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- macabre** [mə'kɑ:bə] adj. 骇人的, 可怖的 (grim and horrible; gruesome; ghastly)
(记) 来自法语, 原指“骷髅舞蹈”
(例) a macabre nightmare
- mace** [meis] n. 权杖 (a staff used as a symbol of authority)
(记) 原意为“狼牙棒”, 以狼牙棒取得政权, 用权杖统治
- macerate** [ˈmæsəreit] v. 浸软 (to soften by soaking in liquid for some time), 消瘦 (to cause to grow thin)
(记) 直接来自拉丁文 macerate (泡软)
(例) flax macerated in water (水中泡过的亚麻)
- machination** [mæki'neɪʃən] n. 阴谋 (an artful or secret plot or scheme, esp. one with evil intent; plot); v. machinate.
(记) machin (计划, 制造) + ation → 阴谋
参考: machinery (机器)
- mackintosh** [ˈmækintɔʃ] n. 雨衣 (a waterproof outer coat; raincoat), 防水胶布 (the fabric made by cementing layers of cloth with rubber)
(记) 来自人名 Macintosh, 是防水胶布发明者
- macrocosm** [ˈmækrəkɔzm] n. 宇宙 (the great world; the universe), 宏观世界 (any large complex entity opposed to microcosm)
(记) macro (大) + cosm (宇宙) → 大宇宙
同根词: macrobiotic (长寿的); macroclimate (大气候)
- maddening** [ˈmædniŋ] adj. 使人恼火的, 令人气恼的
- madrigal** [ˈmædrɪɡl] n. 抒情短诗, 情歌, 合唱曲

- maelstrom** (记)西班牙首都马德里(Madrid) + gal
[ˈmeɪlstrəm] n. 大漩涡 (any large or violent whirlpool), 大混乱 (a violently confused or dangerously agitated state of mind, emotion, affairs, etc)
(记)mael(=mal 坏) + strom(水流, 旋转)
(例)the maelstrom of thinking(思想上的极端混乱)
- maestro** [mɑːˈɛstrou, ˈmaɪstrou] n. 音乐大师(a master in any art; esp. a great composer, conductor)
(记)意大利语, 等于 master
(例)The maestro spent his extra time teaching children how to play the violin.
- magenta** [mæˈdʒɛntə] n./adj. 紫红色(的染料)(purplish red)
(记)源自意大利一城镇 Magenta, 1598 年在此发现紫红色染料
- magisterial** [mædʒɪstrəl] adj. 有权威的(authoritative; official), 威风的(domineering, pompous; masterful)
(记)magister(=master 主人) + ial→主人的→有权威的
同根词: magistry(特效药, 权威)
- magistrate** [ˈmædʒɪstrɪt] n. 地方保安官(a minor official with limited judicial powers, as a justice of the peace or judge of a police court)
(记)magistr(主人) + ate→作主人→地方官
(例)The magistrate performed the wedding ceremony.
- magistracy** [ˈmædʒɪstrəsi] n. 地方保安官的职位(the position, office, function, or term of a magistrate)
- magnanimous** [mæɡˈnæniməs] adj. 宽宏大量的, 慷慨的(noble in mind, high-souled, esp. generous in overlooking

- injury or insult; rising above pettiness or meanness)
 (记)magn(大) + anim(生命, 心胸) + ous → 大的心胸
 同根词: equanimity(沉着, 镇静)
- magnate** ['mæɡneɪt] n. 财主, 巨头(a very important or influential person in any field of activity, esp. in a large business)
 (例)The board of directors accused the oil magnate of fraud.
- magnetism** ['mæɡnɪtɪzəm] n. 磁性(the condition of being magnetic), 吸引力(power to attract; personal charm of allure)
 (记)来自 magnet(吸铁石) + ism
 (例)The senator's magnetism propelled him to the White House.
- magnify** ['mæɡnɪfaɪ] v. 放大(to make greater in size, status, or importance; enlarge), 赞美(to glorify; praise; extol)
 (记)magn(大) + ify → 变大, 放大
 (例)The scientist magnified the image so that she could study it better.
- magnification** [ˌmæɡnɪfɪ'keɪʃən] n. 放大, 扩大
- magniloquent** [mæɡnɪləkwənt] adj. 夸张的(lofty, pompous, or grandiose in speech or style of expression)
 (记)magni(大) + loqu(话) + ent → 说大话 → 夸张的
- magnitude** ['mæɡnɪtju:d] n. 重要(greatness), 星球的光亮度(a number representing the apparent brightness of a celestial body)
 (记)magn(大) + itude(状态) → 大的状态 → 巨大, 重大

- (例)Some stars have a variable magnitude and appear much brighter now and then.
- magpie** [ˈmæɡpaɪ] n. 鹊, 饶舌的人 (a person who chatters; a person who collects odds and ends)
- maim** [meɪm] v. 使残废 (to deprive of the use of some necessary part of the body; cripple; mutilate; disable; mangle;)
(记)和 main(主要的)一起记
(例)After the car accident she was maimed for life.
- makeshift** [ˈmeɪkʃɪft] n./ adj. 权宜之计(的), 代用品 (a thing that will do for a while as a substitute; temporary expedient)
(记)组合词: make(作) + shift(转移, 改变)
(例)Buttons were the child's makeshifts for toys.
- maladroit** [mæləˈdrɔɪt] n. 笨拙的 (awkward; clumsy, bungling)
(记)mal(坏) + adroit(灵巧的)→不灵巧的
(例)The mayor's maladroit handling of the press conference affected his public image.
- malapropism** [ˈmæləˈprɒpɪzəm] n. 字的误用 (ludicrous misuse of words, esp. through confusion caused by resemblance in sound)
(记)mal(坏) + approp(恰当) + ism→用字不恰当; 源自 Malaprop, 爱尔兰喜剧《情敌》中的人物马勒普太太, 以荒唐地误用词语而出名
- malcontent** [ˈmælkəntent] n. 不满分子, 反抗者 (a discontented, issatisfied, or rebellious person)
- malcontented** adj. 不满的 (discontented, dissatisfied, or rebellious)
(例)The citizens were generally malcontented with government in general.
- malediction** [mæləˈdɪkʃən] n. 诅咒

- (记) male(坏) + dict(说) + ion → 说坏话 → 诅咒
参考: benediction(祝福)
- malevolent** [mə'levələnt] adj. 有恶意的, 恶毒的 (wishing evil or harm to others; having or showing ill will; malicious)
(记) male(恶) + vol(意念) + ent → 恶意的
同根词: benevolent(好意的); volition(选择, 决定)
(例) The dictator pursued his malevolent plan.
- malfunction** [ˈmælfʌŋʃən] v. 发生故障 (to fail to function in a normal or satisfactory manner); n. 故障, 障碍 (failure of this sort)
(记) mal(坏) + function(功能) → 功能不好 → 故障
(例) A computer malfunction destroyed the company's records.
- malice** [ˈmælis] n. 恶意 (active ill will; desire to harm another or to do mischief; spite)
(例) Bob felt a lot of malice toward his sloppy roommate.
- malicious** [mə'liʃəs] adj. 恶意的, 怨毒的 (having, showing or caused by malice; spiteful; intentionally mischievous or harmful)
(记) mal(恶, 坏) + ice → 恶意
(例) Some malicious person slashed my car tires.
- malign** [mə'lain] v. 诽谤, 中伤 (to speak evil of; defame; slander; traduce); adj. 邪恶的 (evil; baleful; sinister)
(记) mal(坏) + ign → 坏的, 邪恶的
参考: benign(仁慈的)
- malignant** [mə'lignənt] adj. 恶毒的, 充满恨意的 (wishing evil; very malevolent or malicious)
(例) The malignant appearance of the old house

- frightened us.
- malignity** [mə'liɡniti] n. 邪恶, 恶毒 (persistent, intense ill will or desire to harm others; great malice)
- malingering** [mə'liŋgə] v. 装病以逃避工作 (to pretend to be ill or otherwise incapacitated in order to escape duty or work; shirk)
(记)mal(坏) + linger(逗留, 偷懒)→装病
参考: malingerer(装病逃避工作的人)
(例) The second time the soldier malingered, he was forced to clean all the toilets.
- malleable** [ˈmæliəbl̩] adj. 可塑的 (that can be hammered, pounded or pressed into various shapes without breaking), 易改变的 (capable of being changed, molded; adaptable; pliable)
(记)malle(= malleus 锤子) + able→可锤打的, 可变的
参考: malleate(锻, 锤薄), mallet(木锤)
(例) Tom is very malleable, and I can get him to do anything I want.
- mallet** [ˈmælit] n. 木槌, 大头锤 (a kind of hammer, usually with a heavy wooden head and a short handle, for driving a chisel, etc.)
- malnutrition** [ˌmælnju:'triʃən] n. 营养不良 (inadequate nutrition, resulting from insufficient food, improper diet, etc)
(记)mal(坏) + nutrition(营养)→营养不良
(例) Malnutrition is a serious global problem.
- malodorous** [mə'lɔ:dərəs] adj. 有臭味的, 不合法的 (having a bad odor, stinking)
(记)mal(坏) + odor(气味) + ous→气味极坏的
- maltreat** [ˌmælt'ri:t] v. 虐待 (to treat roughly or unkindly; abuse)

- (记)mal(坏) + treat(对待)→虐待; n. maltreatment
- mammal** [ˈmæml] n. 哺乳动物
(记)mamilla(乳房) + al→哺乳动物
参考:mamilla(乳头); mammalogy(哺乳动物学)
(例)Whales and dolphins are marine mammals.
- manacle** [ˈmænəkl] n. 手铐(a handcuff; fetter or shackle for the hand; any restraint)
(记)man(手) + acle(东西)→带在手上的东西→手铐
- mandate** [ˈmændeɪt] n. 命令, 指令(an authoritative order or command, esp. a written one); v. 批准(to assign as a mandate)
(记)mand(命令) + ate→命令
参考:command(指挥)
(例)The government has mandated a balanced budget.
- mandatory** [ˈmændətəri] adj. 命令的, 强迫的(authoritatively commanded or required; obligatory)
(例)Many colleges have mandatory foreign-language requirements.
- maneuver** [məˈnu:və] v./n. (军队)调遣(a planned and controlled tactical or strategic movement of troops, warships, aircrafts); 策略, 操纵(any movement or procedure intended as a skillful or shrewd step toward some objective; stratagem; artifice; scheme; trick)
(记)man(手) + euvre→用手来做→操纵, 调动
(例)The driver maneuvered the truck through the narrow alley.
- maneuverable** adj. 可移动的, 可操纵的
- mangle** [ˈmæŋgl] v. 撕成碎片, 压碎(to mutilate or disfig-

- ure by repeatedly and roughly cutting, tearing, hacking, or crushing; maim)
 (记)和 mangle(混合)一起记(mangle sth. then mingle it, 把东西压碎再混合)
 (例)My kite was mangled when it blew into the tree.
- mania** [ˈmeɪnjə] n. 癫狂(wild or violent mental disorder), 狂热(an excessive, persistent enthusiasm, craving or interest; obsession; craze; delirium; frenzy; hysteria)
 (记)man(疯狂) + ia(病)→狂热
 参考:kleptomania(盗窃狂); bibliomania(爱书癖)
- maniacal** [məˈniækəl] adj. 发狂的(wildly insane; raving), 狂热的(characterized by excessive or persistent enthusiasm)
- manifest** [ˈmænɪfɛst] adj. 明白的(to make clear or evident, show plainly; reveal; evince); v. 载货清单(an itemized list of a ship's cargo, to be shown to customs officials)
 (记)mani(手) + fest(打)→用手公开打→公开的, 明了的, 尤其要记住“载货清单”一意
 (例)The audience screamed when the ghost manifested itself behind the actor.
- manifesto** [məˈnɪfɛstəʊ] n. 宣言, 声明(a public declaration of motives and intentions by a government)
- manifold** [ˈmænɪfəʊld] adj. 繁多的(having many and various forms, features, parts, etc), 多种的(of many sorts)
 (记)mani(= many 许多) + fold(折叠, 层次)→多种的
 (例)The newlywed couple received manifold blessings of their friends and relatives.

- manipulative** [mə'nɪpjʊlətɪv] adj. 操纵别人的, 老于世故的 (to manage or control artfully or by shrewd use of influence often in an unfair or fraudulent way)
(记)来自 manipulate(熟练地操作, 使用); manip-
ul(用手做)
(例)a manipulative woman
- mannequin** [mænɪkɪn] n. 时装模特儿(a woman whose work is modeling clothes in stores etc), 假人(a model of human body, used by tailors, window dressers, artists, etc.)
(记)来自 manikin(矮子, 人体模型), man(人) +
ikin(小东西)→小人; 分割记忆: manner(风度) +
quine 看作 queen(女王)→有风度的女王→时装模
特儿
(例)This outfit looked good on the mannequin but
not on me.
- mansion** [ˈmænjən] n. 公馆(a manor house), 大厦(a large imposing house; stately residence)
(记)来自 manse(牧师住宅, 大厦) + ion→大厦
- mantle** [ˈmæntl] n. 披风, 斗篷(a loose sleeveless cloak or cape); v. 覆盖(to cover as with a mantle, envelop; cloak)
(例)Snow mantles the heights.(雪覆盖着高地)
- manumit** [mænju'mɪt] v. 解放(奴隶)(to free from slavery; liberate a slave)
(记)manu(手) + mit(放)→把手放掉→解放
同根词: manual(手工的); manufacture(制造)
- manuscript** [ˈmænjuskɪpt] n. 手稿(a written or typewritten document or paper, esp. the copy of an author's work that is submitted to a publisher or printer), 手抄本(a book or document written by hand esp. before the invention of printing)

- (记)manu(手) + script(写)→手写稿
 (例)One of the poet's original manuscripts was auctioned for a high price.
- maple** [ˈmeɪpl] n. 枫树
 (记)分割记忆:map(地图) + le
- mar** [mɑː] v. 破坏, 损伤(to injure or damage so as to make imperfect, less attractive. etc.; spoil; impair; disfigure)
 (例)The noise marred the peace of the night.
- maraud** [mərəʊd] v. 抢劫, 掠夺(to rove in search of plunder; to raid; plunder; pillage)
 (记)分割记忆:mar(野兔) + ud(看作 under)→野兔在下面吃东西→掠夺, 抢劫
 (例)The Roman Empire was attacked by marauding Goths and Huns. (罗马帝国遭受到处抢劫的哥特人和匈奴人的攻击)
- mare** [mæ] n. 母马(a fully mature female horse, mule, donkey, burro. etc)
- margarine** [ˈmɑːdʒəriːn] n. 人造黄油(a spread or cooking fat made of refined vegetable oils processed to the consistency of butter, often churned with pasteurized milk)
 (记)联想记忆:人名 margaret(玛格丽塔) + ine
 (例)I spread margarine onto my toast.
- marginal** [ˈmɑːdʒɪnəl] adj. 书页空白处的(written or printed in the margin of a page or sheet), 不重要的(limited, minimal)
 (记)来自 margin(边缘) + al
 (例)a matter of marginal importance
- marine** [məˈriːn] adj. 海的(of the sea or ocean), 海中的(inhabiting, found in, or formed by the sea)
 (例)Lobsters and dolphins are kinds of marine ani-

- mariner** [ˈmærinə] n. 水手, 海员 (a sailor; seaman)
 (记) mar(海) + ine(海的)
 同根词: submarine(潜水艇); mariculture(水产养殖)
 (例) A few weary mariners relaxed on the deck of the ship.
- marionette** [mæriənɛt] n. 木偶 (a puppet or little jointed figure made to look like a person or animal and moved by strings or wires from above, often on a miniature stage)
 (记) marion(= Mary) + ette(小东西) → 小玛丽 → 木偶
- marital** [ˈmæritl] adj. 婚姻的 (of marriage, matrimonial; connubial)
 (记) marit(= marriage 婚姻) + al → 婚姻的, 夫妻的
 参考: marriage(嫁妆)
 (例) The happy couple lived in marital bliss.
- marrow** [ˈmæərəu] n. 骨髓 (the soft, vascular, fatty tissue that fills the cavities of most bones), 精华 (the innermost, essential, or choicest part; pith)
 (记) 可以和 narrow(狭窄的)一起记
 (例) the pith and marrow of Marxism
- marsh** [mɑ:ʃ] n. 沼泽地, 湿地 (a tract of low, wet, soft land, characterized by aquatic, grasslike vegetation; swamp; bog; morass)
 (记) 注意不要和 march(行军)相混
 (例) I paddled my canoe through the marsh.
- marsupial** [mɑ:ʃju:piəl] n. /adj. 有袋动物(的)
- martinet** [mɑ:tiːnet] n. 要求严格纪律的人 (any very strict disciplinarian or stickler for rigid regulations)

- (记)来自人名 Martinet, 17 世纪法国路易十四世时的军事教官
- martyr** [ˈmɑ:tə] n. 烈士, 殉道者 (any of those persons who choose to suffer or die rather than give up their faith or principles)
(记)分割记忆: mar(损伤), tyr 看作 tyre(轮胎), 在轮胎下损伤
(例)The pope declared the martyr to be a saint.
- mash** [mæʃ] v. 捣成糊状
(例)mashed apples (苹果泥)
- mask** [mɑ:sk] n. 假面具 (a covering for the face to conceal the identity); v. 隐藏(感情) (to conceal or cover with or as with a mask)
(例)His smile masked his anger.
- mason** [ˈmeɪsn] n. 石工, 石匠 (a person whose work is building with stone, brick concrete, etc)
(例)The masons completed the brick wall in only two days.
- masonry** [ˈmeɪsnri] n. 石工技术 (the trade or art of a mason), 石屋 (something built, as by a mason. of stone, brick. concrete, etc)
(例)The masonry showed great skill and care.
- masquerade** [ˈmæskə'reɪd] n. 化装舞会 (a ball or party at which masks and fancy costumes or disguises are worn); v. 伪装 (to live or act under false pretenses)
(记)masque(=假面具) + rade
(例)He got a free ticket to the play by masquerading as a friend of the actors.
- massacre** [ˈmæsəkə] n. 大屠杀 (the indiscriminate, merciless killing of a number of human beings; slaughter), 大败 (an overwhelming defeat, as in sports)

- (记) *massa* (= smash 粉碎) + *dre* (= neck) → 打碎脖子 → 屠杀; 分割记忆: *mass* (大批) + *acre* (英亩) → 把人大批在英亩(田地)里杀害
(例) The horrendous massacre was condemned by the United Nations.
- massive** [ˈmæsɪv] adj. 巨大的 (large and imposing, large-scale, extensive), 粗重的 (big and solid; bulky, ponderous)
(记) *mass* (体积) + *ive* → 体积大的 → 巨大的
(例) Congress tried to reduce the massive national debt.
- mast** [mɑːst] n. 船桅, 旗杆 (a tall spar or now often a hollow metal structure, used to support the sails, and radio equipment, etc; any vertical pole, as in a crane or derrick)
(例) The heavy winds cracked the ship's mast.
- masticate** [ˈmæstəkeɪt] v. 咀嚼 (to chew up food, etc.), 把…磨成浆 (to grind, cut, or knead [rubber etc] to a pulp)
(记) *mast* (乳房) + *icate* → 原指小孩吃奶 → 咀嚼
同根词: *mastitis* (乳腺炎); *mastodon* (乳齿象)
- matador** [ˈmætədɔː] n. 斗牛士 (a bull fighter)
(例) The bull tossed the matador into the air.
- materialize** [məˈtɪəriəlaɪz] v. 赋予形体 (to give material form; represent in material form), 实现 (to become fact, develop into sth real or tangible)
(记) *material* (材料, 物质) + *ize* → 物质化 → 使具体化
(例) materialize an idea in words (用语言体现思想)
- matriarchy** [ˈmeɪtriɑːki] n. 母权制 (a form of social organization in which the mother is recognized as the head)

- of the family or tribe), 妇女统治 (domination by woman)
 (记)matri(母) + archy(统治)
 同根词:matriculate(录取入学); matron(妻子, 主妇)
- matrix** [ˈmeɪtrɪks] n. 模子 (that within which something originates, takes form. or develops), 矩阵 (a set of numbers or terms arranged in rows and columns between parentheses or double lines)
 (记)matr(母) + ix, 原指“子宫”, 引申为模子和矩阵
- mattress** [ˈmætrɪs] n. 床垫
 (记)来自 mat(席子, 草席) + tress; 分割记忆: mat + tress(头发)
 (例) I have back problems, so I sleep on a very firm mattress.
- maturity** [məˈtʃʊərɪti] n. 成熟 (fully grown or developed)
 (例) The maturity of the fruit can be judged by the color of its skin.
- maudlin** [ˈmɔːdlɪn] adj. 感情脆弱的, 爱哭的 (foolishly or weakly sentimental)
 (记)来自人名 Maudalene, 常被描绘成哭泣的典型形象
- maul** [mɔːl] v. 撕裂皮肉, 伤害 (to injure by beating or bearing bruise of; lacerate; beat)
 (例) The hunter was mauled by a lion and badly hurt.
- maverick** [ˈmævərɪk] n. 独行者, 想法与众不同的人 (a person who takes an independent stand as in politics, refusing to conform to that of a party or group)
 (记)来自人名 Maverick, 19 世纪得克萨斯州大牧场主, 其牲畜皆不烙印

- (例)The maverick was admired by some for holding to his own beliefs.
- mawkish** [ˈmɔːkɪʃ] adj. 自作多情的(sentimental in a weak, insipid way, so as to be sickening), 令人作呕的(insipid or nauseating)
(记)可能来自 maw(牛胃) + kish→令人作呕的
(例)mawkish verses(无病呻吟的诗句)
- maxim** [ˈmæksɪm] n. 格言, 普遍真理(a concisely expressed principle or rule of conduct)
(记)maxim 作为词根是“大、高”的意思, 如maximal(最大的), maximum(最大量)
(例)Grandpa always gave advice in the form of maxims.
- mayhem** [ˈmeɪhɛm] n. 严重伤害罪(the offense of maiming a person, the intentional mutilation of another's body)
(记)和 maim(伤残)有关; 分割记忆: may + hem
(边缘)
(例)The violent criminal was charged with mayhem.
- maze** [meɪz] n. 迷宫(a confusing, intricate network of winding pathways; labyrinth)
(记)不要和 maize(玉米)相混
(例)It's easy to get lost in Boston's maze of streets.
- meadow** [ˈmɛdəu] n. 草地(a piece of grassland, esp. one whose grass is grown for use as hay), 牧草场(low, level grassland near a stream, lake, etc.)
(例)The grazing sheep stayed in the meadow.
- meager** [ˈmiːgə] adj. 贫乏的(of poor quality or small amount; inadequate), 消瘦的(thin; lean; emaciated)