

# GRE填空常考短语表

## **at a premium** 稀缺的

Property is an excellent investment, particularly in Dublin, where space is **at a premium** but demand remains high.

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## **be at odds with** 与…不一致, 矛盾

Blake's version of night's events was **at odds with** the official police report.

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## **without fail** 务必

I go to the gym every Monday and Wednesday, **without fail**.

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## **nothing short of**

无异于…

His accusation is **nothing short of** slander and has no value.

简直就是

The party was **nothing short of** a disaster as it ended early and people went home unhappy.

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## **keep something at bay** 控制住, 牵制

If we can **keep** the rabbits **at bay**, we should have a good crop of vegetables in the garden.

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## **on a par with** 和…一样

This home cooking is **on a par with** the best restaurant cuisine in the world.

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## **substitute A for B** 用A代替B

You can **substitute** oil **for** butter in this cookie recipe.

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## **accuse somebody of doing** 控告某人

He **accused** his assistant **of** theft in the office.

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## **charge somebody with something / charge somebody with doing something**

指控某人…

He **was charged with** resisting arrest when he was approached by the police and ran  
某人负责做…

The governing body **is charged with** managing the school within its budget.

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## **dubious distinction** 名不副实的成就

He is the lawyer with the **dubious distinction** of having lost the most cases in the firm.

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## **on top of that** 另外

We missed our flight, and **on top of that** we had to wait seven hours for the next one.

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## **for all** 尽管, 虽然

**For all** her protests about the exposure to paparazzi, the pop star still loved the attention.



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**but for** 要不是由于, 如果没有

I walk along Broadway Street, which is deserted **but for** the occasional taxi cab.

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**exact a toll / exact a high(heavy) price** 迫使付出代价

His high pressure job has **exacted a toll** on his health.

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**collate ... into ...** 合并成...

The secretary helps him **collate** the documents **into** color-coded folders by order of importance.

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**some ..., others ..., and still others ...** 三种不同的观点陈述

Some people like apples, **others** like oranges **and still others** enjoy bananas.

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**rest on** 基于..., 依靠

Christianity **rests on** the belief that Jesus was the son of God.

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**and the like** 等等, 以此类推

The school contains courts for tennis and badminton **and the like**.

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**anything but** 绝不, 一点也不

She was **anything but** friendly the last time I asked for her help on an assignment.

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**all but**

几乎 (加形容词)

The game was **all but** over by the time we arrived 2 hours later.

(加名词时) all 表示全部, but 表示除了

The judge cleared the court of **all but** herself and the witness.

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**let alone** 更不必说

Some people never even read a newspaper on a regular basis, **let alone** an entire book.

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**not the least** 尤其, 特别是

The upcoming proposal will have a huge impact on the environment, **not the least** in relation to the preservation of pandas.

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**dispense with** 省掉, 免除

They've had to **dispense with** a lot of luxuries since Mike lost his job.

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**turn one's back on** 不理睬, 抛弃

This company can't afford to **turn its back on** tourism as it makes up more than 50% of the company's profit.

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**take issue with** 与...争论

I **took issue with** his interpretation of the author's tone in this passage.

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**conjure up** 使在脑海中显现

For some readers of Victorian novels, the word "England" may **conjure up** images of pretty gardens and tea parties.

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**only too ... to ...** 非常

I am **only too** glad **to** return home after my vacation was ruined by the continuous rain.

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**a far cry from** 完全不同

This apartment is **a far cry from** the one they had lived in before.

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**by virtue of** 由于

**By virtue of** her extensive experience and her wealth of practical knowledge, 87-year-old Louisa Vigil was regarded by her family in New Mexico as its chief advice-giver and matriarch.

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**give way to** 给...让路

In some areas, modern intensive farming is **giving way to** the re-introduction of traditional methods.

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**bring about** 引起

The CEO **brought about** his company's collapse by his reckless spending.

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**in response to** 响应, 对...做出反应

The new law was passed by the town council **in response to** complaints from residents.

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**by and large** 总的来说

**By and large**, the people of this state are satisfied with the governor's policies.

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**at large** 通常

The public **at large** doesn't take the noise issue too seriously.

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**in sharp ( stark ) contrast to** 形成鲜明对比

Sales this month were up, **in sharp contrast to** the poor sales of the last few months.

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**run-of-the-mill** 普通的, 不出众的

He gave a fairly **run-of-the-mill** performance at the speech contest.

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**state-of-the-art** 使用最先进技术的

The school uses the **state-of-the-art** computers and gadgets in its newly renovated classrooms.

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**step down** 辞职

Upon graduation, she **stepped down** as captain of the tennis team.

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**a minor rash of** 少量的

The **minor rash of** engine failures on this plane was found to be due to fatigue of the metal.

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**pertain to** 与..有关

We are only interested in the parts of the news that **pertain to** local issues.

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**be central / peripheral to** 对...重要的 / 对...次要的

Technology **was central to** the discussion of how to help the poorest nations get internet connection.

The detective wants to find out who the thief was – getting the money back was a **peripheral** issue.

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**be accountable for** 对...负责

As the leader programmer, he knew he would **be accountable for** any flaws in the code.

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**stem from / spring from** 起源于

Their disagreement **stems from** an initial misunderstanding.

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**as somebody puts it** 正如某人所说

As John Holt **puts it** concisely: "Learning, to me, means making more sense of the world around us, and being able to do more things in it."

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**prop up** 支持

He is able to sit upright in his hospital bed after being **propped up** by pillows.

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**be attributed / attributable to** 归因于

Her illness **was attributable to** poor air ventilation in the workplace.

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**caution against doing** 警告, 告诫

Many economists **caution against** reading too much into a single month's report as it is likely to be prone to variations.

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**stop short of doing** 决定不做某事

Eliot's satire, unlike Austen's, **stops short of** cruelty. She is inveterately magnanimous, even when it comes to her most flawed characters; her default authorial position is one of pity

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**bask in** (在某种环境或气氛中) 感到适意

He **basked in** his moment of glory, holding the trophy up to the crowd.

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**gloat over** 幸灾乐祸

He **gloated over** his good fortune in poker that made all of us who have lost money very angry.

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**despair of** 对...绝望

The shipwrecked sailors of the Titanic **despaired of** ever being rescued and brought to safety.

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**be subject to** 受...影响的

Having no sense of moral obligation, Shipler **was** as little **subject to** the reproaches of conscience after he acted as he was motivated by its prompting before he acted.

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**become inured to** 习惯于

He *became inured to* the hardship of army training.

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**in the sense that** 就…意义而言

It's voluntary *in the sense that* the state government will not require anyone to take the test.

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**be numbered among** 被归类为

Let not my soul *be numbered among* sinners, or my life among men of blood.

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**be distinguished from** 不同于…

He *was distinguished from* the other boys his age by his height.

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**with regard to** 关于, 对于

Although adolescent maturational and developmental states occur in an orderly sequence, their timing----*with regard to* onset and duration.

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**strip away** 去掉

The emergency room nurse *strips away* the clothing from the burn victim.

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**prey on** 欺骗, 敲诈

The swindler salesman would *prey on* the elderly with products that promised of anti-aging.

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**ferret out** 搜出, 搜获

I know his name but I haven't managed to *ferret out* his phone number or WeChat account.

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**explain away** 为…找借口, 开脱

I don't know how you're going to *explain away* that dent you made in Dad's car.

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**measure somebody / something against somebody / something** 对照… 评价…

It isn't fair to *measure* somebody just by his sales in the previous month, but that is the reality for the life of a salesman.

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**by far** 迄今为止, 非常

She is *by far* the hardest working student in the class.

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**in line with** 符合, 与…一致

We try to keep our prices *in line with* that of our competitors.

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**be greeted with** 受到…的对待

The soldier *was greeted with* warmth and laughter when he returned home from the war.

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**let nature take its course** 顺其自然

The frail old dog could be kept alive artificially using ventilators, but I think it would be kinder to *let nature take its course*.

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**recourse to** 求助于, 依赖

You will always have *recourse to* funds from the bank account your grandfather left you.

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**to one's dismay** 令人不安

She discovered, **to her dismay**, that she had locked her keys inside her car.

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**make headway in something** 取得进展

After an entire morning of peace talks, the politicians **made** little **headway in** coming to any negotiations.

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**in turn** 轮流, 依次

Each generation **in turn** must deal with the same budget issues regarding healthcare and education spending that has haunted the government for years.

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**be susceptible to** 对...敏感, 易受...影响

In order to appear cool and fit in, the new students **are more susceptible to** peer pressure than others at school.

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**now that** 由于

**Now that** I live only a few blocks from work, I can walk to work without taking the subway.

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**insofar as** 到...程度

She had done her best to comfort him, **insofar as** she was able.

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**the depths of** 处于困难中

While I was in **the depths of** depression, I found that I couldn't even get out of bed in the morning.

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**bear out** 证实, 支持

The test results **bear out** our claims about the effectiveness of the experimental drug.

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**give rise to** 引起, 使发生

Eating candy at night and not brushing her teeth **give rise to** her chronic toothaches.

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**in one's heyday** 在某人全盛时期

**In his heyday**, the high school football quarterback could walk into any restaurant and eat for free.

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**subsist on** 靠...生存

With their limited supplies, the campers must **subsist on** small bags of rice, beans, fruits, and vegetables.

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**be obsessed with** 痴迷于...

She **is obsessive with** punctuality and always arrives to her meetings 10 minutes early.

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**excise A from B** 移除

The surgeon **excised** a small benign tumor **from** my leg in a short operation.

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**on the verge of sth.** 濒临于, 接近于

**On the verge of** financial collapse, the museum was granted a reprieve, receiving a much-



needed infusion of cash in the form of a government loan.

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**prone to** 有…倾向

My sister is **prone to** sneezing during the Spring because of her allergies.

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**at one's best** 处在最佳状态

At the wedding, the photographer took shots to show the bride **at her best**.

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**in defense of** 为…辩护

The lawyer constructed an argument **in defense of** her client's innocence in the case.

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**be up to** 从事, 忙于

We think those boys **are up to** something as they suspiciously returned with spray paint on their hands.

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**miss out on something** 错过机会

We will all **miss out on** a blessing if they don't use the gifts God has given them.

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**beyond the means of somebody** 负担不起

Private school fees are **beyond the means of** most people.

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**make somebody / something out to be something** (错误地) 展现

During the police investigation, he **made me out to be** a liar.

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**make good on one's promise** 实现承诺

My grandfather said he would pay for me to go to college, and he **made good on that promise**.

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**frown on** 不悦, 不满

The society **frowned on** smoking in public settings and posted signs warning of strict fines.

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**shirk one's responsibility** 逃避责任

I hope you do not **shirk your responsibility** to water the plants every day or else they will die.

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**well-to-do** 富裕的, 小康的

It was a **well-to-do** neighborhood of large, single-family homes with big backyards.

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**stoop to something** 委曲求全

He was amazed that a reputable firm would **stoop to** selling the names of their clients to other ad companies.

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**of great moment** 重要的

The ribbon cutting ceremonial for the opening of the casino was considered an event **of great moment**.

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**bona fides** 真实

Public figures have differing reasons for embellishing their **bona fides**, but it most often is in the service of compensating for a perceived inadequacy or vulnerability.

He demonstrated his mnemonic **bona fides** by learning a seventy-digit number in just over a minute, and then proceeded straight into a test of the students' memories, and mine.

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**as far as .... is concerned** 就...而言

As far as those big companies **are concerned**, we're just another little company that they can step on and eliminate as a competitor.

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**virtues and vices** 优缺点

The editorial described the **virtues and vices of** writing, giving the students an example from both good and bad habits.

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**teem with** 充满

The mall was **teeming with** shoppers on the weekends who are off from work.

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**day in and day out** 天天，夜以继日

He maintained the same diet of rice and beans for all three meals **day in and day out**.

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**regardless of** 不管，不顾

He went outside for a jog, **regardless of** the fact that it was raining hard.

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**be obligated to** 对...负有责任

The churchgoers felt **obligated to** give to charity every Sunday.

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**have a distaste for something** 厌恶

The celebrity's **distaste for** publicity of any sort made me avoid large social gatherings.

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**come of** 由...引起

He expected good news to **come of** all those school applications he submitted.

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**be a favorite with somebody** 某人最爱

The comedian **was a great favorite with** locals at the bar as he told really funny jokes.

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**that said / that being said** 即便如此

John didn't do well in school. **That being said** he is highly literate in matters of IT and found a well-paid job immediately after graduation.

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**sail through** 轻松完成，顺利通过

Rachel **sailed through** her final exams without studying and got A's in everything.

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**shrug off**

不屑理睬

You're a father and you can't simply **shrug off** your responsibility for your children.

摆脱

I hope I can **shrug off** this cold before I go on holiday.

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**in (out of ) step**

步调一致

During the military parade, the soldiers marched **in step**.

步调不一致

I'm terrible at dancing and I always get completely **out of step** with my partner.

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**to one's credit** 值得赞扬

It is **to his credit** that we sorted out the problems in this project and turned it in on time.

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**rank-and-file** 一般成员的

The party's **rank-and-file** are beginning to question the prime minister's choice of advisers.

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**amount to**

变成

I doubt that this business will ever **amount to** anything really profitable.

起相同的作用

His disgraceful behavior of peering over another student's shoulder during the test **amounts to** cheating.

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**stand one's ground** 坚持立场

Clare **stood her ground** during the meeting and refused to be intimidated even when others got angry with her point of view.

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**make light of** 轻视

Because you are not personally involved, it was easy for you to **make light of** other people's problems.

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**keep abreast of** 了解…最新情况

I try to **keep abreast of** any developments in the recent iPhone launch.

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**serve as** 担任, 起…作用

This brick will **serve as** a perfect doorstep.

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**at stake** 在紧要关头

After the hurricane, thousands of lives will be **at stake** if emergency aid does not arrive in the city soon.

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**shore up** 支持, 支撑

The new public relations manager has the difficult task of **shoring up** the company's troubled image.

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**give credence to** 相信

His bruises **give credence to** his police statement that he had been involved in a scuffle with other kids on the playground.

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**nothing less than** 不亚于…, 完全是

The chef will accept **nothing less than** perfection from his kitchen staff.

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**stave something off** 避开, 延缓

The Federal Reserve lowered interest rates to stimulate the economy and **stave off** a recession.

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**die hard** 难消除, 根深蒂固

He has developed a specific routine with how he packs for a trip and old habits **die hard**.

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**have yet to** 还没有, 尚未

Two hours before printing the invitations, they **have yet to** make a decision on the date of the party.

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**all the more** 更加

Several publishers rejected her book, but that just made her **all the more** determined.

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**give in the way of something** 让步, 让…先行

The school ensures that our teachers will do their utmost to **give in the way of** support and encouragement in the classroom.

Mining was attempted, but the land simply did not have much to **give in the way of** precious metals and jewels.

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**to be sure** 诚然, 的确

This is not his best book, **to be sure**, but it is still worth reading.

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**to be fair** 公平地说

He has done the job poorly but, **to be fair**, I gave him very little time to do it.

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**make sense of something** 搞清…意思

The community is trying to **make sense of** the cause of the explosion.

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**keep something at hand** 让…在眼前

When I am out in the wilderness, I **keep** my firearm **at hand** in case of attacks from wild animals.

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**derive from something** 起源于…

The English word "olive" **derives from** the Latin word "oliva".

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**resign to something** 只好接受

After his wife passed away, he **resigned to** living alone.

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**put something to rest** 解决, 处理

Their smiling faces **put to rest** any rumors of an impending separation between the couple.

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**make demands on** 需要

Her homework from school **makes** considerable **demands on** her time at night.

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**short notice** 临时通知

He called the meeting on such **short notice** that we had no time to prepare.

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**devoid of** 没有

I went searching for a knife, but the kitchen was **devoid of** anything sharp.

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**put something at stake** 把...处于险境

Because he was a reckless gambler, he was willing to **put** a lot of large amount of money **at stake**.

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**border on** 邻近, 近乎

His bizarre behavior at the party scared the guests and **borders on** the insane.

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**at the root of** ...的原因, ...的真相

He believes that his student's lack of interest in this class lies **at the root of** his recent drop in performance.

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**in light of** 根据, 鉴于

**In light of** your good driving record, we've decided to overlook this minor traffic offense.

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**snap up** 抢购, 把...抢到手

By 10 o'clock, most of the best holiday discounts in the store had been **snapped up**.

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**rule out** 排除

The investigators **ruled out** their prime suspect after he was proven to be out of the country at the time of the crime.

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**a priori** 未经观察分析的, 既定的

There's no **a priori** reason to think your expenses will remain the same in a larger city.

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**ad hoc** 临时安排的

To keep the police force on the streets, the mayor and the city council made an **ad hoc** decision to increase the salaries of law enforcement officers by ten percent.

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**bona fide** 真正的

In order to receive a refund for your returned purchase, you will need to show the sales clerk a **bona fide** receipt for the item.

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**per capita** 每人, 按人分配的

The country's recent wealth was indicated by a rise in **per capita** income.

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**status quo** 现状

The new company president has plans to change the **status quo** and turn the business into a new organization.

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**vice versa** 反之亦然

Should I come to your house for dinner or **vice versa**?

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**ad-lib** 即兴演讲

I lost the notes for my talk and had to **ad-lib**.

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**drop out of** 中途退出



She was injured in the first round and had to **drop out of** the competition.

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**lose out to** 输给…

Bill **lost out to** Sally in the election for student government president in a very close race.

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**bear the stamp of something** 具有…的迹象

Every work of master watchmaker inevitably **bears the stamp of** his craftsmanship.

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**fall short of** 不足，达不到，不符合

Earnings **fell short of** expectations.

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**pave the way for** 为…铺平道路

The discovery **paves the way for** the development of effective new treatments

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**throw spotlight on** 凸显，使…受到关注

The recent files **throw spotlight on** tax haven used by global elite.

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**come (or bring) to light** 为众人所知

That past will **come to light**, and it will be used against Republican candidates.

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**at the hands of** 在…手中，由…导致

I was hoping for a quick and merciful death **at the hands of** the reviewers, but, at the same time I sort of hoped someone would like it well enough to give me encouragement.

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**ward off** 抵挡，避开

areas where apples were grown, it evolved into a ritual in which chants and dances were used to **ward off** evil spirits which it was believed would harm the trees.

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**de facto** 事实上

The country was **de facto** divided between two states

