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顺时应势 快乐学习

十年磨一剑，霜刃未曾试。

十年之前，我心中就有了这本书。

时至今日才完成，原因很简单，本书工程之浩大远远超过了我当时的想象。GRE 考试是考生公认的难度较大的考试，尤其是它的词汇，体系庞大，背记枯燥乏味。许多学员一提到 GRE，便感到高山仰止。市面上也已有不少的 GRE 词汇书。但如何能为学员真正地解决 GRE 单词背诵的难题，让学员在单词的记忆中真正地提高英语能力，甚至让学员从 GRE 的单词记忆中体会到学习的快乐，正是十年来我带领本书的创作团队一直在努力、一直在坚持去实现的目标。我想要编写一本人人都敢背、人人都能背、人人都能从背诵的过程中获取学习快乐的 GRE 词汇书。


目标清楚了，策划时就思如泉涌。第一、我想要本书囊括 GRE 考试的全部重点词汇，并不断吸收最新考试信息，第一时间收录新 GRE 考点词汇，同时全面兼容市面上 GRE 词汇书所收录的所有词汇。第二、我想要所有的文章题材或经典、或时尚、或富有趣味性、或富有知识性，让读者在本书中找到真正学习的快乐——读故事背单词的快乐。第三、我想要本书所有文章的长度和难度等同于真实 GRE 考试阅读文章，让读者在背记单词的同时潜移默化地提高阅读能力，事半功倍。第四、我想在单词表中加入词根、词缀记忆法等辅助手段，帮助学生迅速提高记忆效果，全面扩大词汇库存。

接下来，就是漫长的创作过程。我和一个国际化的创作团队一起开始默默地耕耘。我们邀请了全球一流的专家团队

经过了近两年的反复论证，才最后确立了本书的总体框架。书中所有的故事都是英美国家一流大学的语言教育专家的原创作品，不仅用词地道，同时还增加了许多原汁原味的英美文化背景。在本书付梓之际，当我手捧着这本沉甸甸的书稿时，眼前一一闪现这些专家们的音容笑貌，心中的感激之情难以言表。本书与其他的 GRE 词汇书完全不同，它不仅是东西方一流的语言专家团队经过十年磨砺后绽放的精神文化碰撞的火花，同时也是几十位中外英语教育专家思想智慧的沉淀，更是一部我们北京新航道学校国际化团队倾情奉献的英语词汇巨作。

作为一个长期在“庙堂”英语与“江湖”英语之间行走的人，我一直在思考如何在它们之间找出第三条路来，凭着多年经验以及对国际英语测试发展方向的把握，我感觉到国际英语测试系统必将把重心转向对考生语言应用能力的考核。这是《读故事记单词》丛书最深层次的策划理念。

学习就是一个成长的过程，而成长的过程必然是痛苦与快乐相伴，获得与付出互换。教育者的职责就是努力使学习者在求索知识真谛的过程中减少痛苦，从而帮助学习者在攀登知识高峰的道路上获得战胜困难后身心愉悦的快乐。而“读故事记单词”系列图书正是“把枯燥的单词编进生动的故事，让沉闷的学习变得快乐有趣”这一理念的极致体现。我真诚地希望每位读者都能够体会到编者的这一用心，在快乐的学习过程中掌握知识，在掌握知识的过程中获取学习的快乐。

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1. The Road to Royston Valley

读故事

You'll never find the village of Royston Valley on maps. Traditionally, locals do not abbreviate it to "R.V." or abridge it to "Royston". This would be to abandon a tradition. Royston Valley is an aberration and its inhabitants, who consider themselves aboriginals, are aberrant. Strangers arriving in Royston Valley cannot abscond. Locals abominate them, their situation is abject and they are at the mercy of the local people, who are aboveboard with each other, but hold rules in abeyance with regard to strangers. Rumors abound that hikers in the nearby hills have been abducted and ... well, who knows?

The villagers live in almost absolute isolation and don't want the outside world to absorb them. They are abstemious and abstain from most of the modern things that other English people, who are now rarely abstentious, enjoy. Their abstention would be famous if anyone knew of it. A few people keep abreast of events in the outside world, in case anything that could affect the village happens. One of these people discovered that a road to Royston Valley was being built. The locals thought this abominable. How could they stop the abhorrent road? They would have to fight until the threat abated and construction was abrogated. Everyone discussed the abolition of the road to their centuries old abode. Several attempts to stop the road were made, but these failed, abashing the locals, forcing the mayor to abdicate, and leading to rumors that a villager was abetting the road builders. As a result, each villager publicly abnegated any connection to the road builders through ablution.

One woman refused to abide by this and abase herself in this way. She claimed to abhor the road, wanted to abolish it, and would give a verbal abnegation. Villagers tried to reason with her, saying that, to adjure, ablution was necessary, but the discussion soon became abrasive. Someone pointed out her frequent absenteeism from the village in recent days and the woman was forced to tell her story to absolve herself. Through a series of abscissions and abrasions, she had created a single body from the dead bodies of farm animals. Put together, the body looked frightening. She had left it in the path of the road. A few days later, the road builders discovered it and abraded the mud from it. What they saw horrified them and work came to an abrupt halt on the now abortive road.

翻 译

通往罗伊斯山谷的公路

在地图上，你永远也找不到罗伊斯顿山谷这个村庄。依照传统，当地人不会把罗伊斯顿山谷缩写为 R.V. 或缩短为“罗伊斯顿”，因为那意味着摒弃传统。罗伊斯顿山谷有些异常，它的居民自认为是土著居民，其行为也有些反常。外乡人来到罗伊斯顿山谷就无法逃脱。当地人憎恨外乡人，因此外乡人在这里地位很卑微，任由当地人摆布。当地人对待自己人光明磊落，而对外乡人则暂不实行这些规则。这里谣传大量存在：徒步旅行者在附近小山上遭绑架并……，嗨，到底怎么回事，谁知道呢？

这里的村民们过着一种几乎与外界完全隔绝的生活，他们不想被外面的世界所同化。他们生活很有节制，戒绝了大多数现代的东西，而这些正是其他很少节制的英国人所享受的。如果有人了解到这一点，这里的人肯定会因为节制而出名。有几个人常常及时了解外界发生的事件，不落后于形势的发展，以防任何危害村庄的事情发生。其中有人发现一条通往罗伊斯顿山谷的公路正在修建中。当地人认为这很讨厌。怎样才能阻止修建这条可恶的公路呢？他们必须坚决斗争，直至威胁减小，筑路工程取消为止。就如何废止修建这条通往他们古老住所的公路，大家展开了讨论。几次阻止修路的尝试都失败了，这使当地人感到很窘迫，市长也被迫辞职，还引发了谣言：有村民怂恿并帮助修路者。结果，每位村民都通过洗礼公开否认与修路者有任何联系。

有个女人却拒不遵从这种做法，她拒绝以这种方式来降低自己的尊严。她声称自己也憎恨这条路，想废止它，而且她可以口头否认。村民试图说服她。他们说，要表示郑重否认，必须通过洗礼；但辩论中人们的态度很快就变得粗暴起来。有人指出她最近经常离开村子、长期在外，这个女人被迫讲明内情以使自己免受惩罚。经过一系列的切除和磨损，她利用农场的动物死尸造出了一具尸体。这具拼凑而成的尸体看上去令人毛骨悚然。她把它放在正在修建的公路上。几天后，修路者发现了这具尸体。他们把上面的泥巴磨掉，眼前的一切让他们惊恐不已，于是他们突然停工，公路建设无果而终了。

记单词

abandon [ə'bændən]

v. 放弃, 摒弃 (to give up completely; forsake); n. 放纵 (unrestrained freedom or emotion)

abase [ə'beis]

v. 贬低, 降低尊严 (lower oneself/sb. in dignity; degrade oneself/sb.)

[同] degradation, demean, humiliate

abash [ə'bæʃ]

v. 使不安, 使愧疚, 使窘迫 (to destroy the self-possession or self-confidence of, disconcert)

[同] confound, confuse, discomfit, disconcert, faze

[反] embolden

abate [ə'beit]

v. 减少, 减低 (make or become less)

[同] lull, mitigate, relent, slacken, subside, wane

[反] intensify, promote, augment

abbreviate [ə'brɪvi:ieɪt]

v. 将(字、名称等)缩短 (shorten <a word, title, etc>)

abdicate ['æbdikeɪt]

v. 放弃, 让位 (resign from or formally renounce the throne)

[记] 前缀 ab 表示 away, from. dicate 是发表宣言, 宣布离开, 即让位, 放弃。

[同根] dictator 独裁者 indicate 表示

[同] discard, shed, slough, renounce, resign

abduct [æb'dʌkt]

v. 诱拐, 绑架 (to take <a person> away unlawfully; kidnap)

aberrant [ə'berənt]

adj. 异常的, 越轨的 (not following the normal or correct way)

[记] 前缀 ab 表示 away, err 是 wander, 漂泊离开了, 即异常的, 越轨的。

[同根] errant 错误的 erratic 古怪的

[同] anomalous, atypical, deviant

aberration [æbə'reiʃən]

n. 异常 (deviation from what is accepted as normal or right)

abet [ə'bet]

v. 鼓励, 怂恿 (help or encourage sb. to commit an offence or do sth. wrong); 支持, 帮助

[反] stymie, frustrate, obstruct, thwart, impede, forestall

abeyance [ə'beɪəns]

n. 中止, 暂停 (be in abeyance; fall/go into abeyance <of a right, rule, problem, etc.> be suspended temporarily; not be in force or use for a time)

[同] latency, quiescence, suspension

abhor [ə'hɔ:]

v. 憎恶, 痛恨 (feel hatred and disgust for sb./sth.; detest)

[同] detest, execrate, loathe, disdain

abhorrent [əb'hɔərənt]

adj. 可恶的 (causing disgust or hatred; detestable; hateful)

abide [ə'baɪd]

v. 容忍 (tolerate; endure; bear); abide by, 遵守 (法律, 决定等); 信守 (诺言等)

object ['æbdʒekt]

adj. 1. 卑微的; 2. 可怜的 (wretched; hopeless)

[记] 前缀 ab 表示 away, ject 是抛, 被抛掉的, 即可怜的。

[同根] projectile 投射物

[2反] exultant

abjure [æb'dʒʊə]

v. 发誓放弃 (promise or swear to give up; renounce formally); 郑重放弃 (意见等)

[反] affirm, espouse, embrace

ablution [ə'blu:ʃən]

n. 洗礼 (ceremonial washing of the body, hands, sacred vessels, etc.)

[记] 词根 lut 表示洗。

[同根] dilute 冲淡 antediluvian 远古

abnegate ['æbnɪgeɪt]

v. 否认, 放弃 (to deny; renounce)

abnegation [æbni'geɪʃən]

n. 否认, 放弃 (denial or renunciation)

abode [ə'bəʊd]

n. 住所, 住处 (house; home)

abolish [ə'bəliʃ]

v. 废止, 废除 (end the existence of)

abolition [ə'bəliʃən]

n. 废除 (the state of being abolished; prohibition)

abominable [ə'bɒmɪnəbl̩]

adj. 讨厌的 (causing disgust; detestable)

abominate [ə'bɒmɪneɪt]

v. 憎恶 (feel hatred or disgust; detest; loathe)

[记] ab 表示 away, 词根 omin 是预兆。因兆头不好离开, 即憎恶。

[同根] ominous 坏兆头的

[同] abhor, detest, execrate, loathe

[反] esteem, adore

aboriginal [ˌæbə'ri:dʒənəl]

n. 土著居民; *adj.* 土著的, 原来的 (inhabiting a land from a very early period, esp. before the arrival of colonists)

abortive [ə'bo:tɪv]

adj. 失败的, 流产的, 无结果的 (coming to nothing; unsuccessful)

abound [ə'baʊnd]

v. 多, 大量存在, 富于 (to exist in large numbers; to have plenty of; teem with)

aboveboard [ə'boʊv'bɔ:d]

adj./adv. 无欺诈的 (地), 光明磊落的 (地) (honest and open/honestly and openly)

[反] surreptitious

abrade [ə'breɪd]

v. 磨损 (to scrape or rub off)

[同] corrode, erode, gall, graze, rub, ruffle, wear away

[反] augment

abrasion [ə'breɪʒən]

n. 磨损, 磨耗 (wearing or rubbing away by friction)

abrasive [ə'breɪsɪv]

adj. 使磨损的 (that scrapes or rubs sth away), 粗暴的 (rough)

abreast [ə'breɪst]

adv./adj. 并非地 (的) (side by side), abreast of (使) 不落落后于..., (与) ...齐头并进

abridge [ə'brɪdʒ]

v. 缩短, 精简 (to make shorter, esp. by using fewer words; condense)

[反] amplify, protract

abrogate [ˌæbrəʊgeɪt]

v. 废除; 取消 (cancel, repeal annul)

[反] embrace, uphold, institute

abrupt [ə'brʌpt]

adj. 突然的, 生硬的 (sudden and unexpected)

[记] rupt 表打破。

[同根] rupture 破裂, 裂形 bankrupt 破产者; 破了产的 corrupt 腐败, 堕落

abscission [æb'sɪʃn]

v. 切除 (the act of cutting off, as in a surgical operation)

abscond [æb'skɒnd]

v. 潜逃 (go away suddenly and secretly, esp. in order to avoid arrest)

[记] ad 表示 away, 词根 scond 表示隐藏。藏起来即潜逃。

[同根] recondite 深奥的

absenteeism [æbsən'ti:z(ə)m]

n. 旷课, 旷工 (frequent absence from school or work); 长期在外

absolute [ˈæbsəlu:t]

adj. 完全的, 绝对的 (complete; total)

absolve [əb'zɒlv]

v. 宣布免除, 无罪赦免 (clear sb. <of guilt>; declare sb. free <from blame, a promise, a duty, etc.>); 使免受惩罚

[同] exempt, discharge, dispense, relieved, acquit, exonerate, vindicate

[反] inculcate, indict

absorb [əb'sɔ:b]

v. 1. 吸收; 2. 吸引...注意 (to suck up or take up/to take in and make part of an existent whole/to hold the attention or interest of sb. fully); 3. 把...并入, 同化

[1反] exude, dissipate, reflect, emit, radiate

abstain [əb'steɪn]

v. 戒绝 (keep oneself from doing or enjoying sth., esp. from taking alcoholic drinks; refrain)

[记] ab 表示 from, 词根 tain 是 hold, 从...中放手即戒绝。

[同根] retain 保留 attain 获得

abstemious [æb'sti:mɪəs]

adj. 有节制的 (not taking much food or drink; not self-indulgent; moderate)

2. Turn the Key in the Ignition

读故事

The abysmal academician's acarpous writing had accomplished little in achievements to date. He was left to accord the most abstract publications access to his accommodating abuse of the English language. The sort of publications one uses to abut doors open when abundant enough, serve no better purpose. His academic peers could neither acclimate to the lack of accountability in his published work nor offer any accolades to him. They would not let him accede to a tenured position in his department. And so he'd accuse them of being accomplices in creating the abyss he found himself in eventually. He was abusive to a degree which only helped accelerate the accretion of venom between himself and his peers.

He'd once known acclaim for his acerbic wit, which cut through the acedia of modern society. But his wife would not accommodate the acerbity that was now leaving her husband's writing abstruse: he had sought a teaching position to satisfy the absurd need for security his wife considered accomplice in a successful marriage. And yet, there was accuracy in considering a teaching post accomplish abstinence from poverty (what must have seemed a certainty when one considers the abundance of writers whose only accouter after a lifetime of toil, be insignificance). The fear of that fate would accost her husband, to the point of rendering him abstinent of the acclivity his potential had held up for him once. He now could only accompany his former potential with sordid episodes accommodating alcohol for company.

It could be accurate to say that his marriage was now but an accessory; he had come to acclimate to accrete in tension between him and his wife. And to that was added the issues at work that could only but accentuate the pressure on his tender sensibilities (what had served him so well when consternation did accrue originality to his writing). And so it was he found himself one day unsure as to how to go beyond the failings he had done so well to accumulate. His nervous exhaustion had finally severed the reins on his creativity, rendering his writing accessible again to that voice which had provided him once with an original perspective. His situation had necessitated a change in his direction. A failed marriage and employers accusing him of misrepresenting talent, had provided him with a topic to rail against, in a society where like-minded individuals saw his latest work speak to their voiceless existence: millions, that saw him richer for it.

发动引擎

有一位学问深不可测的学究，他那没有结果的写作迄今为止尚未取得什么成就。他接下来要做的就是赋予自己最抽象的出版物一个随意滥用英语的机会。这类出版物印得太多的话，人们只能用它们来紧靠着门，好让门开着，除此之外没什么更好的用途。他出版的作品中缺乏应做的解释，对此他学术上的同行们很不习惯，当然也不会赞扬。他们不会让他在部门中就任终身职位。因此，他指责同行们是帮凶，让他最终陷入窘境的深渊。他甚至口出恶言，但这只能加速他和同行之间怨恨的增长。

他曾以尖刻的机智备受称赞，它针砭现代社会的懒惰。但他妻子却不能适应这种刻薄，因为刻薄使他的作品更加深奥难懂：他找了一份教书的工作，以满足妻子对安全感的荒谬需求，她认为安全感与幸福婚姻是同伴。然而，教书能够实现免于贫困这一想法有它的正确性。（人们似乎确信，许多作家在辛劳了一辈子之后，在生活中所得到的配备还是微乎其微。）对这种命运的担心渐渐靠近她的丈夫，以至于使他在向上坡攀登的过程中有所节制，不能像以前那样在潜力的支撑下有所进步了。现在伴随他原有写作能力的只剩下悲惨的故事了，而且要给他提供酒作为陪伴。

可以准确地说，婚姻现在对他来说只不过是附属品；他已经逐渐适应了他和妻子之间逐渐增长的紧张关系。雪上加霜的是他工作中的问题，这只能给他那脆弱的敏感神经加重压力（他敏感的神经的确适合写作，他对恐怖场面的描写给他的作品增添了独创性）。而且，有一天他发现自己对如何改掉多年积累下来的缺点没有信心。他的敏感神经的枯竭最终阻断了他的创造激情，使他的写作很容易受到那种曾为他提供过创作视角的声音的影响。他的处境使他必须改变方向。婚姻失败了，上司指责他不好好发挥才干，这些都成了他抨击的主题；在这个社会里，和他有着相同思想的人觉得他的最新作品肯定了他们无声的存在：数百万人目睹他因此富有起来。