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a/an [ei, ə/æn, ən] *art* 1 one 一: I need a pencil. 我需要一支铅笔。2 any 任一: A triangle has three sides. 三角形有三条边。3 each/every 每一: I go there twice a week. 我每周到那里去两次。4 the same 同一: These boxes are much of a size. 这些盒子大小差不多。

abandon [ə'bændən] *v* 1 leave for ever 离弃, 抛弃: They abandoned their village. 他们离弃了村庄。I don't think they will abandon their friends. 我认为他们不会不要朋友。2 give up 放弃: He had to abandon his plan. 他不得不放弃他的计划。

ability [ə'biliti] *n* 1 power to do sth 能力: He is a man of great ability. 他是一个本领高强的人。2 talent 才能: She has a great musical ability. 她很有音乐才能。to the best of one's ability using all one's ability 尽其所能: I will help you to the best of my ability. 我将尽力帮助你。

able ['eibl] *a* 1 having the ability 有能力的: He is able to walk now. 他现在能走路了。2 clever and skilled 聪明能干的: He is an able teacher. 他是一个聪明能干的教师。

aboard [ə'bɔ:d] *ad & prep* on or into (a ship, train, plane, etc) 上(船、火车、飞机等): The train is leaving. All aboard! 火车就要开了。请各位上车! They were already aboard the ship. 他们已经上了船。

about [ə'baut] 1 *prep* concerning 关于: They are talking about what to do next. 他们在讨论下一步怎么办。II *ad* 1 a little more or less 大约: They left about 2 o'clock. 他们大约是两点钟走的。2 nearly 差不多: I'm about ready. 我差不多准备好了。III *prep & ad* around, here and there 在(……)周围, 附近: They walked about the streets. 他们在街上到处走。They often go about together. 他们经常一起到处走。about to do sth be going to do sth soon 即将做: They are about to leave. 他们就要走了。

above [ə'baʊ] *I prep* higher than, over 高于, 在……上: We were flying above the clouds. 我们飞行在云层之上。 *II ad* over-head, at a higher place 在头上, 在上面: She lives in the room above. 她住在楼上那间屋里。 *III a* mentioned above 上述的: The above question is to be discussed tomorrow. 上述这个问题明天讨论。 **above all** most important of all 最重要的是: Above all, don't tell anybody about it. 最重要的是, 不要把这事告诉任何人。

abroad [ə'brɔ:d] *a & ad* **1** in or to another country 在/到国外: He has been abroad for many years. 他已在外国多年。 **2** widely spread 广泛流传: The rumour soon got abroad. 谣言很快传开了。

absence ['æbsens] *n* **1** state of not being present 不在, 缺席: He didn't notice my absence. 他没有注意到我不在。 **2** lack, non-existence 缺乏, 不存在: The absence of a chairman turned the meeting into a riot. 没有主席使会议陷入一片混乱。

absent ['æbsənt] *a* **1** not present 不在, 缺席: Is anybody absent today? 今天有人缺席吗? **2** showing lack of attention 心不在焉: He looked at me in an absent way. 他心不在焉地看着我。

absolute ['æbsəlu:t] *a* **1** complete, perfect 完全的, 绝对的: I have absolute faith in her judgement. 我绝对相信她的判断。 **2** completely certain, undoubted 确凿的, 无疑的: The police have absolute proof that he was the murderer. 警察有确凿的证据, 他是凶手。

absolutely ['æbsəlu:tli] *ad* **1** completely 完全地: You are absolutely wrong. 你完全错了。 **2** unconditionally 无条件地, 绝对地: I absolutely refuse. 我绝对不答应。

absorb [əb'sɔ:b] *v* **1** take in 吸收: A sponge absorbs water. 海绵吸水。 **2** hold all the attention or interest 使专心: He is absorbed in his business. 他醉心于他的事业。

abstract¹ ['æbstrækt] *a* existing as an idea, not as a material object 抽象的: Truth and beauty are abstract concepts. 真和美是抽象的概念。

abstract² ['æbstrækt] *n* shortened form of an article, book, etc

摘要: Write an abstract of your paper in English. 用英语写一篇你的论文的摘要。

abundant [ə'bʌndənt] *a* plentiful 大量的, 充足的: We have

abundant proof. 我们有充分的证据。This river is abundant in/with fish. 这河里有许多鱼。

abuse [ə'bjuz] *v* 1 attack in words 辱骂: They abused each other.

他们互相辱骂。2 make bad use of 滥用: He never abuses his privileges. 他从不滥用特权。3 treat badly 虐待: He was physically abused. 他的身体受了摧残。

academic [ˌækə'demik] *a* 1 relating to studies 学术的: He is

well known in the academic world. 他在学术界颇负盛名。2 of colleges and universities 学院的: Have you got any academic degree? 你获得过学位吗?

accelerate [ək'seləreit] *v* increase the speed (of) (使)加速: The

car accelerated as it overtook me. 那辆车超过我时加快了速度。That event accelerated the fall of the government. 那次事件促使政府垮了台。

accent ['æksənt] *n* 1 national or local way of pronouncing words

口音, 腔调: He speaks English with a foreign accent. 他讲英语带有外国腔。2 emphasis on a syllable 重音: The accent in the word "study" is on the first syllable. "study" 这个词的重音在第一个音节上。3 mark used to indicate such an emphasis 重音符号: Write accents on stressed syllables. 在重读音节上注上重音符号。

accept [ək'sept] *v* 1 take sth offered 接受: I cannot accept your

gift. 我不能接受你的礼物。2 say yes to 同意, 承认: We accept it as true. 我们承认那是真实的。

acceptance [ək'septəns] *n* 1 accepting or being accepted (被)接

受: I beg your acceptance of the gift. 我求你收下这礼物。2 approval 赞同, 认可: The new law gained widespread acceptance. 新法律得到广泛的赞同。

access ['ækses] *n* 1 means of approaching or entering 接近或进入的途径: Only high officials had access to the president. 只有高级官员能够接近总统。2 opportunity to use sth 利用……的机会: Students must have easy access to books. 学生必须容易得到书看。3 entrance 入口: The main access to the building is at the side. 大楼的主要入口在侧面。

accident ['æksidənt] *n* unexpected happening 意外事故: He was killed in a car accident. 他在一次车祸中丧了生。**by accident** by chance 偶然: She stepped on his foot by accident. 她无意中踩了他的脚。

accidental [ˌæksɪ'dentl] *a* happening by chance 意外的, 偶然的: The rate of accidental death has decreased since last year. 去年以来意外事故死亡率降低了。

accommodation [əˌkɒmə'deɪʃən] *n* 1 place to live 住处: We offer help in finding accommodation(s). 我们代客安排住宿。2 (复) lodging, food and services 食宿: This hotel has accommodations for 300 guests. 这家旅馆能为300人提供食宿。

accompany [ə'kʌmpəni] *v* 1 go with 陪同: She accompanied her mother to the hospital. 她陪同她母亲去了医院。2 happen at the same time 伴随, 同时发生: Thunder accompanies lightning. 雷声伴着闪电。3 make supporting music for 伴奏: He accompanied her on the piano. 他用钢琴为她伴奏。

accomplish [ə'kʌmplɪʃ] *v* finish successfully 完成, 实现: They accomplished the task in less than ten minutes. 他们不到十分钟就完成了任务。

accordance [ə'kɔ:dəns] *n* agreement, 常用于 **in accordance with** 与……一致, 根据, 按照: In accordance with your request I am sending you some samples. 根据你的要求, 我寄来一些样品。

according as [ə'kɔ:diŋ æs] *conj* depending on whether 根据: You will be praised or criticized according as your work is good or bad. 根据你的工作是好是坏, 你将受到表扬或批评。

according to [ə'kɔ:diŋ tu] *prep* 1 as stated by 据……说: According to John, Mary will not come today. 据约翰说, 玛丽今天不来。2 in a way that agrees with 按照: From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs. 各尽所能, 按需分配。

accordingly [ə'kɔ:diŋli] *ad* 1 in a way suggested by what is known 照着, 相应地: Things have changed, our plans must change accordingly. 情况变了, 我们的计划也必须相应地改变。2 therefore 因此: She was offended and accordingly refused to attend the meeting. 她生气了, 因此拒绝参加开会。

account [ə'kaunt] *I n* 1 record of money received and paid out 账目: The accounts are perfectly in order. 账目完全清楚。2 description 叙述: Give us an account of what happened. 给我们说说发生的事情。3 consideration 考虑: You must take into account the boy's long illness. 你必须考虑那孩子生了很久的病。*by/from all accounts* according to what everyone says 据说: I have never been there but it is, *by/from all accounts*, a lovely place. 我从来没有去过那里, 但人人都说那是一个好地方。*on account of* because of 因为, 由于: He has resigned on account of age. 他因年迈而辞职了。*on no account, not on any account* not for any reason 决不, 绝对不: On no account must you go there. 你决不能到那里去。You must not go there on any account. (同上) *II v* 1 consider 认为: He was accounted (to be) guilty. 他被认为有罪。2 (后接 *for*) give an explanation or reason for 解释, 说明: He could not account for his mistake. 他无法解释他的错误。

accumulate [ə'kju:mjuleit] *v* make or become greater in quantity 积累, 积聚: He quickly accumulated a large sum of money. 他很快积累了一大笔钱。Snow accumulated on the ground. 地上积起了雪。

accuracy [ækjʊrəsi] *n* exactness 精确, 准确: The computer predicts changes with great accuracy. 计算机能非常精确地预测变化。

accurate [ækjʊrət] *a* exact 精确地, 准确地: This is an accurate

account of what happened. 这是对事情发生经过的准确叙述。

accuse [ə'kju:z] *v* 1 blame 指责: Are you accusing me of lying? 你指责我撒谎吗? 2 charge sb with doing wrong 指控: They accused him of taking bribes. 他们指控他受贿。

ache [eik] *I v* 1 have a continuous pain 痛: I am aching all over. 我浑身疼痛。 2 have a strong desire 渴望: He was aching for home/to go home. 他渴望回家。 *II n* 1 continuous pain 痛: My body was all aches and pains. 我浑身疼痛。 2 构成复合词, 如 backache 背痛, headache 头痛, stomachache 肚子痛, toothache 牙痛。

achieve [ə'tʃi:v] *v* 1 get as the result of action 获得: He achieved a great deal in his work. 他工作颇有成就。 2 accomplish 完成, 实现: You will never achieve anything if you don't work hard. 如果你不努力, 你将一事无成。

achievement [ə'tʃi:vmənt] *n* 1 sth done successfully 成就, 成绩: This is the greatest achievement of the decade. 这是这十年中最大的成就。 2 successful finishing of sth 完成, 实现: Such an aim is impossible of achievement. 这种目标不可能实现。

acid [æsid] *I n* sour substance 酸, 酸性物质: Some acids burn holes in wood. 有些酸性物质能在木头上烧起洞。 *II a* 1 sour 酸的: Vinegar has an acid taste. 醋有一种酸味。 2 sarcastic 尖刻的: His remarks are rather acid. 他的话相当尖刻。

acquaintance [ə'kweintəns] *n* 1 knowledge of sb/sth 认识, 了解: I made the acquaintance with Mr Smith in London. 我在伦敦认识了史密斯先生。 2 person one knows 认识的人, 熟人: He has a wide circle of acquaintances. 他交际很广。

acquire [ə'kwaɪə] *v* get by one's own efforts 获得, 取得, 学得: I acquired a little German while I was in Germany. 我在德国时学到一点德语。

acre ['eɪkə] *n* measure of land (about 4047 square metres) 英亩: He has got 400 acres (of land) in Wales. 他在威尔士有 400 英亩

(土地)。

across [ə'krɒs] *prep & ad* **1** from one side to the other 从一边到另一边: They built a bridge across the river. 他们在河上建了一座桥。The stream is 6 feet across. 这条溪有6英尺宽。**2** to or on the opposite side (of) 到/在……对面: Can you jump across (the ditch)? 你能跳过(这条沟)吗?

act [ækt] **I** *v* **1** do sth for a particular purpose 行动: We must act at once. 我们必须马上行动。**2** play a part as in a play, film, etc 扮演: Have you ever acted (this role)? 你演过(这个角色)吗?**3** do duty temporarily 代理: He acted as chairman in my absence. 我不在时他代理主席。**II** *n* **1** deed 行为, 动作: The thief was caught in the act. 小偷被当场抓获。**2** law made by a legislative body 法案, 法令: Parliament has passed an act forbidding the killing of animals for pleasure. 国会通过了一项禁止为取乐而猎杀动物的法案。**3** main division of a play (剧的一)幕: The hero does not enter until the second act. 主人公第二幕才出场。

action ['ækʃən] *n* **1** doing things 行动: He is a man of action. 他是一个实干家。**2** process of doing sth 行动过程: The motor is not yet in action. 发动机还没有开始运转。**3** act, deed 行为, 动作: Actions speak louder than words. 行为比言语更响亮(事实胜于雄辩)。

active ['æktiv] *a* **1** always ready to do things 活跃, 积极: He is always active in class. 他在课堂上总是很活跃。**2** quick, lovely 敏捷, 活泼: He has an active mind. 他才思敏捷。He is an active boy. 他是一个活泼的孩子。**3** in operation 在活动中的: That's an active volcano. 那是一座活火山。

activity [æk'tiviti] *n* **1** sth (being) done for interest or education 活动: We offer our clients a wide range of outdoor activities. 我们为顾 客提供多种户外活动。**2** being active or lively 活跃性: There is a lot of activity in the market. 市场十分活跃。**3** action 行动: Activity is the test of one's faith. 行动是对信仰的检验。

actor ['æktə] *n* man who acts on the stage 男演员: He is a famous

actor. 他是一个名演员。

actress ['æktɹɪs] *n* female actor 女演员: Do you know that actress? 你认识那位女演员吗?

actual ['æktʃuəl] *a* **1** real 真实的: This book is based on an actual case. 这本书是根据一个真实案件写成的。**2** existing in fact 事实上的: The actual cost was not high. 实际成本不高。

actually ['æktʃuəli] *ad* really, in actual fact 实际上: Actually, the two problems have a lot in common. 实际上,这两个问题有许多共同之处。

ad 见 advertisement

adapt [ə'dæpt] *v* change (sth/oneself) to suit different conditions or purposes (使)适应, (使)适合: We adapted (ourselves) to the hot weather. 我们(使自己)适应了炎热的天气。

add [æd] *v* **1** put (numbers) together to get the total 加: If you add 2 to/and 3 you get 5. **2** 加 3 得 5。**2** put sth together with sth else 增添: The fire is going out, will you add some wood? 火快要熄了,请你加点柴好吗?**3** say also 补充说: I should like to add that we are pleased with the result. 我想补充说,我们对结果感到满意。**add up to 1** amount to 合计达: These numbers add up to 100. 这几个数加起来等于100。**2** be equivalent to, mean(总括起来)意味着: What do all the arguments add up to? 所有这些理由归结起来说明了什么呢?

addition [ə'dɪʃən] *n* **1** adding numbers together 加法: He can do addition and subtraction. 他会做加减法。**2** adding 添加: The substance becomes blue on the addition of alkalis. 这东西加碱后变成蓝色。**3** person or thing added 增加的人或物: They've just had an addition to the family. 他们家刚添了一个孩子。**in addition** as well 另外,加之: In addition, there was a crop failure in many places. 此外,许多地方粮食欠收。**in addition to** as well as 除……之外还: He got 100 dollars in addition to his salary. 除工资外他还得了100美元。

additional [ə'dɪʃənəl] *a* extra 附加的,另外的: You must pay an additional tax for this. 你们必须为这东西上附加税。

address [ə'dres, 'ædres] *I n* 1 details of where one lives or works and where letters can be delivered 地址,住址: My home/business address is 35 York Rd, London SW 16. 我家的/办公的地址是伦敦西南16区纽约路35号。2 formal speech 演说: The president made a television address yesterday. 总统昨天发表了电视演说。3 *v* 1 write an address on a letter or parcel 写上地址: This letter is wrongly addressed. 这封信的地址写错了。2 speak or write to 致词: The chairman will now address the meeting. 现在主席向大会致词。

adequate ['ædɪkwɪt] *a* 1 enough for the purpose 充足的,足够的: Their earnings are adequate to their needs. 他们的收入足以满足他们的需要。2 having the necessary ability or qualities 胜任的: I hope you will prove to be adequate to the job. 我希望你能胜任这项工作。

adjust [ə'dʒʌst] *v* 1 change (sth/oneself) slightly to make suitable 调节,使适应: He adjusted (himself) very quickly to American life. 他(使自己)很快适应了美国生活。2 set right, put into order 整理: She carefully adjusted her clothes before going out. 她仔细整理好了衣服才出去。

administration [əd'mɪnɪs'treɪʃən] *n* 1 management of public or business affairs 管理,经营: He has little experience in administration. 他没有什么管理经验。2 management department 管理部门: These expenses are paid out directly by the administration. 这些费用由管理部门直接支付。3 (美,大写第一个字母,和 the 连用) national government 政府: Not much was done by the last Administration. 上届政府没有做多少事情。

admire [əd'maɪə] *v* regard with pleasure, respect, satisfaction 钦佩,赞赏,羡慕: She admired (him for) his courage. 她佩服他的勇气。I admire at your fortune. 我羡慕你运气好。

admission [əd'mɪʃən] *n* **1** allowing or being allowed to enter or join 准许进入或加入: Admission by ticket only. 凭票入场。**2** money charged for admission 入场费: Admission free. 免费入场。You have to pay £2 admission. 你得付两英镑入场费。**3** statement saying sth is true, confession 承认, 供认: Your resignation amounts to an admission of failure. 你辞职等于承认失败。

admit [əd'mɪt] *v* **1** allow (sb/sth) to enter or join 准许进入或加入: He was admitted into the club. 他被接纳为俱乐部成员。**2** have space or room for 容纳: This hall admits 3000 persons. 这个大厅可容纳3000人。**3** agree to the truth of 承认, 供认: I admit my mistake. 我承认我的错误。

adopt [ə'dɒpt] *v* **1** take (sb) into one's family as a child 收养: They adopted an orphan. 他们收养了一个孤儿。**2** accept 采纳: The company adopted his suggestion. 公司采纳了他的建议。**3** take and use 采用: This method has been widely adopted. 这个方法已被广泛采用。

adult ['ædʌlt, ə'dʌlt] **1** *a* of a fully grown person or animal 成年的, 成熟的: He spent most of his adult life in prison. 他成年时期的大部分时间是在监狱里度过的。**II** *n* adult person or animal 成年人, 成年动物: These films are suitable for adults only. 这些影片只供成年人看。

advance [əd'vɑːns, əd'væns] **1** *v* move forward 前进: They advanced 20 miles. 他们前进了20英里。**2** promote 提升: He worked so well that he was advanced to a higher position. 他干得很好, 升了职。**3** make progress 取得进展: The world has advanced greatly. 世界已经大大进步了。**4** bring to an earlier time 提前: The date of the meeting was advanced to May 10. 会议提前到5月10日召开。**II** *n* forward movement 前进: The enemy's advance was halted. 敌人的前进被阻止了。**2** development 发展: Recent advances in medical science mean that this illness can now be cured. 最近的医学发展表明这种病现在可以治愈。**3** payment of money before the proper time 预付: She asked for a \$300 ad-

vance on her salary. 她要求预付 300 美元薪金。**in advance** 1 ahead in time 提前, 预先: The rent must be paid **in advance**. 房租必须预付。2 beforehand 事先: You ought to have told me in advance. 你应该事先告诉我。3 in front 在前面: The guard of honour marched in advance. 仪仗队走在前面。

advanced [əd'vɑːnst, əd'vænst] *a* 1 far on in development 先进的: He is an advanced worker. 他是一个先进工作者。2 new and not yet generally accepted 新的: We can hardly accept his advanced ideas. 我们难以接受他的新观点。**advanced in years** old 年老: He is advanced in years. 他年事已高。

advantage [əd'vɑːntɪdʒ, əd'væntɪdʒ] *n* 1 sth giving a great chance of success 优势, 有利条件: He has the advantage of a good education. 他有受过良好教育的有利条件。2 profit, benefit 利益, 好处: It would be to your advantage to agree to his demands. 同意他的要求会对你有好处。**have the advantage of** be in a better position than 胜过: He had the advantage of his antagonist. 他胜过他的对手。**have an advantage over** have a greater chance of success than 优于: You have an advantage over me. You know English. 你比我强, 你懂英语。**take advantage of** make use of 利用, 趁机: They took advantage of the occasion to make trouble. 他们趁机捣乱。

adventure [əd'ventʃə] *n* 1 exciting and possibly dangerous activity 冒险行动: Have you read *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*? 你看过《汤姆·索亚历险记》吗? 2 unusual experience 奇遇: I told them of my adventures in the mountains. 我给他们讲了我在山里的奇遇。

advertisement [əd'vɜːtɪsmənt, ,ædvə'taɪzmənt] (略 ad [æd]) *n* public notice offering or asking for goods, services, etc 广告: If you want to sell the house, put an advertisement in the newspaper. 如果你想把房子卖掉, 就在报上登个广告。

advice [əd'vaɪs] *n* 1 opinion given about what to do or how to be-

have 意见, 忠告: I asked the doctor for his advice. 我征求了医生的意见。2 (复) letters, notices, reports, etc 信件, 报道, 消息: They often receive advices from foreign countries. 他们收到国外的消息。

advisable [əd'vaizəbl̩] *a* 1 that is advised or thought best to do 可取的: It is advisable that you leave now. 你们宜现在就走。2 wise 明智的: Extreme caution is advisable. 极端小心是明智的。

advise [əd'vaiz] *v* 1 give advice to 劝告, 忠告: I advised him to stay at home. 我劝他留在家里。2 suggest 建议: We advise that they should start early. 我们建议他们早点出发。3 inform 通知: Please advise me of any change of address. 如地址有变, 请告知。

aeroplane 见 **airplane**

affair [ə'feə] *n* 1 sth (to be) done 事情: Mind your own affairs. 别管闲事。2 event, happening 事件: We must try to forget this sad affair. 我们必须努力忘掉这一悲惨事件。3 (复) matters of public interest 事务: We are playing an important part in world affairs. 我们在世界事务中发挥着重要作用。

affect [ə'fekt] *v* 1 produce an influence on 影响: Smoking affects health. 抽烟影响健康。2 touch 感动, 打动: We were much affected by the news. 这个消息使我们大为感动。3 pretend 假装: He affected not to see her. 他假装没有看见她。

affection [ə'fekʃən] *n* 1 gentle love 爱: He had a deep affection for his wife. 他深爱他的妻子。2 fondness 喜爱: He is trying to win her affections. 他努力博得她的欢心。

afford [ə'fɔ:d] *v* 1 have enough money/time for 买得起, 付得起(钱), 花得起(时间): They couldn't afford (to take) a taxi. 他们坐不起出租汽车。I love to go on holiday but I can't afford the time. 我想去度假, 但抽不出时间。2 give, provide with 给予, 提供: Television affords pleasure to many people. 电视为许多人提供乐趣。

afraid [ə'freɪd] *a* 1 frightened, fearful 害怕: I am afraid to go

there alone. 我怕一个人到那里去。2 worried or anxious 担心; She was afraid for her children. 她担心她的孩子。3 sorry 对不起 (用于客气地表示不赞成等); I'm afraid I can't agree with you. 对不起, 我不能同意你的意见。

Africa ['æfrikə] *n* continent south of Europe and between the Atlantic and the Indian Ocean 非洲, 阿非利加洲: Africa is the second-largest continent in the world. 非洲是世界第二大洲。

African ['æfrikən] I *a* of/from/about Africa 非洲的: I've been to most African countries. 我到过大多数非洲国家。II *n* person of/from Africa 非洲人: Ali is an African. 阿里是非洲人。

after ['ɑ:ftə, 'æftə] I *prep* & *ad* following in time or order 在(……)后: He will be back after two o'clock. 他两点钟以后回来。The day after, he apologized. 第二天他道了歉。II *conj* at a later time than 在……后: She became a doctor after she graduated. 她毕业后当了医生。

afternoon [ˌɑ:ftə'nu:n, ˌæftə'nu:n] *n* period between midday and sunset 下午: We have no class this afternoon. 今天下午我们没有课。

afterward(s) ['ɑ:ftəwəd(z), 'æftəwəd(z)] *ad* later, after that 后来, 以后: Let's go to the cinema first and eat afterwards. 我们先去看电影, 然后吃饭。

again [ə'ge(i)n] *ad* 1 once more 再一次: Try again. 再试试。2 back to the original state 恢复原状: She is well again. 她已经康复。

against [ə'ge(i)nst] *prep* 1 in opposition to 反对: Are you for or against the proposal? 你赞成还是反对这个提议? 2 in contrast to 和……相比: The salaries here are low (as) against the rate elsewhere. 这儿的薪水比其他地方低。3 having as a background 在……衬托下: Her red clothes stood out clearly against the snow. 她的红衣服在雪地衬托下非常醒目。4 touching, esp for support 紧靠着, 倚在: A piano stood against the wall. 靠墙放着一架钢琴。

age [eidʒ] *n* 1 length of time a person has lived or a thing has existed 年龄: What's your age? 你年纪多大? 2 period of history 时代: He was one of the greatest men of his age. 他是那个时代最伟大的人物之一。 3 long time 长时间: It's been ages/an age since we met. 我们已经很久没有见面了。 *v* become old 变老: He's aged a lot recently. 他近来老了很多。

agency ['eidʒənsi] *n* office or place of a person who represents a business 代办处: The large firm has agencies all over the world. 这家大公司在世界各地都有代办处。

agent ['eidʒənt] *n* person who acts for or represents another 代理人, 代表: He is my agent while I am absent. 我不在时他代表我。

aggressive [ə'gresiv] *a* 1 apt or ready to attack 好斗的, 爱寻衅的: His manner is slightly aggressive. 他的态度有点咄咄逼人。 2 offensive 进攻性的, 侵略性的: This is a very good offensive weapon. 这是一种很好的进攻性武器。 3 determined to win or succeed 有进取心的: You must be aggressive if you want to succeed. 你要成功就必须有进取心。

ago [ə'gəu] *adv* in the past (在)……以前: It happened a few minutes ago. 这事发生在几分钟以前。

agree [ə'gri:] *v* 1 have the same opinion 同意: She agreed with me. 她同意我的意见。 We agreed on the plan. 我们同意那个方案。 2 approve 赞成, 认可: He agreed to my idea. 他赞成我的意见。 3 get on well 和好: They will never agree. 他们绝不会和好。

agreement [ə'gri:mənt] *n* 1 state of having the same opinion 同意, 一致: We are in agreement on this matter. 我们在这个问题上意见是一致的。 2 arrangement or promise or contract made with sb 协定, 协议, 契约: They came to an agreement at last. 他们终于达成了协议。

agriculture ['ægrɪkʌltʃə] *n* practice of farming 农业: Agriculture is the base of our national economy. 农业是我国国民经济的基础。

ahead [ə'hed] *ad* forward in space or time 在前, 向前: You go ahead and tell him we're coming. 你先去告诉他我们就来。 **ahead of** in advance of 在……前: They accomplished the task ten days ahead of time. 他们提前十天完成了任务。

aid [eid] 1 *n* 1 help, support 帮助, 援助: They quickly came to our aid. 他们急忙来支援我们。 2 person or thing that helps 帮手, 帮助: She is his chief aid in the business. 她是他商业上的主要帮手。 Ⅱ *v* give help/support to 帮助, 援助: She aided him with some money. 她接济他一些钱。

aim [eim] 1 *v* 1 point or direct (a weapon) to an object 瞄准: He aimed (his gun) at the target carefully. 他(用枪)仔细瞄准目标。 2 direct one's efforts 志在, 致力: He aims to be a writer. 他立志当作家。 Ⅱ *n* 1 act of aiming 瞄准: My aim was accurate. 我瞄准得很精确。 2 purpose 目的, 目标: What's your aim in life? 你生活的目标是什么?

air [eə] 1 *n* mixture of gasses around the earth 空气: Let's go out for some fresh air. 我们出去呼吸点新鲜空气吧。 2 sky 天空: Many birds are flying in the air. 许多鸟在空中飞翔。 3 appearance or manner 神态, 表象: The town has an air of prosperity. 这城镇呈现一派欣欣向荣的景象。 **by air** in aircraft 乘/坐飞机: He likes to travel by air. 他喜欢坐飞机旅行。 **in the air** 1 in circulation 在流传: There's a rumour in the air that he is going to resign. 谣传他打算辞职。 2 uncertain 未定: Our plans are still (up) in the air. 我们的方案还悬而未决。 Ⅱ *v* 1 (cause to) become dry (使)晾干: She is airing clothes in the garden. 她在园子里晾衣服。 2 let air into 使通风: We aired the room by opening the windows. 我们打开窗户使屋里通风。 3 make known 发表(意见等): She is fond of airing her opinions. 她喜欢发表意见。

aircraft ['ækra:ft, 'ækkræft] *n* (单复同) flying machine 飞机, 飞行器: Five enemy aircraft have been shut down over the coast. 已有五架敌机在海岸上空被击落。

airline ['eəlain] *n* business that offers regular service of carrying