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序

阅读是智慧成长不可缺少的一环，单词则为阅读理解重要的另一环。因此若不能了解阅读的词，必然影响到对文章的理解。词汇的重要性自不待言了。

本书所汇编而成的单词是以美国大学阅读与考试中出现频率较高的高级单词为主。这些词并非是任意挑选，而是根据美国教育考试委员会的常用词汇表编著而成的。本书的词汇由浅而深，循序渐进。本书计有十二单元，每一单元包括五个章节。此外，还有一个补充单元，内有八个章节。书末的附录是以 GRE 历届考试的词汇编纂而成。

本书的特色：每一章节有一固定的名称。编排上是把相似的词汇以字母的顺序排在同一章里。有词类的注明、例句、以及相似词和相反词，所有的例句均附中文翻译。中译前后花了六个多月的时间，希望作者的苦心能对同学有所助益。相似词与相反词是经过审慎思考决定的。书末附上索引以便查阅。

本书承蒙美加陶维极老师 (Mr. G.B. Talovich) 和帆慕敦先生 (Mr. Morton Belcher) 两位美籍老师校订。中文方面的誊稿与校订是由好友孙介磐先生负责。作者对以上三位先生的不辞辛劳地帮助及美加 GRE 高分助教再三核对，不胜感激。最后，更要谢谢美加机构负责人全力支持，提供资料并付梓面市。

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UNIT I

1. AGREEMENT

— 致

accost [ə'kɒst]

v. To approach and speak to first.

走上前去跟（某人）讲话。

As soon as he left home, he was accosted by a CIA agent.

他一离家，就有个中央情报局的情报员过来跟他讲话。

syn. speak to, nab, buttonhole, waylay.

ant. evade, avoid, ignore, shun, overlook.

assent [ə'sent]

v. To express agreement.

同意；赞成。

He assented to their views.

他同意他们的观点。

syn. agree, concur, consent, give in, go along, yield, concede, comply, accede, accept, approve, acquiesce.

ant. dissent, disagree, disapprove, oppose, protest, take exception.

attest [ə'test]

v. 1. To affirm to be correct, true, or genuine.

证实；证明。

I can attest that he is an honest man, for I have known him for many years.

我可以证明他是个诚实的人，因为我已认识他多年。

2. attest to. To bear witness.

证明；证实。

The handwriting expert attested to the authenticity of the signature.

笔迹鉴定专家证明签名是真实无误的。

syn.confirm, vouch for, affirm, verify, authenticate, corroborate, bear out, support, testify, certify, substantiate.

ant.deny, refute, contradict, discredit, falsify.

concord [ˈkɒŋkɔ:d]

n.Harmony; accord; concurrence.

和谐；一致；协调。

Concord became discord when the singer sang off-key.

歌手唱走了调，所以谐和音变成不谐和音。

The planets move in harmony and concord.

众行星和谐运行。

syn.agreement, unity, concordance, compatibility, communion, rapport, peace.

ant.discord, dissent, disagreement, antipathy, odds, hostility.

consistent [kənˈsistent]

adj.Compatible or in agreement; or keeping the same principles or actions.

一致的；一贯的。

His statements were consistent with each other.

他的声明前后一致。

His actions were not consistent with his words.

他的言行不一致。

syn.consonant, homogeneous, congruous, harmonious, compatible, congenial, agreeing, suitable, sympathetic.

ant.inconsistent, in consonant, incoherent, illogical,
incompatible, unsuitable.

covet [ˈkʌvɪt]

v.To desire (that which is another's); crave.

妄想 (别人的东西); 觊觎; 渴望。

The old cat coveted the affection given to the new kitten.

老猫渴望主人给予关爱, 就像主人给予新养的小猫的一样。

syn. envy, long for, wish, yearn.

ant.relinquish, renounce, reject, forswear, forsake.

credence [ˈkriːdəns]

n.1.Acceptance as true; belief.

信任。

Don't give credence too easily to what you see in print.

不要轻易相信所阅读的印刷品。

2.The quality of being trustworthy.

可靠。

His father was a man of great credence.

他的父亲是个很可靠的人。

syn.assurance, reliance, credit, trust, confidence, faith,
trustworthiness, dependence, certitude, certainty.

ant.distrust, mistrust, disbelief, doubt, incredulity.

fidelity [fiˈdelɪti, faɪˈdelɪti]

n.1.Faithfulness; loyalty.

忠诚; 忠实。

His fidelity to his principles was known to his friends.

他的朋友都知道他忠于原则。

2.Truthfulness; accuracy.

逼真; 精确。

He reported the discussion with fidelity.

他对讨论事项作了翔实的报导。

syn.loyalty, allegiance, honesty, integrity, reliability,
trustworthiness, dependability, devotion.

ant.disloyalty, faithlessness, unfaithfulness, infidelity,
unreliability.

liaison [li(:)'eizɔ:ŋ, li(:)'eizən]

n.1.Communication between groups or units.

联络。

There was an excellent liaison between the army and the industry.

军方与工业界之间联络关系良好。

2.A close relationship; an illicit relationship.

私通。

His liaison with the married woman cost him his job.

因为他与有夫之妇私通，所以丢了工作。

syn.1.interrelationship, connection.

2.affair, romance.

palaver [pə'la:və]

n.Long and dle chatter or cajolery.

空谈；哄骗；引诱。

The two little girls held a palaver to decide how to spend their quarter in the cookie store.

两个小女孩在饼干店里商量怎样花她们的25美分。

syn.discussion, talk, confab, rap session (slang).

plaudit ['plɔ:dit]

n.An expression of praise.

称赞；赞扬；喝采；拍手（常用复数）。

Long after the play, the leading actress could hear the plaudits of the audience still echoing in her ears.

落幕之后，许久许久，女主角仍能听到观众的喝采，萦回不绝于耳。

syn. applause, congratulations, cheers, hurrahs, approval, commendation, approbation, honor, compliments.

ant. censure, boos, disapproval, catcalls, reprimand, rebuke.

solidarity [ˌsɒlɪˈdærɪti]

n. Unity of purpose, interest, or sympathy.

团结一致。

It is hard to achieve solidarity when each person thinks only of himself.

要是每个人所想到的只是他自己，那就很难团结一致了。

2.WELL-BEING

福 祉

avidity [ə'viditi]

n.Eagerness; greed or great enthusiasm.

贪婪; 热望。

Many men desire power, but only a few long for it with avidity.

很多人希望拥有权力, 但是只有少数人渴望掌权。

The tyrant holds on to his power with avidity,
暴君权欲熏心, 独揽大权。

benevolence [bi'nevələns]

n.1.Charitable good nature.

慈善; 仁心。

He helped the poor out of pure benevolence.

他帮助穷人完全是出于善心的。

2.an act of charity.

善举。

Her acts of benevolence won her many friends.

她的善举使她赢得许多朋友。

syn.good will, charity, generosity, kindness, humaneness,
goodness, altruism.

ant.malevolence, ill will, ruthlessness, coldness,
heartlessness, animosity, malice.

candid ['kændid]

adj.1.Impartial; fair; open.

公正的; 坦白的。

He gave me a candid reply as to why he was leaving the job.

问及离职的原因，他就直言相告了。

2. Not posed.

自然的；趁人不备时拍摄的。

He took a candid picture of his child climbing the tree.

他趁儿子爬树的时候，悄悄地帮他照了一张相片。

syn. frank, sincere, free, straightforward, unbiased, truthful, honest.

ant. veiled, misleading, underhand, doubledealing, deceitful, biased, prejudiced, unfair.

decorum [di'kɔ:rəm]

n. Conformity to social conventions; propriety and good taste in action, speech, or dress.

礼节；礼仪。

Mary always acts with decorum.

玛丽的举止总是合于礼仪。

syn. propriety, etiquette, decency, civility, respectability.

ant. bad manners, indecency, rudeness.

elation [i'leiʃən]

n. Happiness or joy.

得意洋洋。

John was filled with elation at having won the championship.

约翰因得到冠军而得意洋洋。

syn. exaltation, excitement, ecstasy, jubilation, delight.

ant. gloom, depression, sadness, melancholy, misery.

exemplary [ig'zempləri]

adj. 1. Serving as a model, deserving imitation, or commenda-

ble; serving as an example or illustration.

可为模范的。

She was admired for her exemplary conduct.

她的模范行为受人敬佩。

2.Serving as a warning to others.

可作鉴戒的。

The boy's bad behavior was imposed with an exemplary punishment.

那个男孩调皮捣蛋，因此遭受惩罚，以示警戒。

syn.1.admirable, laudable, praiseworthy, ideal.

2.illustrative, representative.

ant.reprehensible, regrettable, wretched.

feasible [ˈfi:zəbl]

adj.1.Capable of being accomplished or brought about; practicable.

可实行的；易实现的；切实可行的。

A most feasible plan was selected by the committee.

委员会选出了最切实可行的计划。

2.Suitable.

合宜的；方便的。

It was feasible for Mary to sell twenty tickets.

照玛丽看来，要销售二十张票是很容易的。

3.Likely or reasonable.

可能的。

The witness's explanation of the accident sounded feasible.

目击者对这桩意外事故的说明听起来合情合理。

syn.possible, practicable, wordable, attainable, suitable, practical, viable, operable.

ant.unworkable, impractical, impossible.

gentility [dʒen'tiliti]

n.1.The condition of being well-bred.

优美的仪态；文雅的风度。

We were impressed by John's gentility.

约翰的文雅风度给我们留下深刻的印象。

2.Gentle birth.

高贵的出身；高贵的身分。

Although she lived in the wilderness for many years, she never lost her gentility.

虽然她在荒野住了好几年，但她并未失去高贵的气质。

syn.1.refinement, breeding, cultivation, culture, civility, elegance, polish, grace, politeness, courtesy, propriety, decorum.

2.aristocracy, nobility, gentry, elite, society, upper class.

ant.1.coarseness, vulgarity, discourtesy, impropriety, barbarity.

impunity [im'pju:niti]

n.Freedom from punishment, penalty, harm, or loss.

(惩罚、伤害、损失等之)免除。

No one of good conscience can cheat with impunity.

任何正直的人如果作弊一定会受到良心的谴责。

syn.immunity, exemption, clearance, absolution.

ant.blame, retribution, punishment, loss, danger.

morale [mɔ'ra:l]

n.The state of mind of an individual or group with respect to confidence, cheerfulness, discipline, etc.

民心；士气。