

1. obsessive /əb'sesɪv/

thinking too much about one particular person or thing, in a way that is not normal 着迷的；迷恋的；难以释怀的

- He's becoming more and more obsessive about punctuality. 他对守时要求越来越过分了。
- an obsessive attention to detail 过分注重细枝末节

obsessively adv

- obsessively jealous
- He worries obsessively about his appearance.

2. committed conservationist

committed adj. /kə'mɪtɪd/

(approving) willing to work hard and give your time and energy to sth; believing strongly in sth 尽心尽力的；坚信的；坚定的

- a committed member of the team 忠于职守的队员
- They are committed socialists. 他们是坚定的社会主义者

conservationist n. /kənsə'veɪʃənɪst/

a person who takes an active part in the protection of the environment 自然环境保护主义者

- a meeting of local conservationists 当地自然环境保护主义者的会议

3. tweak /twi:k/ [VN]

to pull or twist sth suddenly 扭；拧；扯

- She tweaked his ear playfully. 她拧他的耳朵逗着玩儿。

to make slight changes to a machine, system, etc. to improve it 稍稍调整（机器、系统等）

- I think you'll have to tweak these figures a little before you show them to the boss. 我想你得略微改动一下这些数字再让老板过目。

4. be trapped in

No child should be trapped in a failing school just because of geography or financial circumstance.

"Unless we use these 25 years really well, we'll be trapped in poverty," says Roberto Newell.

It can be frustrating to be trapped in a 6 percent mortgage when new loans are priced around 3.5 percent.

Founded on the belief that power belongs to the people, that government exists to protect our rights and serve our interests, and that no one should be trapped in the circumstances of their birth.

5. creek n. /kri:k/

a narrow area of water where the sea flows into the land 小海湾；小港湾

a small river or stream 小河；小溪

Up the creek(without a paddle)

(informal) in a difficult or bad situation 处于困境（或窘境）

I was really up the creek without my car. 离了我那辆汽车真是不方便。

6.single use variety

Several other countries including China have banned plastic bags or instituted fees for single-use bags.

It is enabling us to repurpose the under-occupied single-use office building as a hub of social connectivity and interaction.

In the meantime, it will be up to patients to figure out where to draw the line on single-use versus reuse.

7.dispose of

dis·pose v. /dɪˈspəʊz/ (formal)

to arrange things or people in a particular way or position 排列；布置；安排

~ sb to/toward(s) sth to make sb behave in a particular way 使倾向于；使有意于；使易于

•a drug that disposes the patient towards sleep 使病人想睡觉的药

Dispose of sb/sth

to get rid of sb/sth that you do not want or cannot keep 去掉；清除；销毁

•the difficulties of disposing of nuclear waste 处理核废料的困难

•to dispose of stolen property 销赃

to deal with a problem, question or threat successfully 应付；解决；处理

•That seems to have disposed of most of their arguments. 这样就似乎把他们的大部分论点都驳倒了。

to defeat or kill sb 击败；杀死

•It took her a mere 20 minutes to dispose of her opponent.

8.document /ˈdɒkjument/

to record the details of sth 记录，记载（详情）

•Causes of the disease have been well documented. 这种疾病的起因已有完备的记载。

to prove or support sth with documents 用文件证明（或证实）

•documented evidence 有文件证明的证据

9.end up in

Mathematically, you can end up in the same place, but the journeys are very different.

Our business pivoted a few times to end up in a live and growing state.

So serendipitous that he should end up in the same crowded hall as Arya.

Her work will likely end up in the garden and patio shops of American retail chains.

end up in common ruin 同归于尽

10. latex /'lertɛks/

Latex is a substance obtained from some kinds of trees, which is used to make products like paint, rubber, and glue. 胶乳

11. single-use surgical masks

surgical adj. /'sɜ:dʒɪkl/

[only before noun] used in or connected with surgery 外科的; 外科手术的

- surgical procedures 手术程序
- a surgical ward (= for patients having operations) 外科手术病房

surgically

• The lumps will need to be surgically removed. 这些肿块需手术

12. storm drain 雨水道; 雨水沟

13. landfill /'lænd fɪl/

Landfill is a method of getting rid of very large amounts of rubbish by burying it in a large deep hole. 垃圾填埋法

- ...the environmental costs of landfill.

...垃圾填埋法对环境的损害。

A landfill is a large deep hole in which very large amounts of rubbish are buried. 垃圾填埋场

- The rubbish in modern landfills does not rot.

现代垃圾填埋场里的垃圾不会腐烂。

14. biodegrade v. /ˌbaɪəʊdɪˈɡreɪd/

[V] (of a substance or chemical 物质或化学品)

to change back to a harmless natural state by the action of bacteria 生物降解

15. decompose into

Decompose /ˌdi:kəmˈpəʊz/

Decomposing decomposed decomposes

When things such as dead plants or animals decompose, or when something decomposes them, they change chemically and begin to decay. 使分解; 分解

- ...a dead body found decomposing in the woods.

...在树林里发现的正在腐烂的一具死尸。

- The debris slowly decomposes into compost.

这堆碎屑慢慢地分解变成了堆肥。

16. digest /daɪˈdʒest/

when you digest food, or it digests, it is changed into substances that your body can use 消化

- Humans cannot digest plants such as grass. 人不能消化草类植物。

You should allow a little time after a meal for the food to digest. 饭后你应该留点时间让食物消化。

to think about sth so that you fully understand it 领会；领悟；理解

• He paused, waiting for her to digest the information. 他停了

17. scratch /skrætʃ/

Scratching scratched scratches

If you scratch yourself, you rub your fingernails against your skin because it is itching. 挠

• He scratched himself under his arm.

他在自己腋下挠了挠。

• The old man lifted his cardigan to scratch his side.

那位老人撩起他的开襟毛衣挠了挠身子侧面。

V-T If a sharp object scratches someone or something, it makes small shallow cuts on their skin or surface. 划破

• The branches tore at my jacket and scratched my hands and face.

那些树枝挂了我的夹克，划破了我的双手和脸。

Scratches on someone or something are small shallow cuts. 划伤

• The seven-year-old was found crying with scratches on his face and neck.

那个7岁的孩子被找到时正在哭，脸上和颈上都有划伤。

PHRASE If you do something from scratch, you do it without making use of anything that has been done before. 从零开始

• Building a home from scratch can be both exciting and challenging.

白手起家既激动人心又具有挑战性。

PHRASE If you say that someone is scratching their head, you mean that they are thinking hard and trying to solve a problem or puzzle. 绞尽脑汁思考

• The Institute spends a lot of time scratching its head about how to boost American productivity.

这家研究所花大量时间绞尽脑汁思考怎样推进美国的生产力。

18. setback /'setbæk/

N-COUNT A setback is an event that delays your progress or reverses some of the progress that you have made. 挫折；倒退

• The move represents a setback for the Middle East peace process.

此举意味着中东和平进程的倒退。

19. disastrous /dɪ'zɑː strəs/

ADJ A disastrous event has extremely bad consequences and effects. 灾难性的

• ...the recent, disastrous earthquake.

…那场最近发生的、灾难性的地震。

ADV 灾难性地

- The vegetable harvest is disastrously behind schedule.

蔬菜收割灾难性地滞后于计划。

ADJ If you describe something as disastrous, you mean that it was very unsuccessful.

非常失败的

- ...after their disastrous performance in the election.

…继他们在竞选中非常失败的表现之后。

ADV 非常失败地

- ...debts resulting from the company's disastrously timed venture into property development.

…该公司不合时宜地冒险投资房地产开发而导致的债务。