

compel:

使（某人）做某事; 强迫

We cannot compel you to (do it), but we think you should do it.

我们不能强迫你（去做），但认为你应该做。

→不能用于被动句：强夺、强求（某物）；强迫；使必须

You can compel obedience, but you can never compel affection.

你可以逼人服从，却无法逼人生爱。

Circumstances have **compelled a change** of plan.

因环境所迫，计划已经改变。

His courage compels universal admiration.

他的勇气不禁令人肃然起敬。

分析：

com-: together

-pel-: to force, to drive 迫 drive together

repel: re- back

repel: 排斥（某事物） **drive back**

Like charges repel each other, and unlike charges attract each other.

同性电荷互相排斥，异性电荷互相吸引。

Like poles of magnets repel.

相同的磁极互相排斥。

propel: pro- forward

drive forward

向前推动, 驱动

The boat is(was) propelled by using a very long paddle.

这条船是靠长桨推进的。

(fig.) His addiction to drugs **propelled** him towards a way of crime.

他吸毒成瘾使他走上了犯罪的道路。

expel ex- out

expel: 驱逐; 赶走; 开除 **drive out**

Two attachés at the embassy were expelled from the country.

大使馆的两名随员已被驱逐出境。

dispel: dis- apart

dispel: 驱赶, 驱逐, 驱散, 使.....消失 (如情感, 怀疑, 信念等)

drive away

He tried all means to **dispel his doubts** but failed.

他想方设法消除他的疑虑, 但失败了。

总结：

从compel出发，讲词根-pel的意义

由此讲解相关单词： repel propel expel dispel