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前 言

词汇是语言学习的基石。从传统上来讲,学生背记单词的方法不仅单调乏味,而且效率极低,因为很多单词背的时候费了九牛二虎之力,用的时候还是一头雾水。有鉴于此,我们想给大家一种新的学习词汇的方法。

用一些风趣幽默的小故事把一些看似毫无关系的词串连起来,这就是我们发明的词汇学习方法:我们先提供一个故事,然后再提供一个词汇表,这样不仅简单方便,而且妙趣横生。

从理论上讲,背故事比背单词容易,因为故事中有一定的发展线索,联想会更加丰富。这正是我们编写这套读故事、记单词系列教材的理论基础。在编写这些小故事的过程中,我们发现原本枯燥的单词也可以变得活泼可爱,原本沉闷的学习也可以变得生动有趣。这使我们想起了哥伦布那个征服世人的故事:把鸡蛋敲破了立在桌子上。原来世界上没有攻不破的难关,关键是我们能否找到攻关的钥匙。读故事记单词正是为大家准备的一把攻克词汇难关的钥匙。

有人说过:If you love him, make him study English, for it's interesting; if you hate him, make him study English, for it's boring. 英语到底是 interesting 还是 boring, 这本身是个见仁见智的问题,我们希望读故事记单词这种形式能够帮助你找到学习英语的乐趣、增加征服英语的信心、提高掌握英语的效率。

作 者

2005 年 3 月于北京

Having Faith 信任

abandon→abrupt

读故事

You can call me A. J. , which is an **abbreviation** of my full name, Alexander Justice. I like to **abbreviate** my name because it's easier for people to remember. I work for a museum that collects **aboriginal** artifacts.

I would like to tell you why I have an **abiding** faith in the legal system. The story you're about to read has been **abridged** to reduce its length.

I used to live in an area where criminals **abounded** and where the legal system seemed powerless. One day, my daughter was **abducted**. Although I **abided** by the kidnapper's monetary demands, they refused to release her. I had no choice but to put my faith in the legal authorities. The police responded immediately and searched the area. Despite their lack of success, they refused to **abandon** their search or to call an **abort** to their mission. They knew that any **abortive** action would surely result in my daughter's death.

The investigation eventually led the police to conduct an **abrupt** search at the home of a local official who was **abashed** when he

你可以叫我 A. J. ,这是我的全名 Alexander Justice 的缩写。我喜欢缩写我的名字,因为这样人们更容易记住。我在一家收藏土著手工艺品的博物馆工作。

我要告诉你为什么我会始终不渝地信任法制。下面你将读到的故事已被删减,以免冗长。

我曾住在一个罪犯多如牛毛而法律又软弱的地区。一天,我的女儿遭到绑架。尽管我遵从了绑架者的金钱要求,他们仍然拒绝释放她。我别无选择,只好寄希望于法律机构。警察部门立刻行动,全面搜查该地区。虽然徒劳无获,但他们不愿中止行动、放弃搜查,因为他们知道任何失败都将导致我女儿的死亡。

调查到最后,警察部门决定出其不意地搜查当地一名官员的家。那名官员得知要被搜查时,羞愧难当。警察在他的地下室找到了我女

learned of the search. My daughter was found in his basement. She had **abrasions** to her wrists where the **abrasive** rope had scraped her. The official was arrested along with his bodyguard who **abetted** him in the kidnapping.

The official was forced to **abdicate** his position and was sent to prison for life. The judge told him that he was lucky that capital punishment had been **abolished** and that it was only due to this **abolition** that he would not be executed. The swift apprehension and strict punishment of these criminals helped to **abate** my lack of faith in the legal system. These days, I truly believe in "justice", and it's not because of my name!

儿。她的手腕有多处磨伤，那是被粗糙的绳子擦伤的。那名官员连同唆使他绑架的保镖双双被捕。

那名官员被迫辞职，判处终生监禁。法官告诉他，他该庆幸极刑已被废除，并且由于该项刑罚的废除，他将免遭处决。迅速抓获罪犯并对其严加处置的做法减少了我对法制的不信任感。现在，我真正信任“司法”(Justice)，但并不是因为我的名字叫 Justice!

记单词

abandon [ə'bændən] *vt.* 抛弃; 放弃

n. 放纵, 沉溺于

abash [ə'bæʃ] *vt.* 使羞愧

abate [ə'beɪt] *v.* (数量、程度等) 减少, 减轻, 缓解

abbreviate [ə'brɪ:vɪeɪt] *vt.* 1. 缩短

2. 缩写

abbreviation [ə'brɪ:vɪeɪʃən] *n.* 缩写, 缩写词

abdicate ['æbdɪkeɪt] *v.* 1. 让位, 辞职

2. 放弃(权利或责任)

abduct [æb'dʌkt] *vt.* 绑架, 拐走

abet [ə'bet] *vt.* 帮助; 教唆, 唆使; 煽动, 怂恿

abide [ə'baɪd] *vi.* 遵守 *vt.* 忍受

abiding [ə'baɪdɪŋ] *adj.* 持久的

abolish [ə'bɒlɪʃ] *vt.* 废除, 取消

abolition [æbə'liʃ(ə)n] *n.* 废除, 革除

aboriginal [æbə'rɪdʒən(ə)l] *adj.* 土著的, 原来的; 土著居民的

abort [ə'bɔ:t] *n.* 中止计划(任务)

abortive [ə'bɔ:tɪv] *adj.* 失败的, 无结果的

abound [ə'baʊnd] *vi.* 充满; 富于

abrasion [ə'breɪz(ə)n] *n.* 表面磨损

abrasive [ə'breisɪv] *adj.* 研磨的

abridge [ə'brɪdʒ] *v.* 缩短, 删节

abrupt [ə'brʌpt] *adj.* 突然的, 意外的

Love of Numbers

热爱数字

absenteeism → access

读故事

As an **academician**, I think Mathematics is an intriguing and **absorbing** science. However, many of my students consider it an **abstract** science and they hate it because the equations are too difficult to **absorb** and to remember. I think my students would laugh if they knew how I became so interested in Math.

When I was a freshman in college, I also believed Math was a mere **abstraction**. Studying it was like falling into a spinning **abyss** of numbers and symbols. Just thinking about it seemed like an **abuse** of my brain. However, my entire tuition was financed by an **academic** scholarship, so I had to maintain high marks in all of my classes, including Math.

My most **abstruse** class was Advanced Calculus Mathematics. It was taught in a large lecture hall which **abutted** the North **access** gate of the University. Unlike the many **absentees** in my class who often **abstained** from attending the boring lectures, I dared not **absolve** myself from this responsibility. Any degree of **absenteeism** would probably cause me to fail Math and to lose my scholarship. I was so afraid of failing that I even pledged **abstinence** from my **abundant** supply of alcohol.

作为一名学者,我认为数学是一门既有趣又引人入胜的科学。然而,我的许多学生则认为这是一门**抽象**科学,他们憎恨数学,因为数学公式太难**理解**又太难记住。我想如果我的学生知道我是如何对数学产生兴趣的,一定会哄堂大笑。

上大一时,我也觉得数学无非是一种**抽象**,学数学就好像掉进了数字和符号那令人眩晕的**深渊**。仅仅是思考数学问题似乎都在**滥用**大脑。但由于我的学费全靠学院奖学金,因此我不得不每门功课都拿高分,这自然也**包括**数学。

最深奥**难懂**的课非微积分莫属。当时在一个大讲台上上课,这个讲堂紧靠学校北门的入口。班里诸多**缺课者**常常是刻意**回避**那些无聊的讲座,我却不敢自作主张地**免除**听课的责任。**旷课**次数无论多少都可能导致我数学不及格,继而丢掉奖学金。我非常害怕不及格,甚至还发誓要对自己充裕的**酒类**供应加以节制。

It wasn't until the fourth week of Math class that I met the wonderful person who would **accelerate** my interest and understanding of this **absurd** subject. She was a foreign exchange student from Beijing. She was also a brilliant mathematician. She would come to class everyday in a colorful silk scarf that **accentuated** her lovely smile.

It was so nice to meet someone from my home country. She inspired me to love Math. Although we now live and teach in different countries, I still see her smiling face between every number I write!

数学课上到第四周,我才遇到了那位促使我对这门荒谬学科产生兴趣继而理解它的好人。她是从北京来的交换生,又是一位卓越的数学家。每天,她都会系着一条色彩鲜艳的围巾来上课,那条围巾更衬出了她的笑靥。

能遇到同胞真是太好了。她激起了我对数学的热爱。尽管我们现在在不同的国家生活和教学,我仍能在我写下的各个数字间看到她微笑的脸庞!

记单词

absenteeism [ˌæbsən'ti:izm] *n.* 旷课, 旷工

absentee [ˌæbsən'ti:] *n.* 缺席者

absolve [əb'zɒlv] *v.* 1. (宗教上的) 宽恕 2. 赦免(罪行、过失等), 解除(责任等)

absorb [əb'sɔ:b] *vt.* 1. 吸收(液体、知识等) 2. 理解, 掌握

absorbing [əb'sɔ:biŋ] *adj.* 吸引人的, 引人入胜的

abstain [əb'steɪn] *v.* 自制, 自动放弃, 戒绝, 有意回避

abstinence [ˈæbstɪnəns] *n.* 自制, 节制(禁欲、戒酒)

abstract [ˈæbstrækt] *adj.* 1. 抽象的 2. 难解的, 深奥的

abstraction [əb'strækʃ(ə)n] *n.* 抽象(概念)

abstruse [əb'stru:s] *adj.* 难懂的, 深奥的

absurd [əb'sɜ:d] *adj.* 荒谬的, 可笑的

abundant [ə'bʌndənt] *adj.* 丰富的, 充裕的; 大量的

abuse [ə'bju:s] *n.* (权利等的) 滥用; (物品的) 不精心使用

abut [ə'bʌt] *vi.* 邻接, 毗邻

abyss [ə'bis] *n.* 深渊, 深坑

academic [ækə'demɪk] *adj.* 学术的; 学院的; 理论的

academician [ækə'demɪk(ə)n] *n.* 学会会员; 院士; 学者

accelerate [ək'seləreɪt] *v.* 1. 加快, 加速 2. 促进, 促使...早日发生

accentuate [æk'sentʃueɪt] *v.* 突出, 强调

access [ˈækses] *n.* 1. 接触, 接近(的机会) 2. 入口, 通道

A Writer's Method

一位作家的法子

accessible→accumulate

读故事

For the last ten years, I have written novels for a living. Through my work, I have been able to **accumulate** a fair amount of wealth. I have been lucky because many of my books have received **acclaim** from literary critics.

My latest **accomplishment** is a mystery novel. It is a fictional **account** of how a clever and **accomplished** thief, posing as an **accountant**, gains access to the computer system of a large bank. Having extensive knowledge of **accounting**, he and a woman **accomplice** use the bank's computer system to **accomplish** the biggest theft in history.

To be a good writer, I think you must find a quiet environment where you can think, preferably one with limited **accessibility**. Some of my most **acclaimed** work was written at an isolated island hotel off the coast of China. I highly recommend this place.

The island is **accessible** only by boat and the hotel is **accredited** by the Asian Resort Association as a five-star **accommodation**. Upon arrival, the manager will **accompany** you to your room and show you how everything works. The staff is trained to **accommodate** your every need. Any errors in service are purely **accidental**.

过去十年,我以写小说为生。我的写作为我积累了不少财富。我实属幸运,因为我写的许多书都得到了文学评论家的赞赏。

我最近的成果是一本侦探小说。其内容纯属虚构,讲述一个聪明又老练的小偷如何假扮成一名会计、进入一家大银行计算机系统的故事。由于在会计学方面知识渊博,那名小偷和他的女帮凶运用银行的计算机系统完成了历史上最大一桩盗窃案。

要成为一名好作家,我想你必须找到一处你能思考的安静环境,最好是一处通达有限的地方。我有几本最受赞赏的小说就是在中国海岸边一个孤岛上的酒店里创作出来的。我极力推荐此地。

这座小岛只有坐船才能到达,岛上的酒店被亚洲旅游景点协会确定为五星级住所,一到酒店,经理就会亲自陪你去房间,然后教你如何使用权房间里的设施。酒店人员受过专门训练,能满足你的一切需要。服务上的任何差错都纯属偶然。此地安全性极

The security is excellent and there's little chance of being **accosted** by strangers.

Each room has a balcony with a view of the ocean. On the balcony you will find a large leather chair and a sturdy writing desk. The bathroom is very modern and contains many unique accessories. The most useful bathtub **accessory** is their mini-desk, which allows you to write while soaking in a tub of hot water.

To continue being a good writer, you must find a way to relax your mind after a long day of writing. What's my secret method of relaxation? Playing the **accordion**!

高,几乎不会有陌生人上来跟你搭讪。

每个房间都有眺望大海的阳台。在阳台上,你会看到一把大皮椅和一张结实的书桌。浴室相当现代,里面有许多独特的摆设。其中,浴缸里最有用的摆设是一张迷你桌,有了它你就能一边泡热水澡一边写作了。

在写了一整天之后,要想继续做一名好作家,你还得有放松大脑的法子。我的放松秘方是什么? 拉手风琴!

记单词

accessible [ək'sesib(ə)l] *adj.* 可接近的,可接触的;可得到的

accessibility [ək'sesi'bɪləti] *n.* 易接近;可到达

accessory [ək'sesəri] *n.* 附件,零件;小摆设

accidental [,æksɪ'dent(ə)l] *adj.* 意外的,偶然的

acclaim [ə'kleim] *n.* 赞誉,赞许
vt. 喝彩,欢呼;称赞

acclaimed *adj.* 受赞誉的

accommodate [ə'kɒmədeɪt] *vt.* 1. 容纳,包含;供应(住宿) 2. 使适应;迁就,满足

accommodation [ə,kɒmə'deɪʃ(ə)n] *n.* 住处,膳宿

accompany [ə'kʌmpəni] *vt.* 陪伴,陪同;伴奏

accomplice [ə'kʌmplɪs] *n.* 同谋者,帮凶

accomplish [ə'kʌmplɪʃ] *vt.* 完成,达到,实现

accomplished [ə'kʌmplɪʃt] *adj.* 精通的,熟练的

accomplishment [ə'kʌmplɪʃmənt] *n.* 成就

accordion [ə'kɔːdɪən] *n.* 手风琴

accost [ə'kɒst] *v.* 向人搭话

account [ə'kaʊnt] *n.* 1. 记述,描述;报告,报道 2. 说明,解释 3. 户头;账目 4. 理由,根据;考虑

accounting [ə'kaʊntɪŋ] *n.* 会计学

accountant [ə'kaʊntənt] *n.* 会计(员),会计师

accredit [ə'kredit] *vt.* 1. 委派官员到国外,授权 2. 鉴定...为合格,确认...达到标准

accumulate [ə'kjuːmjuleɪt] *vi.* 堆积,积聚;积累

The Accused

被告

accusation→adamant

读故事

Bob is an excellent trial lawyer with a superior legal **acumen**. Unlike many other lawyers that need to use **acronyms** to remember certain legal principles, Bob simply uses his photographic memory. What makes Bob even more special is his **acute** sense for reading people's emotions, especially those of jurors.

Due to his reputation, he is able to **acquire** the most interesting cases. His jealous competitors often **accuse** him of being too **acquisitive** and of taking away their business. But I respect Bob for his many **achievements**. I remember the first trial he ever did.

Bob was hired by an **acquaintance** named Jim to defend him against a criminal charge. Jim was **accused** of intentionally throwing **acid** on another man's arm in a laboratory where they were both **activating** chemicals. Jim was **adamant** that the **accusation** was false. He claimed it was an accident that occurred during an argument. Being a contract lawyer, Bob was not **accustomed** to handling trials in front of a jury. However, he agreed to the **acquisition** of Jim's case

鲍勃是一名出色的辩护律师,他拥有超群的法律才智。许多律师需要用**首字母缩写词**才能记住某些法律准则,鲍勃则不然,他只需用他那照相机般的记忆就足矣。鲍勃还有更特别的地方,他能**敏锐地**把握人们的思想感情,尤其是陪审员的思想感情。

他声名大噪,因此总能获得最有意思的案子。那些嫉妒的竞争对手常常**指责**他贪得无厌地抢走他们的生意。但是我为鲍勃取得的众多**成就**而尊敬他。我还记得他出庭参加的第一次审判。

鲍勃受雇于一个名叫吉姆的熟人,为他所遭受的刑事指控进行辩护。吉姆被**指控**在实验室里故意将**酸液**到另一个人的胳膊上,当时二人正在**激活**某些化学物。吉姆坚信这项指控是假的。他声称这是在争执中出现的一场意外。作为一名合同律师,鲍勃不习惯在陪审团面前做辩护。但他还是答应接下吉姆的案子,因为他坚信

because he strongly believed in Jim's innocence. The thought of an innocent man being convicted of a crime he didn't commit **actual** Bob's hidden trial skills.

At the trial, Bob proved that the other man caused his own injury by pushing Jim while Jim was working with dangerous chemicals. Bob also proved that the man's claim of an **acute** injury was false. The **actual** injury was minor. Bob asked the jury to **acquit** Jim of all criminal charges. Amazingly, Bob **achieved** an **acquittal** for Jim.

I'll never forget what Bob did for Jim, because I was there. I am Jim. In fact, I still remember the **adage** Bob used to explain why he took my case for free. He said, "In doing, we learn."

吉姆是清白的。一想到一个无辜的人将因为莫须有的罪名而遭判处,鲍勃潜在的辩护能力就被激活了。

法庭上,鲍勃证实了那个人是在吉姆正在试验危险化学品时推搡了吉姆才弄伤自己的。他还证实那个人所谓的重伤是假的,实际上只是轻伤,鲍勃要求陪审团宣告吉姆无罪。令人惊讶的是,鲍勃果真为吉姆赢得了无罪释放的判决。

我永远不会忘记鲍勃为吉姆所做的一切,因为当时我就在现场,我就是吉姆。实际上,我仍记得鲍勃在解释为什么为我免费辩护时所用的格言:“实践长才干。”

记单词

accusation [ˌækjuˈzeɪʃən] *n.* 谴责;控告
accuse [əˈkjuːz] *vt.* 指责,归咎
accustomed [əˈkʌstəmd] *adj.* 习惯了的
achieve [əˈtʃiːv] *vt.* 完成,实现;赢得
achievement [əˈtʃiːvmənt] *n.* 成就,功绩
acid [ˈæsid] *n.* 酸 *adj.* 1. 酸的 2. 尖酸的,刻薄的
acquaintance [əˈkweɪntəns] *n.* 熟人
acquire [əˈkwaɪə] *vt.* 获得,学到
acquisition [ˌækwiˈzɪʃ(ə)n] *n.* 获得;收购;接受
acquisitive [əˈkwɪzɪtɪv] *adj.* 想获得的,贪得无厌的
acquit [əˈkwɪt] *v.* 宣告无罪

acquittal [əˈkwɪt(ə)l] *n.* 宣判无罪
acronym [ˈækrənɪm] *n.* 用大写字母表示的缩写词
activate [ˈæktɪveɪt] *vt.* 刺激,使活动
actual [ˈæktʃuəl] *adj.* 实际的,现行的
actuate [ˈæktʃueɪt] *vt.* 开动;促使
acumen [ˈækjumen, əˈkjuːmen] *n.* 敏锐,聪明,才智
acute [əˈkjuːt] *adj.* 1. 灵敏的,敏锐的
2. (事情)剧烈的;很严重的
adage [ˈædɪdʒ] *n.* 格言,谚语
adamant [ˈædəmənt] *adj.* 固执的,坚定不移的

Adaptation Is the Key

适应是关键

adapt → adobe

读故事

I must **admit**, I didn't like Tom in the beginning. He lived in the house that was **adjacent** to mine, and I knew he was **addicted** to painkillers. He had injured his back while building **adobe** houses in the countryside for the local government **administration**. The painkillers numbed his back pain and allowed him to continue performing his heavy construction work. However, it wasn't long before he got caught for failing to **adhere** to the drug laws.

I still recall what the judge told him shortly before he **adjourned** the court. "You'll either have to **adapt** to a life without drugs or **adjust** to living in the prison that **adjoins** this court-house."

I was **admittedly** upset when the judge asked me to help **administer** Tom's probation. I felt that the judge was making me an unwilling and unnecessary **adjunct** to the court system. But I had no choice. I thought to myself, "**Adaptation** is the key." So I changed my attitude towards Tom and I soon learned that Tom was just as **adaptable**.

Tom heeded the judge's warning. He quit his

我得承认,当初我并不是喜欢汤姆。他住我隔壁,而且我知道他吃止痛药成瘾。他在乡下给当地政府盖泥砖房时伤了后背。止痛药麻木了他的背痛,这样他就能继续从事那些繁重的建筑工作。然而不久,他便因不遵守药品法被捕。

我还记得法官在休庭前对汤姆说的话:"你要么就得适应没有止痛药的生活,要么就去适应与法庭相邻的监狱生活。"

不可否认,当法官让我协助执行汤姆的缓刑时,我很烦恼。我觉得法官是在把我变成法律制度下的一个既不愿意又不必要的附庸。但我别无选择。我想,"适应是关键。"于是改变了自己对汤姆的态度,而且我很快发现汤姆的适应能力极强。

汤姆没把法官的警告当做耳边风。他辞掉了建筑工作,不再使用止痛药,并将全

construction job and stopped using painkillers. He put all of his time and effort into inventing a new **adhesive** for constructing brick houses. His dedication was **admirable**. He became quite **adept** at chemistry and before long, he discovered a key **additive** that made his glue superior to all other adhesives.

Now, I greatly **admire** Tom and he has become a good friend. I guess adaptation really is the key!

部时间和精力投入到发明盖砖瓦房所需的新型粘合剂中。他全身心的投入令人钦佩。他搞起化学来很有一手,不久他找到了关键的添加剂,加入它以后,他的胶水就成了最好的粘合剂。

现在,我非常佩服汤姆,我们成了好朋友。我猜适应真的是关键!

记单词

adapt [ə'dæpt] *v.* (使)适应,调整;改编
adaptable [ə'dæptəb(ə)l] *adj.* 能适应的,适应性强的
adaptation [ˌædæp'teɪʃ(ə)n] *n.* 改编,改写;适应环境
addict [ə'dɪkt] *vt.* 使沉溺,使上瘾
additive [ə'dɪtɪv] *adj.* 加法的 *n.* 添加剂
adept [ə'dept] *adj.* 熟练的,擅长的,拿手的,有一手的
adhere [əd'hɪə(r)] *vi.* 1. 黏附,粘牢 2. 追随,坚持,遵守
adhesive [əd'hɪ:sɪv] *n.* 粘着物 *adj.* 粘着的
adjacent [ə'dʒeɪsənt] *adj.* 接近的,毗连的,邻近的

adjoin [ə'dʒɔɪn] *vt.* 相邻,毗连
adjourn [ə'dʒɔ:n] *v.* 延期;休会
adjunct ['ædʒʌŋkt] *n.* 附件,附属,附庸
adjust [ə'dʒʌst] *vt.* 调整,使适于
administer [əd'mɪnɪstə(r)] *vt.* 管理
administration [əd,mɪnɪ'streɪʃ(ə)n] *n.* 1. 管理,经营 2. 当局,政府
admirable ['ædmərəb(ə)l] *adj.* 值得称赞的,令人钦佩的
admire [əd'maɪə(r)] *vt.* 钦佩,崇拜;欣赏
admit [əd'mɪt] *vt.* 1. 准许进入 2. 承认
admittedly [əd'mɪtɪdli] *adv.* 公认地;诚然地,无可否认地
adobe [ə'dəʊbi, ə'dəʊb] *n.* 泥砖,土坯(房)

Christmas 圣诞节

adopt→affirm

读故事

I'm a big **advocate** of Christmas celebrations. It's still my favorite time of year. Although China hasn't **adopted** this special holiday, there's still hope. With the **advent** of China's membership in the WTO, Chinese people will be exposed to a number of Western holidays. My guess is that they will **adore** Christmas.

My strong **affinity** for Christmas comes from my childhood days. In my hometown, we would prepare for Christmas by buying a big Christmas tree. If we were feeling a bit more **adventurous**, we would hike up the mountain and find one on our own. **Adorning** the tree is the next step. We'd use all kinds of **adornment** to decorate the tree, from pinecones and candy coated angels to colorful Christmas balls and fake icicles. My dad was especially **adroit** at making small hand-painted ornaments. Since my dad's company was **affiliated** with a light bulb company, he was also able to bring home the most beautiful and colorful Christmas lights.

After decorating the tree, we would make small Gingerbread houses out of bread and candy. These houses were **aesthetic** but not edible. It was always **advisable** to keep these appetizing houses out of reach of young children.

我是圣诞节庆祝活动的坚决**拥护者**，一年中我最喜欢的日子仍是圣诞节。尽管它还没有被**接纳**为中国的特别节日，希望还是有的。随着中国加入 WTO 之日的到来，中国人将面临许多西方节日。我猜他们会非常喜欢圣诞节。

我对圣诞节的**喜爱**源于童年时代。在我的家乡，准备过节时，我们会买来一棵高大的圣诞树。如果想来点**冒险**的，我们就会爬上山亲自找一棵圣诞树。下一步是**装饰**圣诞树。我们会用各种各样的**装饰品**来装饰它，从松果、包着糖果的天使到花花绿绿的圣诞球和假冰柱。我爸爸尤其**擅长**做些手工上色的小装饰品。由于爸爸的公司**隶属于**一个灯泡厂，他还能将最漂亮、最鲜艳的圣诞灯带回家。

装饰完圣诞树后，我们就用面包和糖果做些姜汁面包屋。这些小屋子只可用作**美学欣赏**，不能吃。因此，把这些诱人的小屋子放在孩子

There's no **adversity** on Christmas day. Even the soldiers are **adverse** to fighting. Everyone is **affable**. Lovers are especially **affectionate** and they often show their **affection** by giving each other romantic gifts. Children usually receive toys as gifts. But my most memorable gift was not a toy. It was an aquarium, complete with an air pump to **aerate** the water. Raising all those fish was such an **adventure** for me.

What is my favorite holiday? All of these wonderful thoughts lead me to **affirm** that Christmas is without doubt the best time of year.

们可望而不可及的地方向来是明智之举。

圣诞节没有苦难,即使是士兵也反对打仗,人人都是一团和气。恋人之间更是洋溢着温情,他们常常互赠浪漫的礼物来表达爱慕。孩子们收到的礼物通常是玩具。但最让我难忘的礼物不是玩具,而是一个带空气泵、能通气的鱼缸。对我来说,养鱼真是一次冒险。

我最喜欢什么节日?所有这些美好的回忆让我肯定地回答:毫无疑问,圣诞节是一年中最美好的日子。

记单词

adopt [ə'dɒpt] *vt.* 1. 采用,采纳
2. 收养
adore [ə'dɔ:(r)] *v.* 1. 崇拜,崇敬
2. 极喜爱
adorn [ə'dɔ:n] *vt.* 装饰
adornment [ə'dɔ:nmənt] *n.* 装饰;装饰品
adroit [ə'drɔɪt] *adj.* 熟练的,灵巧的
advent ['ædvənt] *n.* (尤指不寻常的人或事)出现,到来
adventure [əd'ventʃə(r)] *n.* 冒险经历
adventurous [əd'ventʃərəs] *adj.* 喜欢冒险的,敢做敢为的
adverse ['ædvə:s] *adj.* 1. 负面的,不利的 2. 敌对的
adversity [əd'və:sɪti] *n.* 不幸,灾难
advisable [əd'vaɪzəbl] *adj.* 可取的,明

智的
advocate ['ædvəkit] *n.* 提倡者,主张者
['ædvəkeit] *vt.* 拥护,主张
aerate ['ɛəreit] *v.* 充气,让空气进入,(水、饮料等)加气
aesthetic [i:s'θetik] *adj.* 美学的,审美的
affable ['æfəb(ə)l] *adj.* 1. 易接近的,和蔼可亲的 2. 亲切友善的,慈祥的
affection [ə'fekʃən] *n.* 友爱,挚爱,情爱
affectionate [ə'fekʃənət] *adj.* 亲爱的,挚爱的
affiliate [ə'fɪlieɪt] *vt.* 使隶属于;使接纳为成员
affinity [ə'fɪnɪti] *n.* 1. 密切关系 2. 吸引,喜爱
affirm [ə'fɔ:m] *vt.* 断言;证实