lot:

代词

a lot of (lots of): a large number or amount of (sb/sth) 大量; 许多: There was a lot of money in the safe. 保险柜里有很多钱。

Have some more pie, there's still **a lot**. 再吃点馅饼吧, 还多着呢。 副词:

I'm feeling a lot better today. 我今天身体好多了。

I was playing Ping-Pong a lot when I was in my high school.

我中学的时候经常打乒乓球。

关于lot 的新意义: lot单独使用时的意义

lot来自古英语hlot, 意为"决定一个人的份额的物体",多为骰子、抽签用的麦草, 更常见的是刻有名字的木条。

draw lots 或 cast lots 抽签

we drew lots to decide the order.

我们抽签来决定顺序。

These officers were elected rather than selected by lot.

官员们是通过选举而不是抽签选上的。

lottery 彩票,博彩

lotto 洛托(一种赌博游戏) → lottery

后指通过"抽签而给与(或获得)之物→往往是一片土地" plot of land 地皮: a vacant lot 一块空地皮 an area for particular purpose: 专用场地 parking lot 停车场

抽签要抽中是有几率的,故lot指机遇,几率,可能性→命运。 Her lot has been a hard one. 她命苦。

I would not want to **share his lot**. 我可不愿和他同甘共苦。 He made the best of his lot and worked diligently.

他利用命运给他的一切机会努力工作。

抽签的过程是把许多签放在一起,供抽签人来抽,所以lot指 放在一起的许多东西→大量,许多

lots of people, a lot of money

抽签还需要一次一次地抽,每次把所有签放到一起,所以lot

指:同一事物的"一批"(同类人或物的)组,套,群

Nobody in the first lot of applicants was suitable for the job.

在第一批求职者中无人适合做那份工作。

→ (出售物品的)项目,批(尤指拍卖物)

Lot 46: six chairs. 第46项: 椅子六把.

Nineteen lots of the auction failed to sell.

19件拍卖品没有成交。

总结:

• lot 的诸多意思,尤其是lot单独使用时的意思

• 诸多意思的来源与发展