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Part 1

Here I am, in China, half way around the world from home. As I look at my clock and **calculate** the time back home I realize that half a world away, people are busy getting ready for a wedding. The bride is my niece, a person I first met when she was three days old.

I think back to the first time I had the opportunity to become acquainted with my niece. As my sister **cradled** her in her arms, the infant girl **clashed** her mother's outstretched(伸出的) finger. My **intuition** told me that her **temperament** would be a sunny **disposition**, a joy to people around her.

As she grew, the cute little girl had an **infectious** laugh that started as a small **grin**, then became a **giggle** and grew louder and louder until it **triggered** a response from all the people around her and they joined in.

As an **adolescent**, she studied hard and enjoyed well-deserved success in secondary school as she interacted with her peer group. After receiving her high school **diploma**, she chose nursing as her career.

From the beginning of the young couple's **romance** it was evident that they were **compatible** and were completely **intrigued** with each other.

The couple had an **engagement** party when I was at home in Canada a few months ago. The party was in the form of a picnic in a beautiful rose garden. To celebrate and to toast their future, we drank **champagne**. As they posed under an **arch** covered with climbing roses, we snapped pictures for their photo album.

The couple decided on a fall wedding. Plans for the wedding day were **activated** immediately. The decisions about the **forthcoming** event were shared by the whole family. A close friend of the family was contacted and invited to sing a **solo** just prior to the ceremony. The day before

此时此刻,我身在中国,距家有半个地球的路程。在我看着钟表,算着(加拿大)家中的时间的时候,地球的另一边,家中的人们正在忙着准备一场婚礼。新娘是我的侄女。我第一次看见她时她才出生三天。

我回想起第一次有机会见到我侄女的情景。我姐姐抱着她,这个女婴紧紧抓着她母亲伸出的手指。直觉告诉我她的气质里将有一种开朗的性格,会使她周围的人快乐。

她渐渐长大,这个可爱的小女孩有着极富感染力的笑声,她先是咧嘴一笑,然后咯咯地笑,笑声越来越大,直到使她周围的人都受到感染而笑起来。

少年时期,她学习努力,在与其同龄人相处的同时享受着中学时期应有的成功。获得高中文凭后,她选择了护士这一行。

而从她与她朋友这对年轻人浪漫史的开始,就明显看得出他们是和谐的,他们彼此完全被对方吸引。

几个月前,当我还在加拿大的家中时,他们举行了订婚仪式。仪式是在一个美丽的玫瑰园里以野餐的形式举行的。我们喝香槟酒祝福他们,为他们的将来干杯。他们在铺满玫瑰的拱门下摆着姿势,我们为他们的影集拍下了不少照片。

他们决定在秋天举办婚礼。婚礼当天的计划马上开始制定。全家人都参与讨论这项即将进行的庆典。大家决定联系家里的一个好朋友,请他在婚礼开场之前独唱一曲。婚礼的前一天,将进行一

calculate *vt.* 计算
 cradle *v.* 轻轻地抱
 clasp *vt.* 抱紧
 intuition *n.* 直觉
 temperament *n.* 气质
 disposition *n.* 性格
 infectious *a.* 有感染力的
 grin *n.* 咧嘴笑
 giggle *n.* 咯咯笑
 trigger *vt.* 引起
 adolescent *n.* 青少年
 diploma *n.* 毕业文凭
 romance *n.* 恋爱
 compatible *a.* 合得来的
 intrigue *vt.* 迷住
 engagement *n.* 订婚
 champagne *n.* 香槟酒
 arch *n.* 拱门
 activate *v.* 使开始起作用
 forthcoming *a.* (事物)即将到来的
 solo *n.* 独唱(曲)

the ceremony, a **rehearsal** would take place so that the **remainder** of the details could be looked after and attended to. The planning that takes place **beforehand** for one of these events and all the work that the big day **entails**, with many people **collaborating** to make the event run smoothly, are immense. The **conscientious** attention to detail will be evident to the **spectators** of this event.

I can **imagine** the excitement and emotions of the family today. The time is near. The ceremony will begin in 3 short hours. The bride will be **radiant** as she comes down the **aisle escorted** by her father. She will wear her grandmother's **pearls** as an **accessory**. Her veil will be the same one as her cousin wore last year. As is **customary**, under her **garments** she will wear a blue garter(吊袜带). As part of the tradition of Canadian weddings, she will be wearing something old (the pearls), something new (her gown), something borrowed (the veil) and something blue (the garter). As the first **chords** of the wedding march are played (a **melody** familiar to all), the congregation(仪式) will rise. **Gasps** will be heard as they catch a glimpse of the bride in her **gorgeous** wedding gown. The mother of the bride will calmly view this whole event, though tears will blur her vision. She will be overcome with **sentiment** at her daughter's apparent happiness. The picture will be one that will **embody** hope for the future of humanity.

次预演,以便能够发现和计划细节之外的遗漏。这种庆典的事先筹备以及这神圣的一天里所需要做的工作都是非常多的,需要许多人共同努力来保证庆典的顺利进行。庆典的观众们将会注意到庆典的计划是多么周到,多么细致。

我可以想象到今天这个家庭是如何兴奋和激动。时间快到了,婚礼将在三小时内举行。光彩照人的新娘将在她父亲的护送下走向神坛。她将佩戴着祖母的珍珠,面纱是去年她的堂姐戴过的。按惯例,她要在礼服下穿着蓝色吊袜带。作为加拿大婚礼传统的一部分,她应该穿戴一些旧的东西(珍珠),一些新的东西(她的礼服),一些借来的东西(面纱)和一些蓝色的东西(吊袜带)。大家都非常熟悉的婚礼进行曲的旋律响起,人们全体起立。当人们看到穿着华丽婚礼服的新娘时,(大家静得)都能听到相互的喘气声。新娘的母亲平静地看着这一切,尽管眼泪模糊了她的视线。女儿的幸福将消去她的伤感。这是一幕蕴涵着人类对未来向往的图画。

rehearsal *n.* 排练
 remainder *n.* 余下的部分
 beforehand *ad.* 事先
 entail *vt.* 使人承担
 collaborate *v.* 合作
 conscientious *a.* 认真的
 spectator *n.* 观众
 imagine *vt.* 想象
 radiant *a.* 光彩照人的
 aisle *n.* 通道
 escort *vt.* 护送
 pearl *n.* 珍珠
 accessory *n.* (妇女的)装饰品
 customary *a.* 合乎习俗的
 garment *n.* 衣服
 chord *n.* 和弦
 melody *n.* 旋律
 gasp *n.* 喘息
 gorgeous *a.* 非常漂亮的
 sentiment *n.* 感情
 embody *v.* 体现



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。

calculate [ˈkælkjuleɪt] **v.** ①计算 ②推算: She calculated that the risks were worth taking. 她估计冒这种险是值得的。③计划, 打算: This ad is calculated to attract women's attention. 这则广告以吸引妇女的注意力为目的。

[助记] 一词多义:

[汉] 盘算, 打算 → [英] calculate

❖ Too **calculating** in plotting and scheming is the cause of her own undoing. 机关算尽太聪明, 反误了卿卿性命。

calculation* [ˌkælkjuˈleɪʃən] **n.** ①计算, 计算的结果 ②估计, 推测

cradle [ˈkreɪdl] **n.** 摇篮: Ancient Greece was the cradle of western civilization. 古希腊是西方文明的摇篮。→ **v.** 轻轻地抱, 捧: cradle a child in one's arms 把孩子抱在怀里

△If you **cradle** something in your arms or hands, you hold it carefully.

[短语] from the cradle to the grave 从生到死

clasp [klæsp, klɑːsp] **n.** ①扣子, 钩子 ②(*sing.*) 紧抱, 紧握 **vt.** ①扣住, 扣紧 → ②握紧, 抱紧



clasp hands



clasp one's hands

[辨析] **clasp, grasp, grip**

(1) **Clasp** means "to take and/or hold firmly inside your hand or arms": The little girl was clasping a large doll.

(2) **Grasp** means "to catch onto and hold firmly especially with your hands": I was able to save myself by grasping a rope.

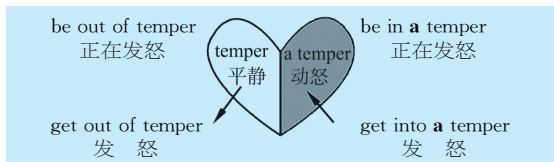
(3) **Grip** means "to take and keep a very tight hold of something, especially with your fingers": The frightened child gripped his mother's hand.

temper [ˈtempə] **n.** ①(脾性)温和, 平静 ②[a ~] 发火, 发怒,

心绪焦躁 ③脾气, 情绪

[助记] [熟] { temperature 温度
a temperature 发烧 →
[生] { temper (性情) 温和, 平静
a temper 发火, 发怒, 心绪焦躁

△注意冠词有无的差异:



lose one's temper 发脾气, 发怒: Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence. (Robert Frost) 教育就是要使人具备一种能力, 可以听到任何话都不动怒或丧失自信。(罗伯特·弗罗斯特)

disposition [ˌdɪspə'zɪʃən] *n.* ①性情, 性格 (person's natural qualities of mind and character) ②意向, 倾向 (inclination; tendency): a disposition to jealousy / to be jealous 爱忌妒 ③排列, 部署 (arrangement)

[助记] 勿混 dispose 的两个名词:

{ [动] dispose *vt.* { 排列, 布置
使倾向于
[名] disposition { 排列, 部署
意向, 倾向; 性情, 性格

[[动] dispose *vi.* (of) 丢掉, 处理

[[名] disposal 处理, 销毁

(a) { dispose pieces of furniture 布置家具
dispose of furniture 处理家具

(b) { disposition of pieces of furniture 家具布置
disposal of furniture 家具处理

giggle ['gɪɡl] [拟声词] *vi. /n.* 格格地笑, 傻笑

grin [grɪn] [拟声词] *vi. /n.* 咧嘴笑, 露齿的(地)笑



grin
咧嘴笑

giggle
格格地笑

chuckle
低声轻笑

sneer
嘲笑

grin and bear it 无怨言地接受(或承受): He insulted her, but she had to grin and bear it in silence. 他侮辱了她, 而她却只能默默地承受。

trigger ['trɪɡə] [trig(= pull, draw)] *n.* (枪等的)扳机 *vt.* 触发,引起: The smoke from the oven triggered off the fire alarm. 烤箱冒出的烟触动了火灾警报器。



adolescent [ˌædəʊ'lesnt] *n.* 青少年 *a.* 青春期的,青少年的: adolescent attitudes 青春期心态

[助记] [熟] old → [根] ole(成熟) → [生] adolescent [ad-(=to 趋向)+ole(成熟)+-scent] *n.* 青少年 *a.* 青春期的; adolescence *n.* 青春(期)

△A young person who is no longer a **child** but who has not yet become an **adult** is an **adolescent**.

adolescence [ˌædəʊ'lesns] *n.* 青春(期)

diploma [di'pləʊmə] [dipl(o) (= double, 双重, 折叠) + -ma; paper folded double 对折的纸 →] *n.* 毕业文凭, 学位证书

[助记]

[熟] double 双重的

↓
[生] duple 双重的 → [生] duplicate 复制, 复印

↓
[根] dipl(o)双重的 → [生] diploma 学位证书

romance [rəʊ'mæns] *n.* ①罗曼史, 艳事 ②浪漫, 爱情 ③传奇色彩, 浪漫色彩 ④爱情故事 ⑤传奇故事

[助记] 谐音: { romance — 音译 → 罗曼史
romantic — 音译 → 罗曼蒂克

compatible [kəm'pætəbl] [com-(一起, 共同) + pati(忍耐) + -ible (=able); able to be patient with each other 能相互忍让的 →]

a. ①兼容的 ②合得来的, 能和睦相处的

incompatible* [ˌɪnkəm'pætəbl] [in-(=not)] *a.* 不相容的, 不能共存的, 格格不入的

intrigue [ɪn'trɪɡ] *n.* 阴谋, 诡计, 密谋: schemes and intrigues 阴谋诡计 *vi.* 耍阴谋, 施诡计 *vt.* 激起...的好奇心(或兴趣), 迷住(to interest greatly, esp. because mysterious or unexpected): You intrigue me; tell me more. 别吊我胃口了, 快说下去。

[助记] [k] 与 [g] 是一对清浊辅音; 如同 [f] (life) 与 [v] (live), 它们常相互交替。

[熟] trick(诡计) → [根] trig(ue)(=trick) → [生] intrigue *n. /v.*

champagne [ʃæm'peɪn] *n.* 香槟酒

[助记] 谐音: [英] champagne — 音译 → [汉] 香槟

arc [ɑ:k] *n.* ①弧形(物) ②弧 ③电弧, 弧光

arch [ɑ:tʃ] *v.* (使)成拱形: A bright rainbow arched above after the rain. 雨后彩虹在天空形成弓状。 *n.* 拱, 拱门, 拱形(结

构): the Arch of Triumph 凯旋门



arc 弧



arch 拱形



arcade 拱廊

wholeness* [ˈhəʊlnɪs] [whole + -ness] *n.* 全体, 一切, 完全

beforehand [biˈfɔ:hænd] [在动手做之前→] *ad.* 预先, 事先

[辨异] **in advance, beforehand**

(1) **in advance** 预先, 含“超前”的意思 (before something happens or is expected to happen): Can you pay me in advance? 你能预付我钱吗?

(2) **beforehand** 预先, 着重强调“事前” (before something else has happened or is done): make preparations beforehand 事先做准备。

entail [inˈteɪl] [en-(=make 使) + tail(=cut 切, 分); 使成为...的一部分→] *vt.* 使人承担, 使成为必要, 需要: My job entails being on call 24 hours a day. 我的工作要求我 24 小时随叫随到。

△ If something **entails** something else, it necessarily involves it or causes it.

[助记] [熟] tailor 裁缝 → [根] tail 裁, 切

[搭配] entail sth. on sb.: These plans entail great expense on us. 这些计划需要花费我们很多的费用。

collaborate [kəˈlæbəreɪt] [col-(=con-一起) + labor(劳作) + -ate] *v.* ①[褒]合作, 协作 ②[贬]勾结

[搭配] collaborate on/in 合作, 协作: The two writers have decided to collaborate on the biography. 这两位作家决定合写那本传记。

collaboration [kəˌlæbəˈreɪʃən] *n.* ①[褒]合作, 协作 ②[贬]勾结

in collaboration with ①[褒]与...合作: They publish a weekly poetry magazine in collaboration with the Arts Council. 他们与艺术委员会合作每周出一期诗刊。②[贬]与...勾结: in collaboration with the opposite of the company 与公司对手勾结

[辨异] **collaboration, cooperation**

[译] 警方对公众的合作表示感谢。

[误] The police were grateful to the public for their collaboration.

[正] The police were grateful to the public for their cooperation.

[注] collaboration 从动词 collaborate 派生而来, 指“与人合伙做某事”; cooperation 从动词 cooperate (be willing to help sb. to achieve sth., be helpful) 派生而来, 意指“愿意帮助某人完成某事、肯协助”。

conscientious [ˌkɒnʃiˈenʃəs] *a.* 认真的, 勤勤恳恳的, 尽责的: a

conscientious worker, pupil, attitude, etc. 勤勤恳恳的工作人员、学生、态度等

[助记] [熟] science 原义是 knowledge 知 { ①知识 → [根] ②知道 }

sci(知) → [生] conscience *n.* 良知, 良心 → [生] conscientious [conscience 的形容词] *a.* [根义] 凭良心(做事)的

imagine [i'mædʒɪn] **vt.** ①想象, 设想 ②料想, 猜想: Would you ever imagine him becoming a millionaire? 你可曾料到他会成为百万富翁?

imaginative [i'mædʒɪnətɪv] **a.** 富有想象力的, 爱想象的

[助记] [动] imagine 想象 → [形] $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{imaginary} \\ \text{imaginative} \\ \text{imaginable} \end{array} \right.$

[辨异] **imaginary, imaginative, imaginable**

(1) imaginary 意为“虚构的, 想象出来的”。

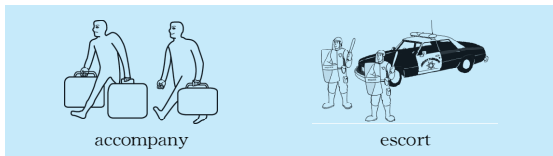
(2) imaginative 意为“富有想象力的”。

❖ Anything **imaginary** is the product of an **imaginative** person's mind. 任何**虚构**的东西都是有**想象力**的人的思想的产物。

(3) imaginable 意为“可以想象得到的”, 常与 every, all, only 和形容词最高级连用, 放在被修饰的名词之后。如: This is the only solution imaginable. 这是唯一能想出的解决办法。

escort $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [ˈeskɔ:t] \text{ } n. \\ [iˈskɔ:t] \text{ } v. \end{array} \right.$ [重音: 名前动后] **n.** 护卫者, 护送者

vt. 护送, 护卫: I escorted him to the door. 我把他送到门口。



accessory [ək'sesəri] **n.** (妇女的)装饰品

[助记] 【详见 UNIT 9, P312】

customary [ˈkʌstəməri] **a.** 习惯上的, 惯常的, 合乎习俗的

[[名] habit 习惯, 习性

[[形] habitual 惯常的, 通常的

[[名] custom 习惯, 风俗

[[形] customary 惯常的, 合乎习俗的

[辨异] **habitual, customary**

(1) habit 指个人的“习惯”, habitual 指“惯常的, 通常的”, 如: his habitual place at the table 他通常坐的桌旁的位子。

(2) custom 多指长时间形成的、社会的“风俗习惯”, customary

指“惯常的,合乎习俗的”,如: Is it customary to tip waiters in your country? 在贵国依照惯例是否应该付给服务员小费?

accustom* [ə'kʌstəm] *v.* (to)使习惯: It took a while for me to accustom myself to the new environment. 我花了一段时间才适应了新环境。

garment ['gɑ:mənt] *n.* (一件)衣服

△ A **garment** is a piece of **clothing**, for example a shirt, dress, skirt, or a pair of trousers.

chord [kɔ:d] *n.* ①和弦,和音: The music began with a loud chord. 音乐的开始是高音和弦。②弦,心弦: If something strikes a chord with you, it makes you feel sympathy or enthusiastic. 令人同情或兴奋的事物会打动你的心弦。

[**助记**] [熟] cord [kɔ:d] (细)绳 → [生] chord [kɔ:d] 弦

melody ['melədi] *n.* ①旋律,曲调: He played a delightful melody on his flute. 他用笛子吹奏了欢快的曲调。②悦耳的音乐: The success of a popular composer depends on his melody. 受欢迎的作曲家成功的秘诀在于他谱写的优美音乐。

gorgeous ['gɔ:dʒəs] *a.* ①极其吸引人的,极其漂亮的: gorgeous hair 十分好看的头发 ②令人愉快(开心)的: What a gorgeous day! 今天天气多好!

[**助记**] 源于“gorge(咽喉)+-ous”;原义是饰以褶边的“脖饰”,所以后来成了戴脖饰的、华丽的、光辉灿烂的意思。

sentiment ['sentimənt] *n.* ①感情,情绪 ②感想,意见,观点

[**助记**] 【详见 UNIT 9, P315】

embody [im'bɒdi] [em-(=en- $\begin{cases} \text{①使} \\ \text{②人} \end{cases}$)+body(体)] *v.* ①使具体

化,体现: He embodied his idea in the book. 他的思想在书中得以体现。②[入(一整体)→]包括,包含,编入: This book embodies all the rules. 这本书把所有的规则都包括进去了。

[**搭配**] be embodied in = be contained in, be included in 包含在

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

As the couple exchange wedding **vows** they will be **affirming** their love and making a commitment to each other. All the spectators are there to wish them well.

As the time approaches, I think back to other family weddings over many years. My older sisters were all married in the same church and as brides they carried a white Bible decorated with tiny roses. The receptions for their weddings were all held in the same church **basement**, as there was no large banquet hall in the local area. The **feast** was usually **catered** by a group of church members.

Today's wedding reception will be held in an **arena** that will be decorated with just the right amount of fall flowers in wonderful **arrays** to give it **dignity** yet a touch of **glamour**. The table decorations will be a **masterpiece**. One of the table decorations will be small **pumpkins**, used as containers for flowers that were collected from family gardens, surrounded by a large wreath(花环) made from long **stalks** of wheat. There will be a few coloured leaves placed inside the wreath. Maybe they will use oak and maple(枫树) leaves to show the splendour of the autumn colours. The colour of the **outfits** that the bridesmaids are wearing will be fall colours as well. The **ingenious** decorations will be appreciated by the many guests attending the festivities. At each place setting there will be a special paper napkin with the bride and groom's(新郎) name printed on it and the date of their wedding. It will be carefully folded placed on top and of a **linen** napkin. This will be one of the souvenirs(纪念品) the guests will have to **commemorate** the special wedding day. Also at each place will be a few after-**dinner mints** for the guests. A **miniature** tree will also be placed at each person's place. The intent is for the guests to take the little tree home and transplant it to a special place. In this way, our environment is also improved and the tree will become a living tribute to the young couple.

在新人交换结婚誓约时,他们就将确认他们的爱情并彼此许下诺言。所有在场的宾客都会祝他们幸福美满。

在这个时刻临近之时,我回想起许多年来家中的其他婚礼。我的姐姐们都在同一个教堂结婚,做新娘时她们都带着一本小玫瑰花装饰的白色圣经。由于当地没有大的宴会厅,她们的婚宴都在教堂的地下室举行。宴会通常由一些教堂人员来筹备。

今天的婚宴将在一个舞台上举行,舞台会用不多不少的精心排列起来的秋天的鲜花装饰起来,显得很高雅,且带有梦幻色彩。桌子的装饰将是一个杰作。会有一张桌子的装饰是一些小南瓜,里面盛着从各家花园里采来的鲜花,一个用长长的麦秆做成的大花环围在周围,花环里装点着一些彩色树叶。也许他们还会用橡树和枫叶来表现秋天色彩的灿烂。女宾相穿的套装的颜色也将是秋天的颜色。许多来参加婚礼的宾客都称赞这些独具匠心的装饰。每个位子上都摆放着上面印有新郎新娘名字和他们结婚日期的特殊的餐巾纸。它会被仔细折叠,放在亚麻餐巾上面。这将是一种纪念品,会让宾客记住这个特别的婚礼日子。每个座位上还为客人们备了一些餐后薄荷味的点心,并且放着一棵小型树,希望客人带回家去,把它种植到一个特别的地方。这样,我们的环境也会得到改善,那棵树也将成为这对年轻夫妇的有生命的礼物。

vow *n.* 誓言
 affirm *vt.* 确认
 basement *n.* 地下室
 feast *n.* 筵席
 cater *vt.* 承办(宴会)酒席
 arena *n.* 活动场所
 array *n.* 排列
 dignity *n.* 尊贵
 glamo(u)r *n.* 魅力
 masterpiece *n.* 杰作
 pumpkin *n.* 南瓜
 stalk *n.* 秆
 outfit *n.* 全套服装
 ingenious *a.* 有独创性的
 linen *n.* 亚麻
 commemorate *vt.* 纪念
 dinner *n.* 正餐
 mint *n.* 薄荷(糖)
 miniature *a.* 小型的

The groom will carry her across the **threshold** as is customary for a young couple as they begin their new life together. The honeymoon(蜜月) plans will take them to the west coast of Canada.

They will have a week of **privacy** far away from friends and family. They will **inhabit** a condominium(公寓大楼) in the town of Whistler, British Columbia, in the Rocky Mountains. They will feel as if they are **royalty** living in a **mansion** in this little bit of **paradise** on earth. **Thereafter**, they will return home to Ontario where they will **reside**.

Their original plan to spend their honeymoon on board a **yacht** in the **Mediterranean** Sea was abandoned when world circumstances dictated that our country Canada was a safer choice.

Earlier this month, as I thought about the forthcoming marriage, and knew that I would be unable to attend, I decided to write a message to the young couple. The intent was that the message would be read aloud during the wedding reception. In the message, I wished them well and urged them to **cherish** each other every day. **(The End)**

按惯例新郎将抱着新娘跨过门槛，一起开始他们的新生活。他们将去加拿大西海岸度蜜月。

他们将拥有一个星期远离亲人和朋友的独处时间。他们会住在落基山脉中的不列颠哥伦比亚省惠斯勒镇的一套公寓。他们会觉得好像是在地球上这个小天堂的官邸里过着皇室一样的生活。之后，他们将返回在安大略省的家中居住。

他们本来打算在地中海的游艇上度蜜月，可是当世界形势表明加拿大更为安全时，他们便放弃了原来的计划。

月初，当我想到这场即将举行的婚礼并知道我将不能参加的时候，我决定给这对年轻夫妇写几句祝词。我希望祝词会在婚宴上被大声宣读。在祝词中，我祝他们幸福美满，敦促他们永远彼此珍爱。

(结束)

threshold *n.* 门槛
 privacy *n.* 独处
 inhabit *vt.* 居住于
 royalty *n.* 王族成员
 mansion *n.* (豪华的)宅邸
 paradise *n.* 天堂
 thereafter *ad.* 之后
 reside *vi.* 居住
 yacht *n.* 游艇
 Mediterranean *a.* 地中海的
 cherish *vt.* 珍爱



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。

vow* [vau] *n.* 誓言, 誓约 *v.* 立誓, 起誓

affirm [ə'fɜ:m] *vt.* ①坚持声称, 断言 (state or assert firmly) ②证实, 确认

[助记] [熟] firm *a.* ①坚定的, 坚决的 ②结实的, 牢靠的 →

[生] $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{affirm} \\ \text{confirm} \end{array} \right\} \textit{vt.}$ 证实, 确认

[辨析] **affirm, confirm**

(1) affirm = to state publicly that sth. is true: The general affirmed rumors of an attack.

(2) confirm = to show that sth. is definitely true, especially by providing more proof: The new evidence has confirmed the first witness' story.

feast [fi:st] *n.* ①节日 ②盛宴, 筵席 *v.* ①盛宴款待: feasted the guests with delicacies 用美味佳肴款待客人 ②参加宴会

[助记] [熟] festive 节日的 → [根] fest 节日 → [生] festival 节日; feast 节日, 盛宴

△fest, feast 为同源异体同义词根。

[搭配] make/give a feast 请客; feast (one's) eyes on 大饱眼福: Our reporter feasted his eyes on the beautiful scene of Venice. 我们的记者饱览了威尼斯美丽的景色。

[辨析] **banquet, feast (宴会)**

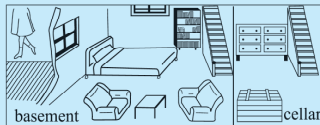
(1) banquet 着重于庆祝仪式的正式, 尤指在陈设布置华丽的处所举行正式的宴会。如: Last night he attended a state banquet at Buckingham Palace. 昨晚他在白金汉宫参加了一场宴会。

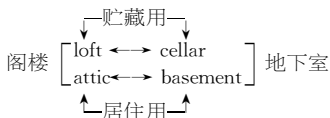
(2) feast 着重于饮食的丰富及精美, 宾客成群而庆祝。如: The fruit is often served at wedding feasts. 婚礼宴会上常常供应水果。

basement [ˈbeɪsmənt] *n.* 地下室

[助记] [熟] base 基础, 底 → [生] basement 地下室

[辨析] **basement, cellar**





loft: space in the roof of a house usually used only for storage

attic: room in the roof space of a house (could be lived in)

basement: room below ground level, windows, for living/working

cellar: room below ground level, no windows, used for storage

cater ['keɪtə] *vi.* ①满足需要(或欲望),迎合 ②提供饮食及服务 (provide and serve food and drinks, usually payment, at a public or private party rather than a restaurant): He runs a restaurant and also caters for weddings and parties. 他开了一家饭店,同时包办婚礼宴席和聚会。 **vt.** 为...提供饮食,承办(宴会等)酒席: Who's catering your daughter's wedding? 谁给你女儿承办婚宴?

[搭配] cater for/to 满足需要,迎合,提供: Some newspapers cater to low tastes. 有些报纸迎合低级品味。

array [ə'reɪ] *n.* ①一系列,大量 ②排列,阵列,展示,队形 **vt.** ①排列,配置(兵力) ②打扮,装饰

[助记] 准确记忆词义:

(1) An **array** of different things is a large number of them, especially when they are impressive; an array of royal jewels 一串价值连城的首饰

(2) If things are **arrayed** somewhere, they are displayed there attractively; array the whole regiment on the parade ground 将整个团阵列于阅兵场

dignity ['dɪgnɪti] *n.* ①(举止、态度等的)庄严,庄重: stand on one's dignity 维护尊严,自持身份 ②尊贵,高贵: the dignity of honest labour 诚实劳动的高贵性

[助记] [根] dign 尊严 → [生] dignity *n.* 庄严,尊贵; indignant *a.* 义愤的; indignation *n.* 义愤

glamo(u)r ['glæmə] *n.* 魅力,诱惑力: The moonlight cast a glamour over the scene. 月光下景色更显魅力。

stalk [stɔ:k] *n.* 茎,梗,柄

[助记] [熟] stick *n.* 棍,棒 → [生] stalk *n.* 茎,梗,柄

outfit ['aʊtfɪt] *n.* ①全部用品(工具),全套装备: a complete car repair outfit 修理汽车用的整套工具 ②(尤指在特殊场合穿的)全套服装: a white tennis outfit 一套白色网球服 ③(协同工作的)一组人: They employ a public relations outfit. 他们雇用了一批公关人员。

[助记] 比较: fit out ①备置(人、船)的装备,给(船只)安装设备 ②供(某人)必要的东西

ingenious [ɪn'dʒɪniəs] *a.* 有独创性的,巧妙的