不可改变的东西，尤其指个人的口味和需要不可改变。比如：
Are We Hardwired for God?(我们对神的信仰还坚定吗?)

Jan 26, 2014 on [The idea that](#)

to dithering is to delay in making a decision

(D) prevarication is the act of speaking evasively as to avoid telling the truth

Jan 26, 2014 on [Requiring split-second decisions](#)

「罐頭片語」(canned phrases)

platitudes are canned phrases

recrimination [rɪˌkrɪmɪˈneɪʃ(ə)n]

n. 反责，反控；揭丑

Jan 26, 2014 on [Small talk abounds with](#)

(B) simpering means wearing a childish grin

(C) snide means insulting, usually in an indirect way. The sentence contains a direct insult, 'going so far...' which shows that sometimes his insults were not so direct

(D) affable means friendly

(E) provocative means causing irritation. This answer could work, but provocative has no similar

pair amongst the answer choices

(F) derogative means insulting

Jan 26, 2014 on [The poet, snubbed](#)

Passed Over 详细 »

网络释义

错失提升机缘

Jan 27, 2014 on [Though she had spent](#)

virtually 事实上

untouched 没有改变的, 未经修饰的

fauna 动物

tough going 难走

pristine 原始的

Jan 27, 2014 on [While the dense brush](#)

It ill behooves A to do B

A 不应该做 B (A 并非理应做 B)

A 做 B 是不理智的

It behooves A to B.

A 应该做 B

Jan 27, 2014 on [It ill behooves the](#)

weather time 经受住时间的考验

withstand time 同上

sustain blow 殴打 injury 伤害 或其他 painful 的事情, 我们 suffer through them, 但是没有 survive them, 只是承受, 但无法经“受住这些的考验”

Jan 27, 2014 on [Chopin the pianist](#)

asceticism 和 austerity 禁欲

insulation 狭隘

renounce 放弃权利

renounce all worldly pleasures 放弃所有世俗的喜乐

Jan 27, 2014 on [Saintliness has become](#)

a polymath is a person who is learned in many fields

a rationalist is a person who follows reason. Does not entail mastery of many fields

a fabulist is one who makes up stories

Jan 27, 2014 on [The days of the](#)

snap at 厉声说

querulous 喋喋不休的

whine 抱怨 牢骚

petulant 暴躁任性的

Jan 27, 2014 on [As soon as his](#)

inscrutable 高深莫测的神秘的 不可理解的

harken back to (the days) 回溯到

Jan 27, 2014 on [The popularization of science](#)

nemesis 对手

elusive 难懂的

anticipate 抢先 预期

prate 唠叨

laborious 勤勉的

delicate 纤弱的，易碎的 精美的

“bashful, insolent; chaste, lustful; prating, silent; laborious, delicate; knowing, ignorant”

chaste 纯洁的

Jan 27, 2014 on [Montaigne's pursuit of](#)

dissimulate 伪装 掩饰

camouflage 伪装

Jan 27, 2014 on [Montaigne's pursuit of](#)

crucial

untoward

propitious

torrid

inclement

predictable

至关重要的 倔强的 吉祥 狂热的 恶劣 可预测的

Jan 30, 2014 on [While the aviators](#)

surliness ['sɜːlinɪs] 详细 »

n. 不和蔼；粗鲁；险恶的天气；乖戾

Jan 30, 2014 on [It was not out](#)

A knack for _____, it can be argued, allows one access to a whole range of careers, many of which require one to forsake direct, honest speech.

forsake

Jan 30, 2014 on [A knack for it](#)

glib

impertinent

obliging

obsequious

deferential

Jan 31, 2014 on [While she was unfailingly](#)

crony chum

Jan 31, 2014 on [Corrupted by handshakes](#)

unscrupulous [ʌ n'skruː pjʊ ləs] 详细 »

adj. 肆无忌惮的；寡廉鲜耻的；不讲道德的

unforthcoming [ʌ nfɔː θ'kʌ mɪ ŋ] 详细 »

adj. 不愿响应的

Jan 31, 2014 on [Though the accounting firm](#)

harried ['hærid] 详细 »

adj. 被掠夺的；受折磨的

v. 烦扰；掠夺；强使前进（harry 的过去分词）

besieged means to be surrounded and harassed

(E) disbarred means to be excluded

feted

fete [feɪ t] 详细 »

n. 祭祀；庆祝；节日；游乐会

vt. 宴请；招待

Jan 31, 2014 on [By a swarm of tabloid reporters.](#)

anything but 详细 »

根本不，决不

Jan 31, 2014 on [Many claim that](#)

(D) splendor captures wealth and grandeur that is in stark relief to the poverty

(E) temerity, meaning lack of caution, does not fit in context

(F) opulence is a great show of wealth and luxury

abject poverty huddled at its base

Jan 31, 2014 on [The hill was marked](#)

from which anything fresh has been wrung dry by

True, to the classically trained ear, Haydn's early works can often seem _____, a mishmash of motifs from which anything fresh has been wrung dry by subsequent composers – to the ears of Haydn's contemporaries, however, Haydn's music was _____.

Jan 31, 2014 on [True, to the classically](#)

diminish strain 负担，滥用，尽力，拉紧 underscore 下划线，强调 tax 使负重担 bolster trounce 痛打 严责

ail ailing 生病的，不舒服的

Jan 31, 2014 on [The increased number entering](#)

Martha was _____ those whom she had only met a few times, expressing her misgivings with folded arms and furrowed brow.

wary of haughty towards smitten with inarticulate towards conciliatory of suspicious of

Jan 31, 2014 on [Martha was those whom](#)

low-tiered employees

Jan 31, 2014 on [Managers who categorically squelch](#)

altitude 海拔

latitude 纬度

Jan 31, 2014 on [People associate global warming](#)

bewildered nonplussed 困惑的

Jan 31, 2014 on [In the last few decades](#)

cement 水泥 粘合剂 巩固 加强

Jan 31, 2014 on [Whether the writer's](#)

Surely more _____ than his predecessor, M nonetheless should not be expected to display unbounded magnanimity, especially to those subordinates whose actions clearly run afoul of propriety.

magnanimity 慷慨 subordinates 下属 run afoul of propriety 不遵守礼节的

Jan 31, 2014 on [Surely more than](#)

That (the psychopharmacological journal had already published the findings of the clinician's experiment) rendered moot any prior misgivings (she had) regarding the validity of her control group.

rendered moot any prior misgivings 对 moot 表示疑虑? moot

Jan 31, 2014 on [That the psychopharmacological journal](#)

Notwithstanding 虽然 her tendency to _____ when journalists' questions blatantly 公然地 pried into 刺探 her personal life, the senator always spoke directly and candidly on issues relating to her public role.

句型可借鉴 Notwithstanding A's tendency to B when (that.....), A always do sth. 尽管 A 有做 B 的倾向, A 还是做了 C (与 B 相反的事)

cower bristle 发怒 毛发直立 speak evasively 闪烁其词 vacillate 犹豫不决 prevaricate 闪烁其词 elaborate 详细描述

Jan 31, 2014 on [Notwithstanding her tendency](#)

public altercations 公开的争吵 altercation

Jan 31, 2014 on [The marriage between](#)

The critics were so _____ in their _____ that Scheinhauer, a librettist known to become squeamish 易生气的 after a light smattering 少数 of applause, retreated from public view.

Blank (i)

merciless 残忍的, 没有慈悲心的

fulsome 过度的, 过分的

opaque 不透明的

Blank (ii)

praise

condemnation 谴责

derision 嘲笑

Feb 1, 2014 on [The critics were so](#)

chic 时髦 别致 elegant 讲究的 unpretentious 不铺张的, 含蓄的

Feb 1, 2014 on [The neighborhood French Bistro](#)

plebeian 平民

cosmopolitan 四海一家的 世界各地都有的东西

Feb 2, 2014 on [Thomas Chippendale, the 17th](#)

contrive 设法做到 图谋

decrepit 衰老的, 破旧的

Feb 2, 2014 on [Unlike the performances](#)

rile up 激怒

round up 和 corral 有搜集, 收集, 围捕的意思

Feb 2, 2014 on [The plucky election campaign](#)

sacerdotal 僧侣的

obeisance

Feb 2, 2014 on [Cave paintings recently found](#)

want, as a second definition, means lack

Feb 2, 2014 on [It was not for](#)

budge 让步, 改变意见

obdurate stubborn 顽固的

Feb 2, 2014 on [No less than](#)

cede relinquish 割让

Feb 2, 2014 on [With an emphasis placed](#)

insidious

Feb 2, 2014 on [The effects of radiation](#)

forsake dreams 放弃理想

galvanize 刺激, 电镀

spurn 蔑视, 一脚踢开

Feb 2, 2014 on [Her potential unrealized](#)

unbridled growth of trees 树的恣意生长

the most noble of intention 最高尚的意图

Feb 2, 2014 on [A school of conservationist](#)

underwhelmed 没留下深刻印象的

meek 温顺的, 谦恭的

diffident 羞怯的, 缺乏自信的

immobile

plucky 有勇气的, 大胆的 fluky 侥幸的, 变化无常的

disenchanted 不再着迷的

Feb 2, 2014 on [Though she was too](#)

egomaniac 极端自我主义者=narcissism= autophilia

Feb 2, 2014 on [The latest biography](#)

The politician spoke in a tedious, pompous 华而不实的 manner, _____ the entire duration of his speech.

ranting 咆哮, 激昂地说

anointing 给什么东西涂油膏 (通常指宗教仪式) anointed king 受膏的国王 be anointed as a

candidate 被指定为候选人

【verb – administer an oil or ointment to ; often in a religious ceremony of blessing
verb – choose by or as if by divine intervention】

bloviate 发表冗长的小说

misconstruing 误解, 曲解

augmenting 增加 扩张

successor 继承者

Feb 2, 2014 on [The politician spoke](#)

Hardly one to fault others, Thaddeus surprised his colleagues when he began _____ even their most trivial mistakes.

caviling at = carping at 吹毛求疵

doting over 溺爱偏爱

gloating at 沾沾自喜, 心满意足, 洋洋得意, 幸灾乐祸

take offense at 对.....生气, 反感 offense: 触怒, 引起反感的事

grovel at 卑躬屈节, 匍匐在.....

Feb 2, 2014 on [Hardly one to fault others](#)

The attempted _____ offered little in the way of a resolution; indeed the fate of many characters was left unanswered.

attempted 企图的, 未遂的

rebuttal 反驳

proscription 禁止

denouement 结局

deposition 沉淀物 证词

recapitulation 概括, 重述要点

Feb 2, 2014 on [The attempted offered](#)

encroachment 侵犯

waterfowl 水禽类 fowl 鸟 飞禽 家禽

pugnacious=truculent=aggressive 好斗的

obstreperous 难以管束的 defiant 挑衅的, 挑战的, 目中无人的

Feb 2, 2014 on [Imperilled by excessive logging](#)

ebb 衰退 退潮 衰落

Feb 2, 2014 on [Unless the current practice](#)

flagrant 明目张胆的, 公然的

indefensible untenable 站不住脚的

concerted efforts of的共同努力

plea 恳求, 辩护

Feb 2, 2014 on [Despite the concerned efforts](#)

inception 起初, 获得学位, 盗梦空间

pore over 聚精会神地阅读, 审视

Feb 2, 2014 on [The author's name](#)

scuttle off 逃跑

spinelessness = cravenness 懦弱

heckler 想给别人难堪的激烈质问者

Feb 2, 2014 on [The heckler, hiding amongst](#)

dumbfound 目瞪口呆 crestfallen 沮丧

Feb 2, 2014 on [Recent meteorological conditions](#)

brio 生动 神采飞扬=vigorous 生动的有活力的= liveliness 用来形容乐队的指挥家真是超级妙!

in labored strokes 费力的划、挥动

Feb 2, 2014 on [For all the orchestra's](#)

grant 授予 允许 承认 同意=confer 授予, 协商

Feb 2, 2014 on [That some dinosaurs could](#)

consecutive quarter losses 连续的季度亏损

fondly 天真地, 温柔地

terminate 终止, 解雇, 结束、

insufferable 难以忍受的, 不可忍受的

Feb 3, 2014 on [Because the corporation](#)

bewildering 令人迷惑的

Feb 3, 2014 on [The digital revolution](#)

(A) justice could work. However, none of the other words are similar to justice

(B) mercy fits the context because the judge was handing out a harsh punishment despite the crowd's plea for mercy

(C) clemency means mercy and forgiveness

(D) appeasement is the placating of one who is upset

(E) condemnation is the opposite of the blank

(F) partiality means bias. It does fit the context
mete out a punishment 定罪，给予惩罚

Feb 3, 2014 on [Ignoring the crowd's entreaties](#)

voracious = ravenous = 贪婪的

Feb 3, 2014 on [For triathletes to remain](#)

litany 陈词滥调=cliche =platitude=truism=hackneyed and stereotyped expressions

dial on the radios 收音机的旋钮

Feb 3, 2014 on [The public only](#)

Argument 可用的句子:

The assumption which the argument depends on is that other aspects of A do not
affect the observed trend of B

Feb 3, 2014 on [Residents of Milatia](#)

surrender = cede 割让

dismiss 交出，投降

Feb 3, 2014 on [Yielding to increased pressure](#)

subterfuge 借口 托词

tempestuousness 风暴，剧烈

adroit 灵巧灵活的 maladroit 笨拙的

forthright 直截了当的

subdued 被压制的，被抑制的

Feb 3, 2014 on [Lacking the of](#)

respite 暂时的休息，暂缓

duress 监禁

vocation 职业

ceremony 仪式

gambit 开场白

Feb 3, 2014 on [For Nancy, teatime was](#)

Despite its veneer of pearly-toothed smiles and amicable handshakes, the world of politics is one
of constant _____ in which everyone is always jockeying (驾驶，诱骗) for a more estimable
position .

veneer 薄木片，虚饰，外表

schmoozing 拍马屁

machinating 策划，图谋不轨

hobnobbing 亲密交谈，过从甚密

scheming 策划

muckrake 揭发丑闻

intermingle 使混合，使掺杂

Feb 3, 2014 on [Despite its veneer](#)

chimera 妄想 (这个词从没见过哟)

Feb 3, 2014 on [The incumbent was so](#)

deem= judge =觉得，认为，作出评价

Feb 3, 2014 on [If good taste has](#)

accommodating 随和 乐于助人 肯通融

Feb 3, 2014 on [Far less than](#)

gall= rankle 折磨 使怨恨 使烦恼

disabuse 解释 使解惑 矫正 醒悟

Though the recent row 争吵 between the much loved prime minister and the ambassador 大使 from the erstwhile 从前的 colonial power will, in all likelihood 十分可能, not foment outright 完全的 彻底的 protests--the way an incursion by this same foreign power into the country's airspace did--surely such discord 不和 will only serve to further _____ a people long since wary of foreign influence.

Feb 4, 2014 on [Though the recent row](#)

exuding the aplomb of a polished salon pianist

modicum of dexterity 一丁点熟练, 不是特别娴熟

consummate technicality

supercilious 傲慢的

sanguine 红润的

aplomb 沉着, 垂直, 泰然自若

Feb 4, 2014 on [By the beginning](#)

balancing the curmudgeonly with the avuncular

curmudgeon 脾气坏的人

curmudgeonly 小气的

avuncular 慈祥的 (伯父的叔伯的)

Feb 4, 2014 on [Eschewing the acerbic tone](#)

vicissitudes 变迁 兴衰

Feb 4, 2014 on [In Speak, Memory](#)

pronounced=conspicuous 明显的, 显而易见的

Feb 4, 2014 on [As we age](#)

pan out for the company 对这个公司奏效

Feb 4, 2014 on [For someone so unjustifiably](#)

overarching commonalities 包罗万象的共性

afterlife 来世

Feb 4, 2014 on [In claiming that](#)

venality 贪赃枉法 唯利是图

ossified=sclerotic 僵化的, 巩膜的

sclera 巩膜 (眼球) invigorate 精力充沛的, 鼓舞的

Feb 4, 2014 on [At one time versatile](#)

formality 礼节 拘谨

vitriol 尖刻的话 硫酸

a second definition of abandon is doing something without restraint/uninhibitedly

Feb 4, 2014 on [Despite the formality](#)

rebellious 反抗的, 造反的, 难控制的

brace oneself against 鼓起勇气向...挑战, 靠...支撑着

unruly 不守规矩的; 任性的; 难驾驭的

Feb 4, 2014 on [The exuberance of Karevolotski's](#)

forlorn 绝望的, 孤独的

The movie is comprised of several vignettes, each presenting a character along with his or her foil: a staid accountant shares an apartment with a _____ musician; a tight-lipped divorcee on

a cross-country roadtrip picks up a _____ hitchhiker; and finally, and perhaps most unconvincingly, an introverted mathematician falls in love with a _____ arriviste.

Blank (i)

colorful

insatiable

eminent

Blank (ii)

garrulous

untrustworthy

forlorn

Blank (iii)

unpredictable

gregarious

bumbling

Feb 4, 2014 on [The movie is comprised](#)

the provenance of pottery shards 陶瓷碎片的出处（起源）

Feb 5, 2014 on [Due to recent advances](#)

Movie marketing works in a highly predictable, and obnoxious, fashion: the more we are assaulted with images of intergalactic battles, or a pouty heroine hoping to regain her lost love, the greater likelihood that the movie is one best _____.

obnoxious 可恶的，可憎的，不愉快的

be assaulted with 被侵犯

intergalactic battle 星际大战

pouty 容易生气的，爱撅嘴的

写作可用句型：the more, the greater likelihood that 越.....就越可能.....

patronized 惠顾，以高人一等的姿态对待，资助

covet 觊觎，垂涎 steer clear of 绕开，避开（消除痛苦；躲某人远点）

mull over 仔细考虑，深思熟虑

Feb 5, 2014 on [Movie marketing works](#)

assume 装腔作势，多管闲事，承担，呈现

assuming 傲慢的，装腔作势的

unassuming 谦逊的

Feb 5, 2014 on [To most, the word](#)

redress 救济，赔偿，矫正

derelict satellites, debris from manned spaced project, and diverse space junk

derelict 玩忽职守的 遗弃物

less insecure 安全

cynical 冷嘲热讽的，愤世嫉俗的（看到这个词要往反面想）

crynical

Feb 5, 2014 on [Some cynical to space](#)

prudent=politic 谨慎的，精明的，有策略的

（political 政治的，党派的）

Prudent 还有节约的意思

Feb 5, 2014 on [Journalists writing under oppressive](#)

braggadocio 自夸, 吹牛 =brag boast

cupidity 贪婪 greed voracity avarice

truculence 刻薄, 好战, 野蛮

Feb 5, 2014 on [The term “robber barons”](#)

overt 明显的, 公然的

blasé 厌倦享乐的, 乏味的, 玩腻了的

cavalier 骑士, 武士, 对女人献殷勤, 傲慢的, 无忧无虑的

militant 好斗者, 激进分子

disingenuous 虚伪的, 不诚实的

vigilant 警惕的, 惊醒的, 注意的

Feb 5, 2014 on [Regardless of whether bottled](#)

taciturn 不爱说话的

despondent 沮丧的, 失望的

forlornly 希望渺茫的 孤苦伶仃的

Feb 6, 2014 on [Claire’s moods shifted drastically](#)

fractious= tumultuous 动荡的, 易怒的, 难控制的, 吵闹的, 纷乱的

Tumultuous means marked by disorder and discord.

Feb 6, 2014 on [Freudianism sits alongside Marxism](#)

bleak=grim 阴冷的; 荒凉的, 无遮蔽的; 黯淡的, 无希望的; 冷酷的; 单调的

Feb 6, 2014 on [That Alexander Solzhenitsyn languished](#)

impregnable 固若金汤的, 不受影响的, 无法攻破的

thwart prep. 横过 vt. 挫败; 反对; 阻碍; 横过 adj. 横放的; 固执的 adv. 横过

conquerors 胜利者, 征服者

Feb 6, 2014 on [centuries of would](#)

(A)to institute means to put into motion. We need a word that more specifically means to announce

(B) to promulgate means to announce and make widely known

(C) to concede is to give in

(D) to retract is to take back

(E) compromise does not fit the context

opt to forgo making any official announcement to the public

选择 放弃 做出声明

Feb 6, 2014 on [Rather than the objectives](#)

(E) bastardization is the corruption of something, typically language

bastardize vt. 使...品质低落; 判定...为私生子 vi. 退化; 变劣

bastard n. 私生子, 可怜虫, 坏蛋, 假冒品, 伪劣品, 劣等品, 劣货; 赝品; 次品; 不合标准的物品

adj. 私生的

(B) corruption shows that something has changed from its original form

corruption 不仅有贪污腐败的意思, 更深层含义是和原有状态不一样, 改变了

Feb 6, 2014 on [To think that Socrates](#)

(B)trenchant refers to commentary that is incisive and sharp, and thus potentially offensive to some

(C)poignant means touching and emotional. Nobody is likely to be offended by writing that is

emotionally moving

trenchant 表达会冒犯别人的尖锐话语 offensively

poignant 更侧重会触动别人敏感神经、切中要害、直达心底的意思 emotionally

Feb 6, 2014 on [News blogs have become](#)

intrusive 侵入性，打扰的

evasive 逃避的，托辞的，偷漏(捐税等)的，不直截了当的；推托的，推诿的，含糊(其词)的，躲躲闪闪的，暧昧的

mettlesome 勇敢的，精神饱满的

mettle 勇气，气质，耐力

Feb 6, 2014 on [Not merely curious](#)

dispatch 还有这个意思：匆匆办完，迅速办妥，就是麻利儿利索不楞的办事效率！

colloquially referred to as the Bird's Nest

colloquially 口语里面说，通俗地

insolence is rudeness

Feb 6, 2014 on [Gearing up for](#)

rescind 官方地废除、解除

Feb 6, 2014 on [Once news of the scandal](#)

penurious. 吝啬的，缺乏的，贫困的

gregarious. 社交的，群居的

itinerant. peripatetic. =travelling around on foot

dismissive 鄙夷的，免职的，拒绝考虑的，目中无人的

Feb 6, 2014 on [Only a hundred years](#)

boorishness 粗野粗笨笨拙

For all his xxxx 是一个固定句式，表转折 although, However, 因此这句话简化为 although he is____, he betrayed____ to women by showing sympathy.

这里 betrayed 又考了另外一个意思， reveal, show, 3000 里有收录。

于是简化为 Although he is _____, he showed _____ to women by showing sympathy.

Feb 6, 2014 on [For all his](#)

remiss 怠慢的，迟缓的，不小心的

adamant 固执的，坚硬的

tempestuous 大风暴的；暴风雨的；暴风雪的激烈的；骚动的；狂暴的 stringent dotting negligent

adj. 疏忽的；粗心大意的

Feb 6, 2014 on [She had been even](#)

Jacques was a born _____ : he would often regale those around him with stories from his fascinating childhood.

regale 款待，取悦，参加宴会，享用

dissembler 伪善者，伪君子

iconoclast 反对崇拜偶像者，反对崇拜圣像者，破除传统观念习俗者

raconteur 健谈者；善谈者；擅长讲故事的人

sentimentalist 感伤主义者；多愁善感的人

maverick 没打烙印的动物；持不同意见的人，用不正当手段获取，迷途；背离，未打烙印的；行为不合常规的；特立独行的

Feb 6, 2014 on [Jacques was a born](#)

lionize 把.....奉为名人

slander 诽谤, 中伤

oust marginalize 边缘化, 排斥某人

sideline 退出

glorify 赞美

Feb 6, 2014 on [For such a propitious candidate](#)

subsume 把.....包括在内

Feb 6, 2014 on [Some note that the](#)

(E) prosaic and (F) pedestrian are best

both mean lacking originality, dull, uninspired

Feb 6, 2014 on [Unless the government](#)

clime 气候 地方

anesthetic 防腐剂

overarching 首要的, 包罗万象的, 支配一切的

Feb 6, 2014 on [Berolucci found most climes](#)

auspicious

adjective – auguring favorable circumstances and good luck

Feb 6, 2014 on [Tentative, fearful even](#)

For an obscure poet to have penned such a refined, poignant sonnet is not at all _____.

The sonnet, after all, has been a favored form for hundreds of years amongst the amateur and lionized alike. I would be _____, on the other hand, had not one, out of the sheer number produced during this time, surpassed Shakespeare on a bad day.

Blank (i)

rare

puzzling

conceivable

Blank (ii)

confounded

vindicated

hard-pressed

Feb 6, 2014 on [For an obscure poet](#)

calumny, or slander 中伤, 诽谤

commensurate 相称的, 等量的 describes the relationship between two things, in which when one increases the other increases, or when one decreases the other decreases. 'In proportion to' is another way of saying 'commensurate with.'

inverse 相反 倒转 flatter 奉承, 谄媚

Feb 6, 2014 on [The gossip columnist's](#)

(A) expansive does not mean expanding but means open around others and inclined to talking. 豪爽的

Feb 6, 2014 on [by nature, Roland](#)

marrow 精髓 cut to the marrow of 切中要害

Feb 6, 2014 on [The Dvorak keyboard](#)

stasis 郁积, 停滞, 静态

immortality 不朽的名声

Feb 6, 2014 on [Just as the opposing factions](#)

incremental [ˌɪŋkrɪˈmentəl] 详细 »

adj. 增加的, 增值的

Feb 6, 2014 on [The surface of Venus](#)

(A) implacable means not easily swayed, relentless

(B) sedulous means doing something with great care. While this word could work, there are no matching words

(C) illustrious means well-known

(D) inexorable means not backing down, incapable of being swayed

(E) incorrigible means difficult to change or reform

(F) magnanimous means very generous

Feb 6, 2014 on [Every bit the](#)

eponymous

eponym 名字被用于命名地方的人

Feb 6, 2014 on [abound in geography](#)

To the senior manager, unsolicited 未经请求的, 主动提供的 opinions, even if the views expressed did not necessarily (i) _____ his own views, were (ii) _____ ; thus, employees had learned to be (iii) _____ lest they no longer found themselves in his good graces. (in one's good graces 受到青睐)

Blank (i)

gel with 形成胶体, 成胶状, 胶化, 变得更清楚; 显得更明显, 合为一体, 混合, 掺杂

countermand 撤销, 取消

clash with 冲突, 不协调

Blank (ii)

overt 明显的, 公然的, 蓄意的

nettlesome 烦人的, 易恼的

welcome

Blank (iii)

reticent

sycophantic 阿谀奉承的

elusive

Feb 6, 2014 on [To the senior manager](#)

Whereas the incumbent's opponents feverishly worked around the clock, digging up seemingly irrelevant information only to contort a(n) (i) _____ incident so that it appeared unequivocally damning, the incumbent himself resorted to no such (ii) _____ and preferred instead to calumniate his opponents during highly publicized debates.

Blank (i)

benign

unambiguous

disgraceful

Blank (ii)

desperate subterfuge

concealed outpouring

subtle promotion

Feb 6, 2014 on [Whereas the incumbent's opponents](#)

angering belaboring

Feb 6, 2014 on [Even today, the meaning](#)

(B) distraction does not fit the context

(C) fraud captures the sense of a sham

(D) enterprise is too neutral

(E) a racket describes a fraudulent organization

Feb 6, 2014 on [As the salesman](#)

insinuate

extrapolate

intuit

disprove

indicate

Feb 6, 2014 on [Based on a spate](#)

The professor repelled many students with his _____ asides, often droning on about some trivial academic point.

subtle

alluring

pedantic

contemptuous

edifying

Feb 6, 2014 on [The professor repelled](#)

permafrost

elderberry ['eldəberi ; -b(ə)rɪ] 详细 »

n. 接骨木; 莲灰

Feb 6, 2014 on [The Canadian elk](#)

Poetaster, who at the outset believed one only needed time to write a great novel, was constantly assailed by misgivings, and before completing even one chapter, he abandoned what he had come to deem a (n) _____ enterprise.

unworthy idealistic illusory notable ill-fated quixotic

Feb 6, 2014 on [Poetaster, who at the outset](#)

eclectic

adjective – selecting what seems best of various styles or ideas

noun – someone who selects according to the eclectic method

Feb 6, 2014 on [The gallery hinted](#)

She was far less concerned with the work at hand than with the opportunity to ascend the proverbial corporate ladder, even if doing so entailed resorting to _____ or other such Machiavellian schemes.

mimicry artifice espionage calumny subterfuge flattery

Feb 6, 2014 on [She was far less concerned](#)

Vascoux, in not exclusively _____ the tenets of modern jazz, imbues his trumpet playing with a pathos reminiscent of the Romantic composers.

Vascoux not only sticks to modern jazz but injects ("imbues") his playing with a sentiment similar to other music ("Romantic composers"). (D) means sticking to and works best in the blank.

(A) is tempting, but it does not work stylistically. One caters to a person or aspects of that person, e.g. whims.

(B) and (C) create a meaning opposite of the intended meaning.

(E) does not work in context.

catering to

undermining

debunking

hewing to

validating

Feb 6, 2014 on [Vascoux, in not exclusively](#)

Contrary to her claims of fiscal clairvoyance, she had nary a(n) _____ that the market would take such an inauspicious tumble.

predilection inkling interest presentiment qualm reservation

Feb 6, 2014 on [Contrary to her claims](#)

begrudge 羡慕，嫉妒，吝惜，舍不得给

Feb 7, 2014 on [Though the CEO](#)

perusal 熟读，精读

noun – reading carefully with intent to remember

dispensation [diˈspenˈseɪʃən] 分配；免除；豁免；天命

Feb 7, 2014 on [Just as consummate](#)

rancid 腐臭的，令人作呕的，讨厌的

adjective – (used of decomposing oils or fats) having a rank smell or taste usually due to a chemical change or decomposition

adjective – smelling of fermentation or staleness

Feb 7, 2014 on [While the kitchen may](#)

With university lecture halls rivaling small-concert venues in terms of the number of those in attendance, it _____ incoming freshmen--most long coddled in an intimate learning environment--to become adept at navigating the treacherous waters of anonymity.

implicates

is incumbent upon

behooves

removes the onus for

is unfair for

benefits

implicate 表明与罪人有牵连

verb – impose, involve, or imply as a necessary accompaniment or result

verb – bring into intimate and incriminating connection

Feb 7, 2014 on [With university lecture halls](#)

The contention that Hopkin's extensive anthropological fieldwork led to a unified theory is _____ – close scrutiny reveals a _____ of observations that, at times, even prove _____ one another.

Blank (i)

redoubtable

specious

unbiased

Blank (ii)

mere hodgepodge

coherent system

meticulous scaffolding

Blank (iii)

inimical to

convergent with

susceptible to

Feb 7, 2014 on [The contention that Hopkin's](#)

Argument 的仿写素材

Researchers, investigating the link between daily coffee consumption and learning, claim that subjects who consumed one cup of coffee a day for one week (the equivalent of 50 mg per day) exhibited improvements in declarative memory. Furthermore, the study revealed that such improvements were longer-lasting than those witnessed in a control group served decaffeinated coffee (decaffeinated contains negligible amounts of caffeine). After a week of learning a list of facts, the subjects who consumed one cup of coffee were able to recall these facts with significantly more accuracy.

While daily coffee consumption may aid in the process of forming a greater number of short-term memories, and increase the likelihood that these memories will be stored in long-term memory, the study glosses over an important fact. Many exhibit sensitivities to caffeine, including headaches (both migraine and non-migraine), sleeplessness, heightened anxiety and any number of factors that, when working either alone or in tandem, may actually lead to a decrease in the observed link between caffeine and learning. Nonetheless, despite the fact that the study represents a random sampling—and thus any number of subjects can exhibit any number of reactions to caffeine—if enough subjects continue to display signs of improvements in learning, then this result would not be inconsistent with the study's findings. Still, until the researchers either release more details of this study, or subsequent studies are conducted, the extent to which those with caffeine sensitivity influenced the observed link between coffee consumption and memory will not be fully known.

Feb 7, 2014 on [Researchers, investigating the link](#)

unbidden [ʌ n'bi d(ə)n] 详细 »

adj. 未受邀请的；未受指使的；自愿的

aghast 吃惊的，吓呆的

adjective – struck with fear, dread, or consternation

Feb 7, 2014 on [she suddenly became](#)

unnecessary

tentative tentative means hesitant

gratuitous 无理由的，无端的，免费的

supercilious 高傲的，目中无人的，自大的 pragmatic understated

Feb 7, 2014 on [The audience members' remarks](#)

At times _____, she could just as suddenly become _____, a change in mood that was favorable yet so unpredictable as to be jarring.

Blank (i)

affable

morose

magnanimous

Blank (ii)

aloof

selfish

jubilant

Feb 7, 2014 on [At times she could](#)

huffy 怒冲冲的，暴躁的

Feb 7, 2014 on [Without food and water](#)

While she had the _____ talent to be a professional comedian, her stage fright precluded 阻止，预先排除 any such forays 突袭，侵略，攻击 into this demanding career.

necessary minimal requisite inestimable 难以估计的 paucity of 缺乏 excess of 过量

Feb 7, 2014 on [While she had the](#)

With all the trappings 外部标识，服饰 of a “successful” novelist, Farminghouse perhaps will most likely experience a(n) _____ fame: posterity 后世，后代，后裔 rarely looks kindly on those writers who bedazzle the hoi polloi.

meteoric

potential

elusive

notorious

enduring

Feb 7, 2014 on [With all the trappings](#)

toughie ['tʌ fi] 详细 »

n. 流氓；劲敌；难题；鲁莽的人

cracking jokes 讲笑话

zeugma ['zju: gmə] 详细 »

n. 轭式修饰法 轭式搭配 轭式 轭式搭配法

arch adj.

主要的，首要的；总的，为首的

伶俐的，机敏的

调皮的；淘气的；嬉戏的

傲慢的，无礼的

狡黠的，狡猾的；诡计多端的

不适当的，不合适的；不成体统的，不成样子的

puckish 恶作剧的 淘气的

Feb 7, 2014 on [History has known few](#)

She was not so (i) _____ as to begrudge 羡慕嫉妒 the mathematician the fanfare 吹牛炫耀 he received after purportedly 据称 solving a hitherto intractable 棘手的，倔强的，难医治的 problem in number theory; nevertheless, once the furor died down she was not (ii)

_____ in pointing out what she believed to be some notable inconsistencies in his proof.

Blank (i)

savvy 理解, 领悟能力, 懂行的

self-effacing 谦让的, 不出风头的

churlish 没礼貌的, 脾气暴躁的

Blank (ii)

loath 勉强 不情愿的

charitable

unstinting 慷慨的, 大方的, 无限制的

so A as to B A 和 B 应该是同向的词 如此 A 以至于 B

Feb 7, 2014 on [She was not so](#)

Through mere _____, Hirasaki, in her delightful vignettes of a childhood spent living in two divergent cultures, is able to communicate far more cogently 恳切地 中肯地 about alienation and belonging than those of her contemporaries who believe verbosity is tantamount to profundity.

suggestion artfulness intimation illumination contrivance abbreviation

(A) suggestion implies that Hirasaki is using few words but conveying a great amount

(B) artfulness implies a craftiness that does not fit with the context

(C) intimation is the act of implying or hinting at something. This is a good contrast to being verbose

(D) illumination does not contrast with verbosity

(E) contrivance means to pull off something in an artificial or unnatural manner. Does not match context

(F) abbreviation, while apparently opposite to verbosity, does not match stylistically. Also, there is no similar word amongst the answer choices

Feb 7, 2014 on [Through mere](#)

potentates 有权势的人, 统治者

autodidacts 自学成才者

miscreants 恶劣分子, 恶汉, 异端的, 极度邪恶的

pundits 权威

renegades 叛徒, 变节者

Feb 7, 2014 on [Many legends from jazz](#)

The travel writer must invite _____; few, if any travelogues, have ever been inspired by a languorous afternoon poolside.

travail 辛苦的劳动, 分娩的痛苦, 剧痛, 极度痛苦

tribulations 苦难

excitement

scandal 诽谤 丑闻 公愤

tranquility serenity

Feb 7, 2014 on [The travel writer](#)

All too often scientists are quick to _____ findings that ostensibly fail to mesh with their own research; nonetheless, such a response is _____ compared to the _____, if not downright contemptuous, attitude they take towards a theory that questions the very foundation upon which their work rests.

Blank (i)

discuss

doubt

clutch at

Blank (ii)

unquestionably vitriolic

positively muted

slightly undiplomatic

Blank (iii)

complacent

convivial

dismissive

Feb 7, 2014 on [All too often scientists](#)

Pared down over the years to the point of _____, Stockton's prose nevertheless preserves the writer's insights - indeed they are _____ than ever.

pare down 削减

Blank (i)

austerity

abstraction

artlessness

Blank (ii)

keener

adjective – comparative form of keen: more keen

noun – One who keens at a funeral.

noun – Someone who is excessively keen or eager, possibly making others look bad; a brown-noser.

keen [ki:n]adj.

(刀口等)锋利的，锐利的，尖的

(言语)尖刻的，尖锐的；(风等)刺人的，刺骨的

(思维、听觉、嗅觉等)敏锐的，敏捷的，灵敏的

聪明的，机智的，智慧的

(感觉)强烈的，激烈的，深切的

热心的，热衷的，很感兴趣的；渴望的(常与 about, for, on 连用)

(价格等)有竞争力的，低廉的

[美国俚语]了不起的，好的，极好的；漂亮的，迷人的

more vague

more formal

Feb 7, 2014 on [Pared down over](#)

Anticipating a dry, hot fall, city officials are _____ citizens to rake up any leaves on their respective property: many radio shows have slotted 15-second spots warning listeners about the heightened possibility of fire should sufficient underbrush collect in untended parts of residents' premises.

reminding exhorting petitioning enlisting counseling enjoining

enjoin 责成，责令，嘱咐，吩咐；把...强加，迫使

enlist [ɪ n'li st; en-] 详细 »

vt. 使入伍；征募；谋取...的赞助或帮助

vi. 支持；从军；应募；赞助

Enjoin can also mean to urge=exhort

Feb 7, 2014 on [Anticipating a dry](#)

for 有转折的意味

表 in spite of —usually used with all <for all his large size, he moves gracefully>

For an artist of such circumscribed talent, Mario was given _____ attention, many connoisseurs _____ over works that warranted nothing more than a(n) _____ glance.

Blank (i)

scant

sporadic

scrupulous

Blank (ii)

poring

passing

faltering

Blank (iii)

derisive

cursory

tentative

Feb 7, 2014 on [For an artist](#)

That art wields political power is not an incontrovertible position—if it is even true at all:

Picasso's Guernica, a painting capturing the wanton plundering of a Spanish village, hangs almost _____ in the Guggenheim, framed by a soft light best befitting a seaside idyll.

demurely grotesquely askew self-effacingly peacefully frivolously

Feb 7, 2014 on [That art wields political](#)

Jansen's writing strikes many as (i) _____ : for one who is capable of enduing even the most recondite topics with a(n) (ii) _____ tone, his prose becomes (iii) _____ in the informal correspondences he had with his contemporaries.

Blank (i)

pedantic

forbidding

paradoxical

Blank (ii)

acerbic

cautious

breezy

Blank (iii)

curiously stilted

fully realized

somewhat unguarded

Feb 7, 2014 on [Jansen's writing strikes many](#)

The spread of phones with cameras has made even amateurs quasi-experts. Therefore we need word that is similar to amateur. (C) unseasoned and (E) amateur are correct.

unseasoned 没有经验的, 未成熟的=amateur

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glum 阴郁的

inundate 洪水淹没

enamored 迷恋的, 倾心的=infatuated

Feb 7, 2014 on [With no economic recovery](#)

Though she would _____ at a mere peccadillo, she would, with nary more than a wagging finger, condone far more untenable behavior.

bridle quibble bristle beam chortle guffaw

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garbled 引起误解的, 断章取义的, 混乱的, 篡改的

Tossing about in a tempest 在暴风雨中摇摆颠簸

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The author's tone towards Guy's biography of Beckett can best be described as

apologetic neutral ambivalent sardonic appreciative

Feb 7, 2014 on [Both darkly comic](#)

nothing more than 无非是, 不过是

Feb 7, 2014 on [Paul spoke and](#)

Vast swathes of suburbia have turned into a _____: homeowners, unable to pay their mortgages, have simply left their domiciles, creating a veritable graveyard of empty houses.

bonanza

defection

necropolis

monument

haven

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For someone so _____ in his delivery, Quentin was remarkably relaxed during his presentation, any trace of affectation gone.

arbitrary

guileless

studied

fastidious

conceited

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Vermeer is able to imbue his paintings with a saintliness verging on the _____, a quality that is in sharp juxtaposition to the _____ of his subjects: a milkmaid preparing breakfast, a servant tidying up a messy kitchen.

Blank (i)

artificial

numinous

hagiographic

Blank (ii)

similarity

conviviality

banality

Feb 7, 2014 on [Vermeer is able to](#)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fourteenth_Amendment_to_the_United_States_Constitution

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Griswold_v._Connecticut