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P 前言 Preface *

看到这本书的名字,您或许会生出一个大大的疑问:15篇文章贯通4级词汇,可能吗?

词汇是英语学习的基础,词汇记忆是广大读者最感头痛的问题。对于词汇记忆,历来有两种截然不同的观点:

一说单纯背单词。单纯背单词,的确可以迅速扩大词汇量,短时间内取得突破,但是这样记忆单词,缺少语境理解,枯燥乏味,让人视若畏途。

二说通过阅读记单词。通过阅读记单词,的确克服了死记硬背、缺乏语境的弊病,但这样泛泛的阅读,要读多少文章才能碰上新要求上的词汇?考试临近,往往只能感叹远水不解近渴。

要是有少量的几篇文章,涵盖新要求上的词汇,那岂不是既可语境理解,又能迅速扩充,两全其美、皆大欢喜了?

您手中的这本《星火·贯通英语》(4级),则避两说之短而取两说之长,优势互补。它精选少量自然地道美文,基本涵盖新要求中的4级词汇,将独具特色的星火式记忆法和寓记于读的自然学习理念完美结合,开创单词记忆的全新境界,为您开启快速扩充词汇与语境理解珠联璧合的神奇之门。我们相信,读完本书您一定会受到一次小小的震撼的!

精选美文地道自然

15篇美文由外籍专家反复筛选、反复润色、呕心沥血而成,语言地道,情节跌宕,趣味盎然,完全克服了有些类似图书为涵盖新要求中的词汇而生拼硬凑,读来无趣嚼来无味的弊病。

新要求词汇基本涵盖

本书根据教育部最新颁布的《大学英语课程教学要求》(以下简称《课程要求》)的新词条、新释义、新短语编写而成,新增4级词汇在头词的右上方用“★”标注。新要求中的4级词汇,83.6%均包含在15篇文章中(索引可核查),未包含

的词汇列在书后附录中,有效涵盖,迅速突破。

星火记忆完美渗透

单靠阅读并不能记住所有的生词。对每篇文章中所含新要求词汇融入记忆效果显著的星火式记忆法,帮您突破记忆难点。星火记忆法为语境理解锦上添花,而语境理解又使星火记忆法如虎添翼。两者优势互补,相得益彰。

分段学习轻松惬意

每篇文章还根据情节内容、叙事节奏合理划分为两个小的部分,每小部分后列出所含新要求词汇,从而使得本来就趣味横生的美文变得更加小巧玲珑、跌宕有姿,本来就已经语境活泼、不复生硬的词汇再一次化整为零,轻松易记。

专业配音听读结合

心理专家说:人的记忆中,25%来源于视觉,15%来源于听觉,两者结合则可达到65%的效果。因此,我们将每篇文章都配上美籍专业人士的朗读,让您听读结合,词汇、阅读、听说,三位一体,同步提高。

考点精点一次过关

对每篇文章中所含新要求词汇的主要搭配、关键词组、同义辨异等考点详细分析,并遴选历届真题、典型试题,让您边记边练,系统过关。

多位外籍专家精心选编、多位国内知名教授倾情参与,顶尖智慧强强碰撞,中西理念珠联璧合,我们相信,本书比任何一本词汇手册更活泼有趣,比任何一本读物更快捷高效。本书将是星火英语奉献给大家的世纪词汇精品,是向传统英语学习发起的全新挑战。

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使用说明 Directions *

1. 本书为《星火·贯通英语—15 篇文章贯通 4 级词汇》，供大学低年级学生使用。

2. 全书分 15 个单元，每一单元由课文、词汇学习与记忆、练习与答案、听说等部分组成。

3. 为方便阅读，课文采用英汉对照形式，课文中 4 级外的生词直接在文中标注中文释义。4 级内的词汇单列词表，但这里列出的仅限于在本课中的对应词性及释义。为了便于系统学习、全面掌握，后面词汇学习与记忆部分列出了它们的重点释义，对其考点逐一解析，同时融入星火式记忆法帮助突破记忆难点。

4. 由于本书融入了星火式记忆法，所以有些词在文章中正式出现之前可能在前面其他词汇的讲解中已联系着讲到了，这样，在该词正式出现时，书中标注了“详见?页”，方便迅速查找。

读者直接阅读文章可能有一定的难度，建议先预习生词，进行初步的词汇学习之后再读文章。

5. 万事开头难。如果开始阅读时感到吃力，请不要放弃。正确的方法，加上坚强的毅力，相信您一定会成功！建议读者根据自己英语水平参考下表安排学习进程：

读者的英语水平	学习进程安排	累计过关时间
低	7 天 1 课	100 天
中	5 天 1 课	75 天
高	每周 2 课	50 天

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Part 1

Unfortunately, a **crime** was about to be **committed** but at that moment Lesley was **unaware** of the impending(即将发生的, 迫近的) event, which would **affect** her life so drastically(极端地, 彻底地) for the next two years.

For the moment at least, her holiday at the cottage had been **ideal**. She had spent many **idle** hours **relaxing** on the **deck**, reading, eating a sandwich when she was hungry and in the evening watching the sky turn from **brilliant** orange to **peach** and **finally** to pale **purple**, eventually the light becoming **dim**. It was about this time that the mist would begin to rise from the cool water hiding in the **dense** forest that hugged(环绕, 拥抱) the shoreline(海岸线). Late evening dew(露水) glistened(闪耀, 反光) on every bush and soon the loons'(潜鸟) call would resound(回响) across the water. She decided to take one last **dip** in the lake. As the cool night air touched her arms, she gave a little **shiver** and decided it was time to move inside.

This was to be her last evening alone as Jeff, her **former mate**, would be returning Zac to her early in the morning. As the case in many marriages these days, problems had **arisen** between Lesley and Jeff, but they did not **extend** to Zac. He was a good **kid**, just entering **kindergarten**. The couple had come to a **mutual agreement**, as **dictated** by the **legal** custody(监管, 保管) agreement. It stated that each parent would share Zac's care every second weekend and this had been her weekend to be alone.

Jeff was an **architect**, with a high-**profile reputation**, who worked in downtown Toronto, a **partner** in a **private corporation** which **mostly** did **consultant** work for the university. Lesley's company had been hired to **advertise** the new science **complex** in order to raise corporate(公司的) money for the **proposed** building. She liked her work and she **harbored** a secret **ambition** to manage her **division** of

一项犯罪就要得逞了。而不幸的是，就在那时，莱斯利对即将发生的事一点儿也没有察觉。这件事彻底改变了她此后两年的生活。

至少那个时候，她在小别墅的假期还是很惬意的。她在平台上度过了很多闲适轻松的时光，读书，饿了吃块三明治；晚上，看着天空由鲜橙色变为桃红色，然后变为淡紫色，最后光线终于暗淡下来。就在这时，薄雾开始从隐藏在环绕岸边的密林里的冷水中升起；再晚些，灌木上的露珠开始闪烁，不久，潜水鸟的叫声就会在水面上回荡起来。她决定在湖里最后再泡一会儿。当她的手臂触到夜晚凉爽的空气时，不禁有些发抖，于是她决定该是回到屋里去的时候了。

这是她在家中独处的最后一个晚上，因为她的前夫杰夫会在早上把扎克送回来。与当时许多婚姻情况一样，莱斯利和杰夫之间出现了很多问题，但并未影响到扎克。他是个好孩子，刚刚上幼儿园。他们达成了一个依法监护的协议，协议规定双亲每两个周末轮换照顾孩子，这是她独处的周末。

杰夫是个建筑师，名声很大，在多伦多市区工作，是一家私人公司的合伙人，该公司主要为大学做咨询工作。莱斯利的公司已经接下了为新的科学综合大楼做广告的工作，以便为计划中的大楼筹集合作基金。她喜欢她的工作，并且心怀抱负：有一天她要管理这个部门。

unfortunately *ad.* 不幸地

crime *n.* 罪行

commit *vt.* 犯(罪)

unaware *a.* 不知道的

affect *v.* 影响

ideal *a.* 完美的

idle *a.* 闲散的

relax *v.* 放松

deck *n.* (房屋的)露天平台

brilliant *a.* 灿烂的

peach *n.* 桃红色

finally *ad.* 最后

purple *n./a.* 紫色(的)

dim *a.* 暗淡的

dense *a.* 稠密的

dip *n.* 浸渍

shiver *n.* 发抖

former *a.* 以前的

mate *n.* 配偶

arise *vi.* 出现

extend *v.* 延伸

kid *n.* 小孩

kindergarten *n.* 幼儿园

mutual *a.* 共同的

agreement *n.* 一致

dictate *v.* 命令

legal *a.* 合法的

architect *n.* 建筑师

profile *n.* 轮廓

reputation *n.* 名声

partner *n.* 合伙人

private *a.* 私人的

corporation *n.* 公司

mostly *ad.* 主要地

consultant *n.* 顾问

advertise /-ize *vt.* 为...做广告

complex *n.* 综合体

propose *v.* 计划

harbo(u)r *vt.* 心怀

ambition *n.* 雄心

division *n.* 部门

the company some day.

After a whirlwind(旋风般的) courtship(求爱,热恋) and a fairytale wedding the couple had settled down to an **urban** lifestyle. However, after three years and one child the dreamlike marriage came **smashing** down. One disadvantage(不利条件) of being young and **ambitious** was that both of them needed to devote untold hours to their busy **schedules**. As a result of these late hours, Lesley became suspicious(猜疑的) of Jeff's after hours activities. She **accused** him of making her part of a love **triangle**. The whole **miserable** scene was to set the proceedings(过程,诉讼,诉讼程序) for an ugly(不愉快的) **divorce** in **motion**.

Daydreaming(幻想,白日梦) about those earlier days would not help tonight. So with a **shrug** of her shoulders she **tackled** the advertising **assignment** she needed to complete. Tomorrow would be a busy day with Zac arriving home.

在一段旋风般的热恋和一个童话式的婚礼之后,夫妻俩定居下来,过起了都市生活。然而,在过了三年并有了孩子之后,这段梦幻般的婚姻开始破裂了。年轻而又雄心勃勃的不利之处,就是两个人都要把数不清的时间花在忙不完的事业上。由于经常工作到很晚,莱斯利开始怀疑杰夫工作之余的活动,她指责他让她成了三角爱情的一部分。事情发展到最痛苦的场面就是提出不愉快的离婚诉讼。

那些对最初美好时光的回忆,对今夜也无济于事。于是,她耸了耸肩,着手处理她必须完成的广告业务。明天扎克到家后,将会非常忙碌的。

urban *a.* 城市的
 smash *v.* 粉碎
 ambitious *a.* 有抱负的
 schedule *n.* 日程安排表
 accuse *vt.* 指责
 triangle *n.* 三角(形)
 miserable *a.* 痛苦的
 divorce *n.* 离婚
 motion *n.* 提议
 shrug *n.* 耸肩(表示冷漠、怀疑等)
 tackle *v.* (开始)处理
 assignment *n.* (分派的)任务



Dr. Vocabulary

文章阅读与词汇学习并行才能达到最佳记忆效果。现在,让我们利用点津式记忆法再来学习一下前面的重点词汇。

commit [kə'mit] **vt.** 犯(罪)

[搭配] commit a crime/mistake 犯罪/错: If you commit a crime you can never escape being punished. 你要是犯罪,就逃脱不了惩罚。commit suicide 自杀

aware [ə'weə] **a.** [表语] 意识到的,知道的

[助记] 警告——使警惕、小心,使意识到(危险)

[熟] warn → [根] ware

{	警惕,小心 → [生]	{	beware <i>v.</i> 谨防,当心
			wary <i>a.</i> 谨慎的
	意识到 → [生]		aware <i>a.</i> 意识到的

be aware of 意识到

I'm not aware

{	of my danger.	我不知自己身处危险中。
	that I'm in danger.	

awareness* [ə'weənɪs] [aware(意识到的)+-ness] **n.** ①意识, 觉悟: As a militarist, he must have tactical awareness. 作为一个军事家,他必须有战术意识。②懂事,明智

unaware [ʌnə'weə] **a.** [表语] 不知道的,不注意的,没觉察到的

affect [ə'fekt] [af-(=ad-向,对)+fect(=do 作,做);对...起作用 →] **v.** ①影响 ②感动: The account of her experiences as a refugee affected us deeply. 她的难民经历使我们深受感动。

[助记] [根] fect(作用) → [生] affect *v.*; effect *n.* 影响

[辨析] to **affect** sth. = to have an **effect** on sth.

(a) Smoking affects your health. =

(b) Smoking has an effect on your health.

❖ Electronic games don't have much **effect** on grown-ups but **affect** students a great deal. 电子游戏对成年人影响不大,但是对学生影响很大。

affection [ə'fekʃən] [affect(感动)+-ion] **n.** 爱,感情 (=gentle lasting love, like that of a parent for a child): He felt great affection for his sister. 他很疼爱他的妹妹。

ideal [ai'diəl] **n.** ①理想 ②理想的东西(或人) **a.** ①理想的,完美的 ②想象的,空想的

[助记] [熟] idea *n.* 想法,思想 → [生] ideal *n./a.* 理想的(的)

❖ Love is an **ideal** thing, marriage a **real** thing. (Shakespeare) 爱情是理想, 婚姻是现实。(莎士比亚)

❖ The **ideal** of life is just to live **ideally**. 生活的理想, 就是为了理想地生活。

idle ['aɪdl] **a.** ①不在工作的, 闲散的 ②懒散的, 无所事事的
vt. 虚度(光阴)

[辨异] **idle, lazy**

(1) 无事可做, 因而“闲散, 悠闲”, 英语称之为 **idle**。如: He is idle because he is out of work. 他失业了, 所以闲散着。

(2) 不愿做事, 因而“懒惰”, 英语称之为 **lazy**。如: You lazy bone, get to work! 你这个懒鬼, 干活去!

idle away 虚度(光阴)

❖ If one **idles away** his time, youth will **fade away** and life will run out on him. 谁虚度年华, 青春就要褪色, 生命就会抛弃他。(雨果)

relax [rɪ'læks] **v.** ①使松弛, 放松: Don't relax your efforts. 你不要松懈下来。②缓和, 放宽: A holiday will help you relax after your exams. 考试之后的假期有助于缓和紧张情绪。③休养, 娱乐

[助记] [形] lax 松弛的 → [动] relax (使)松弛

(a) a **lax** rope 松弛的绳子

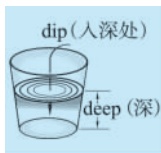
(b) She **relaxed** her grip on the rope. 她松开了握紧绳索的手。

dip [dɪp] [deep 的同源异体词] **v.** ①浸, 蘸
②下沉, 下降 **n.** 浸渍, 蘸湿

[助记] [熟] deep 深 → [生] dip [根义] 入深处

dip into ①随便翻阅, 浏览: I've only had time to dip into the report. 这份报告我只来得及浏览了一遍。

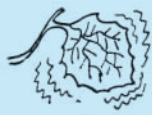
②从…中取出: The company had to dip into the reserve fund to pay for all the new equipment. 公司不得不动用储备金来支付全部新设备的费用。



shiver ['ʃɪvə] **vi. /n.** 战栗, 发抖: The thought sent a shiver down my spine. 那想法使我浑身发抖。

[助记] { [熟] shake (摇动) → [生] shiver 发抖

{ [熟] quake (震动) → [生] quiver, quaver 颤抖



quiver



shiver

【辨析】shake, quiver, shiver, tremble

这几个词都有“颤动、摇动”的含义,但用法各异:

(1) shake 表示“摇,震动,颤抖”,是日常用语,它所着重的是“摇动的动作”。

(2) quiver 表示“颤抖”,指轻微地抖动或颤动。可用于树叶、虫翼、人的嘴唇、声音等,直接用于人的情况较少。

(3) shiver 表示“战栗,发抖”,用于人,指因寒冷或恐惧紧张而引起的颤抖,这个动作常常是持续性的。

(4) tremble 表示“颤抖,颤动”,用途较广,人或物都适用,用于人时,多指因恐惧、盛怒或情感非常激动而“发抖”。

【搭配】shiver with 因...而发抖: The little girl was shivering with cold. 那小女孩冷得打哆嗦。

mate [meɪt] [根义] 匹配(的人) → [多义] *n.* ①伙伴,同事 ②配偶,配对物: choose one's mate 择偶 *v.* (使)成为配偶, (使)交配: Birds mate in spring. 鸟在春季交配。

【助记】[熟] classmate *n.* 同学 → [生] mate *n.* 匹配(的人); match *n.* 对手,匹配 *v.* 相配

kindergarten ['kɪndəˌɡɑ:rtʃn] *n.* 幼儿园

【助记】[熟] garden 花园,菜园 → [生] kindergarten [kinder (一群儿童) + garten (= garden)] *n.* 幼儿园 (= nursery school)

注意: 不要拼作 kindergarden!

mutual ['mju:tʃuəl] *a.* ①相互的,彼此的: equality and mutual benefit 平等互利 ②共同的,共有的: We look forward to working with you toward our mutual success. 我们盼望着与你们携手共进,共创成功的未来。

【辨析】mutual, reciprocal, common

(1) “Mutual is a ‘give-and-take’ word”,它所指的相互关系是双方的,如 mutual admiration = A's admiration for B and B's admiration for A, 可用下图表示:



(2) reciprocal (相互的)可以指双方,如: reciprocal love (相亲相爱); 也可以指单方面,因此可用于单数名词或代词,如: Kindness is generally reciprocal. 可用下图表示:



(3) common (共同的)指有第三者参加,它所表示的关系如下:



dictate { [dɪk'teɪt] *v.* *v.* ①口授,口述,使听写 ②命令,支配
[dɪk'teɪt] *n.* (常 *pl.*) 命令,规定

n. (常 *pl.*) 命令,规定

【助记】[熟] dictation *n.* ①听写,口述(口述而令别人写) →

②命令(口授而令别人做) → [生] dictate *v.*

(a) He dictated the passage to us. 他口述该节让我们记下。

(b) I will not be dictated by you. 我不会听你的使唤。

legal [ˈli:ɡəl] **a.** 合法的, 法律(上)的: She intends to take legal action against the company. 她打算控告那家公司。

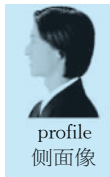
[助记] [根] leg(=law) → [生] legal 合法的; illegal 非法的; legislation 法律, 法规(=a law or a set of laws)

[辨析] **legal, lawful**

(1) Any action which is allowed by law is **legal**. 法律所允许的任何行为都是 **legal** (合法的): It is **legal** for people over 18 to buy alcohol. 18 岁以上的人买酒是合法的。 **Legal** also means “connected with the law”. **legal** 还作“与法律有关”解: the **legal** profession 法律专业。

(2) **Lawful** means “existing according to law” and suggests that the law has moral or religious force. **lawful** 意指“根据法律而存在的”, 并含有该法律具有道德和宗教约束力的意思: a **lawful** marriage 合法婚姻 / your **lawful** king 你们的合法国王。

profile [ˈprəʊfaɪl] [pro-(朝前) + file(线条, 纵列); 纵面朝前的线条 →] **n.** ①(面部或头部的)侧面(像) → ②轮廓, 外形 ③传略, 人物简介 **vt.** ①为…描绘(轮廓等) → ②写…的传略(或概况)



profile
侧面像

[助记] 类比:

line 线 → outline 外形, 轮廓, 概要

file 线 → profile 侧面(像), 轮廓, 传略

private [ˈpraɪvɪt] **a.** ①私人的, 个人的 ②秘密的, 私下的

[辨析] **personal, private**

(1) **personal** “个人的”, 不一定表示隐私, 如: **personal** style 个人的风格。

(2) **private** “私人的, 秘密的”, 指完全属个人、不愿让其他人了解的, 可以说 **private** 修饰的范围窄于 **personal**。如: **private** conversation 私人会谈。

in private 在家里, 私下地(↔ **in public** 公开地)

❖ Make suggestions to your friends **in private**. Praise your friends **in public**. 劝告朋友要在无人地方, 赞扬朋友可在人多的场合。

corporation [ˌkɔ:pə'reɪʃən] [corpor(=body 体, 团体) + -ation] **n.** (有限)公司, 团体: The corporation has branch offices in several cities. 这家公司在好几个城市设有分公司。

[助记] [根] corp(or)(=body) → [生] corporate *a.* 团体的, 公司的; corporation *n.*; incorporate *vt.* 把…合并, 使并入

advertise/-ize [ˈædvətaɪz] [ad-(向) + vert(转) + -ise/-ize (使

…),本义指“使(人的注意力)转向…,使人注意到,引起注意”→ **vi.** 登广告,做广告 **vt.** 为…做广告: I advertised my house in the local newspaper. 我在当地报纸上做广告出售我的房子。

advertisement [əd'vɜ:tismənt] **n.** 广告(缩写为 ad.)

harbo(u)r ['hɑ:bə] **n.** ①(海)港,港口 ②避难所,退避处 **vi.** 停泊 **vt.** ①包庇,隐匿 → ②心怀: He harbours a wish to be a world champion. 他内心怀有当一名世界冠军的愿望。

[辨析] harbor, port, dock

(1) harbor“港口”,为避风港湾,重心在水。

(2) port“港口”,重心在陆地,包括其所在的城市,所以“港口城市”为 port city。

(3) dock为船只装卸货物的“码头”,一个 port 往往有多个 dock。

ambition [æm'biʃən] **n.** ①[褒]雄心: He filled with ambition to become famous. 他立志要成名。②[贬]野心 ③企望得到的东西

ambitious [æm'biʃəs] [ambition 的形容词] **a.** ①[褒]有雄心的 ②[贬]有野心的

❖ On the whole, **ambitious** students are more likely to succeed in their studies than are those with little **ambition**. 总的来说,有抱负的学生比那些几乎没有抱负的学生在学习上更有可能成功。

division [di'viʒən] [divide 的名词] **n.** ①分,分开 ②分配,分担 ③部门 ④除(法)

[助记] 已知: [动] decide → [名] decision

易记: [动] divide → [名] division

$$10 \div 5 = 2$$

$$10 \times 5 = 50$$

[动] divide 除

[动] multiply 乘

[名] division 除法

[名] multiplication 乘法

childish* ['tʃaɪldɪʃ] **a.** ①孩子的,孩子所特有的 ②[贬]幼稚的,傻气的

childlike* ['tʃaɪldlaɪk] **a.** ①天真的,单纯的 ②孩子般的



schedule ['skedʒʊl, 'ʃedju:l] **n.** ①时刻表,日程安排表 ②清单,明细表 **vt.** 安排,排定: I scheduled an appointment with my dentist for Friday. 我同我的牙医约定了星期五见面。

ahead of schedule 提前: We are sure to finish this job ahead of schedule if everyone does his bit. 如果每个人都尽自己的本分, 我们一定能提前完成任务。

on schedule 按时间表, 及时, 准时: We expect the work to be completed on schedule. 我们希望这项工作能按照预定时间准时完成。

accuse [ə'kju:z] [ac-(=ad-, to)+cuse(原因); 原义: 找原因, 找茬 →] **vt.** ①指控, 控告 ②指责

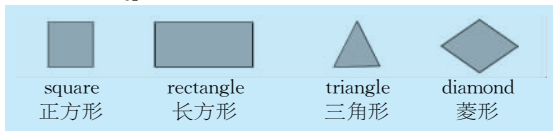
[助记] [熟] cause 原因 → [根] cuse → [生] accuse *v.* 指控; excuse *n.* 借口

注意搭配的不同

{ accuse (指控) sb. **of** (doing) sth.
 { charge (指控) sb. **with** (doing) sth.
 { accuse (指责) sb. **of** (doing) sth.
 { blame (责备) sb. **for** (doing) sth.

[派生] **accused a.** 被告的 **n.** 被告 [△通常指一人, 有时指两人以上的多数人]

triangle ['traɪəŋɡl] [tri-(=three 三)+angle(角)] **n.** 三角(形)



divorce [di'vɔ:s] **n. /vi.** 离婚 [△separation(夫妻)分居] **vt.**

①与...离婚 ②使分离

[搭配] 小结:

与...订婚 [动] be engaged (to)
 [名] engagement to
 与...结婚 [动] marry sb. /be married to
 [名] marriage to
 与...离婚 [动] divorce sb. /be divorced from
 [名] divorce from

- (1) [动] [名]都不接 with。
- (2) [动] marry, divorce 要求有直接宾语, 在没有宾语的情况下要用被动表现形式, 而 engage 无论在没有宾语还是在有宾语的情况下, 都用被动表现形式。
- (3) [名] John's **engagement to** Mary / John's **marriage to** Mary / John's **divorce from** Mary

❖ It is difficult to tell which gives some couples the most happiness, the minister who **marries** them or the judge who **divorces** them. (Little) 很难说谁为一些夫妇带来最大的幸福, 是为他们主婚的牧师, 还是判他们离婚的法官。

motion ['məʊʃən] *n.* ①(物体的)运动 ②手势,动作 ③提议,动议 *v.* (向…)打手势,以动作示意

[助记] 谐音: [汉] 马达—音译—[英] motor(发动机) → [根] mot(动,移动)

[辨异] **motion, movement**

(1) motion 主要指抽象的或科学上所讲的“运动”,与“静止”相对。如: Motion itself is a contradiction. 运动本身就是矛盾。

(2) movement 一般指具体的“动作”或政治“运动”。如: The bird plunged into the water with a swift movement. 那只鸟迅速冲进水中。 I support the Feminist Movement. 我支持女权运动。

shrug [ʃrʌg] *v.* /*n.* 耸肩(表示冷漠、怀疑、不知等)

shrug off 耸肩表示对…不屑理睬: He shrugged off their criticism. 他对他们的批评不屑一顾。

tackle ['tækl] *v.* ①(着手)对付,(开始)处理:

The police spent a long time tackling the hacker who ruined the network. 警方花了很长时间对付那个毁坏了电脑网络的黑客。 ②拦截

[助记] [熟] attack 进攻 → [生] tackle 对付,处理



assignment [ə'sainmənt] *n.* ①(分派的)任务,(布置的)作业:

His assignment was to inquire into the cause of the accident. 他的任务是调查这件意外事故的起因。 ②分配,指派

[助记] [熟] sign *n.* ①标记,符号 → ②指示,表示 → [生] assign [as-(=ad-, to) + sign(指示); 指示…到某处或给某人 →] *vt.* 分配;指派,选派 → [生] assignment *n.* 分配,指派

incomplete* [ɪnkəm'pli:t] *a.* 不完全的,不完善的,未完成的:

She gave an incomplete account of the incident. 她对那个事件作了不完整的叙述。

回头再看一遍前面的文章。如果你对这部分生词已经有较大把握,那么请进入下一个环节。

Part 2

The next day, as the morning wore on, Lesley became more and more agitated (烦躁), and her **mood** became apprehensive (忧虑的, 不安的), when Jeff did not appear. When noon hour arrived and he still had not appeared, she started making some **phone** calls. None of their mutual friends had either seen or talked with Jeff that day. Until today, Jeff had always been very **punctual** about returning the boy at the **appointed** time. Lesley felt a **knot** forming in her stomach as a crazy thought **persisted** at the back of her mind. She was **absolutely** sure something was wrong.

Jeff sat with his head **bowed**. He was undecided what to do. The **domestic arrangement** with his former wife was proving to be **awkward**. He was **frustrated** at being able to see his son only on weekends and felt he was always making **concessions** to accommodate (适应, 迁就) Lesley's work schedule. Every meeting was turning into a **competition** for the boy's **affection**. His one desire was to take Zac away for good. The **enormous** decision to **undertake** this plan appeared to be presenting itself. Today he would **depart** for a **conference** in California. This appeared to be a **marvelous opportunity** to take the boy and leave the country for good. He **bet** that he could pack **sufficient baggage** into his **vehicle** and then disappear across the **border**, gaining **entry** the US. He gave little thought to **whatsoever** of the fact that this act could lead to his **conviction** if he was tracked down by the **cops**.

Meanwhile, for Lesley the **nightmare** continued to unfold (展现, 显露) as the **reality** of the situation deepened. After 48 hours, the **spokesman** for the district police department assured her they would **investigate** Zac's disappearance. Her **faith** that **justice** would be realized was faint. The shock of the past two days' events made her realize that possibly her son would become one more **statistic** in

第二天,随着上午的时间慢慢逝去,莱斯利越来越感到不安。杰夫没有出现,她变得焦躁起来。到了中午,他还没出现,于是她开始打电话。他们共同的朋友都说那天没看见他,也没和他通过电话。以前,杰夫总是非常准时地将孩子送回来。一种不祥的想法在下意识地困扰着她,莱斯利感到恐惧。她绝对肯定是出事了。

杰夫低头坐着,他不知该做些什么。和前妻商定的对家庭的安排看来是蠢笨的,只能在周末看看儿子令他沮丧极了。为了莱斯利的工作安排,他觉得一直在迁就。每次相见都变成一场争夺“孩子到底爱谁”的竞争。他有一个心愿就是把扎克永远带走,现在就应做出实施这个计划的重大决定了。今天,他要前往加利福尼亚参加一个会议,这显然是一个带走孩子,永远离开这个国家的绝好机会。他确信他能够把足够多的行李装上车,然后跨过边境,进入美国后就消失掉。如果被警察抓住,这种行为是可以构成犯罪的,可他不再多想了。

与此同时,对于莱斯利,随着事件真相的不断深入,噩梦也在继续显现。48小时后,地区警察部门发言人向她保证,他们将对扎克的失踪展开调查。她对正义会得到伸张的信心减弱了。最近两天发生的事使她认识到,她的儿子很可能成为失踪儿童名单中增加的又一个新数

mood *n.* 心情
 phone *n.* 电话
 punctual *a.* 准时的
 appoint *vt.* 约定(时间、地点)
 knot *n.* (绳等的)结
 persist *vi.* 存留
 absolutely *ad.* 绝对地
 bow *v.* 低(头)
 domestic *a.* 家庭的
 arrangement *n.* (常 *pl.*)安排
 awkward *a.* 笨拙的
 frustrate *vt.* 使沮丧
 concession *n.* 让步
 competition *n.* 竞争
 affection *n.* 爱
 enormous *a.* 巨大的
 undertake *vt.* 着手做
 depart *vi.* 出发
 conference *n.* (正式)会议
 marvelous *a.* 不可思议的
 opportunity *n.* 良机
 bet *vt.* 确信
 sufficient *a.* 足够的
 baggage *n.* 行李
 vehicle *n.* (统称)车辆
 border *n.* 国界
 entry *n.* 进入
 whatsoever *pron.* 任何
 conviction *n.* 判罪
 cop *n.* 警察
 nightmare *n.* 噩梦
 reality *n.* 现实
 spokesman *n.* 发言人
 investigate *v.* 调查
 faith *n.* 信心
 justice *n.* 正义
 statistic *n.* 统计数据