weed

作名词时:

- 1). [C] wild plant growing where it is not wanted, esp. among crops or garden plants 野草, 杂草(尤指庄稼地里的或园中的)
- 2). [C] (infml derog 口, 贬)
 - (a) thin weak-looking person 瘦弱的人.
 - (b) person who has a weak character 懦弱的人
- 3). (infml □)
 - (a) [sing] (usu 通常作 the weed) (dated or joc 旧或谑) tobacco or cigarettes 烟草; 香烟
 - (b) [U] marijuana 大麻烟

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杂草 - 义项分析

- -- plant
- -- wild
- -- unwanted

→ the weed : tobacco, marijuana

-- among crops

(烟草,大麻)

- -- prevent crops from growing properly
- -- should be removed → v. 除草 → 除掉,淘汰掉
- -- growing faster, thinner, weaker and taller
 - →one who is weak physically
 - → one who is weak mentally

Weed -- 无用的东西

英国诗人Alfred Lord Tennyson (丁尼生)的诗歌

The Flower

Once in a golden hour
I cast to earth a seed.
Up there came a flower,
The people said, a weed.

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And some are pretty enough, And some are poor indeed; And now again the people Call it but a weed.

- 做自己喜欢的事,用心去做,尽力而为,自认满意,也就够了;
- 别人喜欢, 自是最好; 别人嗤之以鼻, 那就不用理会, 不要争辩, 不去解释。
- 彪悍的人生不需要解释!

weed 作动词:去掉(无用的东西)

- He has been busy weeding in the garden.
- You should weed out bad guys from the good when making friends in school.

在学校交朋友时, 你要把坏孩子排除掉。

The farmers are weeding out the weakest saplings.

农民在把那些最弱的树苗剔除掉。

-- 名词直接用作动词 > 词类转换 (conversion)

通常此类变化多通过后缀来完成,如:

- -ly \rightarrow adv./adj.
- -tion/-sion, -ment, -dom 等 \rightarrow n.
- -ate, -fy, -en 等 → *V.*

不用任何词缀,单词由一个词性直接用作另一个词性。→零派 生法 zero-affixation / zero-derivation

如: 直接转化为名词

His future is full of if's.

It will take you forever to get there by bus.

其他转化为名词的情况:

have a look, launch an attack,

She's got a lot of go! 她干劲冲天!

I hear the Newtons are having a big do tonight. 听说牛顿家今晚举行盛大的宴会。

If you want to lose weight, here are some do's and don'ts. 想要减轻体重, 这是一些注意事项。

He's been here for years; he should know the ins and outs of the job by now. 他在这里已经很多年了, 现在理应熟悉工作的各种方面了。

名词转化为动词是最多的:

The tall building **houses** more than 5 hundred offices for foreign and domestic companies.

Both parents and children should try to **bridge** the generation gap between them.

Would you help me *water* the flowers when I am away?

Monkey King **cap**ped his eyes and looked afar.

She **cup**ped her mouth and spoke to the receiver.

Even a lamb will rebel if it is *cornered*.

Are you kidding me? (你把我当小孩看么?)

He's always **boss**ing his wife about. 他在妻子面前总是指手划脚,指挥她做这做那。

(像老板一样指使)

Don't father me! 1) 不要叫我爸爸! 2) 不要在我面前指手划脚!

Any noun that can create an image in the mind can be used directly as a verb.

科技英语中的许多词类转换

- Key in your password
- It is then *gaussed*. -- magnetized Gauss 高斯
- Email me!

注意名词与其转换为动词后产生的动名词的意义差别:

word: 单词 → v. 用词语表达; 选用词语 → wording: n. 措辞

A different wording might make the meaning clearer. 换一种说法意思可能清楚些。

time: 时间→v. 选择时间,计时 → timing: 时间的选择,时机

The timing of the announcement was rather unexpected.

reason: 原因,理由 → v. 讲原因,讲理由 → reasoning: 推理

Your reasoning on this point is faulty. 你在这一点上的推论是错误的。

总结:

• weed一词的多义性与义项分析

• 词类转换