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前言

巴朗词表 (Barron's GRE Word List, 13th Edition) 由美国 Barron 公司推出, 其优势是选词科学, 释义精确, 例句贴切。虽然它只包含了不到 4000 个单词, 但命中率却高出国内目前所有的 GRE 词汇书, 是当今机考时代的 GRE 词汇学习书的首选, 或可称为“洋宝书”。

然而, 作为针对美国人编写的词汇记忆用书, 巴朗词表也存在着美中不足: (1) 词典式的编排虽然便于查找, 却不便于记忆; (2) 纯英文注释虽然精确, 初学者却感觉不便, 常常要另查词典; (3) 虽然准确地列出了背记任务, 却没有讲授科学记忆原理。有鉴于此, 我们在充分研究、分析巴朗词表的基础上, 精心策划、编写了本书。为了更适合广大中国考生的实际情况, 同时结合作者的长期教研和培训经验, 本书特按英语单词速记方法将巴朗词表重新归类, 形成速记版, 真正让考生取得事半功倍的学习效果。

在利用本书学习、记忆英语单词时, 特别有必要认识和掌握贯穿全书的以下科学记忆原理:

1. 记忆力是用进废退的

人类的记忆潜能是巨大的, 越频繁使用, 其能量越大。所以, 我们记忆单词时目标不能太小, 当然也不能太大, 一般一天 80 个左右为宜。

2. 运用艾宾浩斯遗忘曲线, 实现最佳复视频率, 高效率地达到永久记忆效果

根据艾宾浩斯遗忘曲线, 遗忘的发生频率是 5 分钟后、2 小时后、8 小时后、2 天后、4 天后、7 天后、31 天后和 180 天后。这也是最佳复视频率, 即: 在遗忘将要发生时, 及时复视一遍, 即可轻松延长保持期。这里要说明的是, 略高于这个频率复习 (如连续复视 3 遍) 对记忆较差的学生是有必要的, 对所有人来说也是有益的。但过度学习 (如连续复视 10 遍) 则是浪费。

3. 分散记忆比集中记忆效果好

也就是说，备考和记单词开始的时间越早越好，最好提前一年，至少提前半年。

4. 多觉记忆比单觉记忆效果好

多觉记忆指的是视觉、听觉、动觉同时使用，如：边写、边念、边听、边看。

5. 运用联想法等特色突出的记忆法

平淡的东西不易记，奇特的东西不易忘。给一个单词附上一个荒诞的联想，可以一次性导致永久记忆。比如 goad，可联想为 go + ahead；而 demise (dimaiz) 则可联想为“地埋尸—死亡”（见本书“荒诞联想法”）。此外，把不熟悉的东西与熟悉的东西联系起来记忆可事半功倍；有语境的单词比孤立的单词容易记，最好结合例句有针对性地记忆。

6. 相信自己一定能记住

这里有一个心理暗示因素。积极的暗示可以极大地促进记忆潜能的发挥。

7. 大脑越清净，效果越好

集中注意力，并及时排除确实已经记住的单词，将有助于保持大脑的清净。

8. 分组记忆

瞬间记忆时，一次性的最大容量为 7 个记忆单位，所以可以把单词分为 7 个一组进行记忆。

9. 运用便于记忆的化简法

一个单词往往有很多派生词，我们完全可以将其化为最简单的形式来加以记忆，从而大大提高记忆效率。如：inconsequential (adj. insignificant; unimportant)，其构词方式为：“in (not) + consequence (后果) + tial (adj.)”意为“不能导致什么后果的”，所以“不重要”。这个词的核心部分实际上是我们非常熟悉的单词 consequence。

相信通过本书的学习和使用，广大考生一定能够在短期内熟练掌握 GRE 必考词汇，顺利跨越词汇难关。

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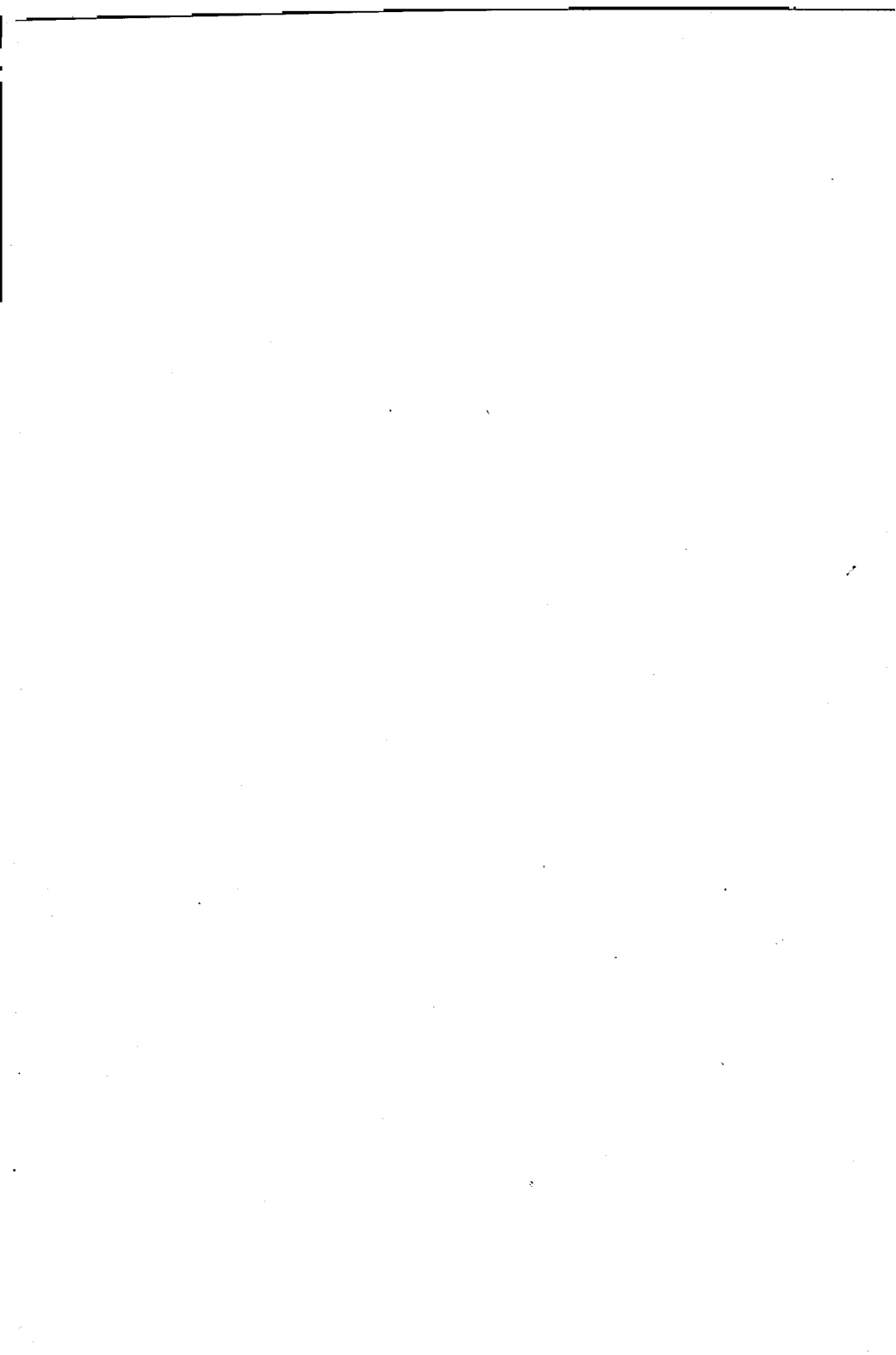
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第一章

神话典故引申词



adamant [ˈædəmənt]

adj. hard; inflexible

强硬的; 坚定不移的; 固执的

◆记忆提示: 亚当

例句: He was **adamant** in his determination to punish the criminals who destroyed his family.

◇派生: adamancy

n. 坚硬; 坚强; 固执

amazon [ˈæməzən]

n. female warrior 有男子气概的女人
源自神话中一支高大强壮的女战士族

◆记忆提示: 亚马逊

例句: Ever since the days of Greek mythology we refer to strong and aggressive women as **amazons**.

armada [ɑːˈmɑːdə]

n. fleet of warships 西班牙无敌舰队

例句: Queen Elizabeth's navy was able to defeat the mighty **armada** that threatened the English coast.

aureole [ˈɔːriəl]

n. halo; sun's corona

(神和圣人头上的)光晕; 日冕

例句: Many medieval paintings depict saintly characters with **aureoles** around

their heads.

auroral [ɔːˈrɔːrəl]

adj. pertaining to the aurora borealis
曙光的; 极光的; 玫瑰色的

例句: The **auroral** display was particularly spectacular that evening.

Bacchanalian [ˌbækəˈneɪljən]

adj. drunken 酒神节的; 狂饮作乐的

例句: Emperor Nero attended the **bacchanalian** orgy.

◆词源: Bacchus **n.** 酒神巴克斯

centaur [ˈsentɔː]

n. mythical figure, half man and half horse
(希腊神话中的)半人半马怪物

◆记忆提示: “身一头”

例句: I was particularly impressed by the statue of the **centaur** in the Roman Hall of the museum.

chimerical [kaiˈmerɪkəl]

adj. fantastically improbable; highly unrealistic; imaginative
空想的; 妄想的; 不真实的

例句: As everyone expected, Ted's **chimerical** scheme to make a fortune by raising ermines in his backyard proved a dismal failure.



◇派生: chimera

n. 狂想;妄想;荒唐的计划

cupidity [kju:'pidɪtɪ]

n. greed 贪心;贪婪

◆词源: Cupid 爱神丘比特

例句: The defeated people could not satisfy the **cupidity** of the conquerors, who demanded excessive tribute.

elysian [ɪ'li:ziən]

adj. relating to paradise; blissful
天堂

例句: An afternoon sail on the bay was for her an **elysian** journey.

idyllic [aɪ'dɪlɪk]

adj. charmingly carefree; simple
田园短诗的;牧歌的;生动逼真的

例句: Far from the city, she led an **idyllic** existence in her rural retreat.

iridescent [ɪ'ri:desnt]

adj. exhibiting rainbowlike colors
彩虹色的;闪光的

◆记忆提示: Iris 彩虹女神

例句: She admired the **iridescent** hues of the oil that floated on the surface of the water.

◇派生: iridescence

n. 彩虹色

jovial ['dʒəʊviəl]

adj. good-natured; merry
天性快活的;愉快的

例句: A frown seemed out of place on his invariably **jovial** face.

juggernaut ['dʒʌgənɔ:t]

n. irresistible crushing force

不可抗拒的毁灭力量

◆词源: Juggernaut

世界主宰(印度教主神毗瑟拿的化身)

例句: Nothing could survive in the path of the **Juggernaut**.

labyrinth ['læbəɪnθ]

n. maze 迷宫

◆词源: Labyrinth 迷宫;曲径

例句: Hiding from Indian Joe, Tom and Becky soon lost themselves in the **labyrinth** of secret underground caves.

lethal ['li:θəl]

adj. deadly 致命的

◆词源: Lethe 忘川(阴间的一条河,人饮其水就会忘掉过去一切)

例句: It is unwise to leave **lethal** weapons where children may find them.

lethargic [le'θɑ:dʒɪk]

adj. drowsy; dull 昏睡的;瞌睡的

联想: lethal 致命的;能致命的

例句: The stuffy room made her so **lethargic** that she felt as if she was about to nod off.

◇派生: lethargy

n. 无生气;死气沉沉;呆滞;冷漠

lilliputian [lɪlə'pju:ʃən]

adj. extremely small; tiny and delicate
微型的;极小的

◆词源: Lilliput (《格列佛游记》中的)小人国

例句: The model was built on a **lilliputian** scale.

◇派生: also

n. 小人国居民;侏儒

**martial** ['mɑ:ʃəl]**adj.** warlike

战争的;军事的;军队的;好战的;尚武的

◆词源: Mars

马耳斯(罗马神话故事中的战神);火星

例句: The sound of **martial** music inspired the young cadet with dreams of military glory.

◆引申: martial law 戒严令;戒严法

mercurial [mæ:'kjuəriəl]**adj.** capricious; changing; fickle

活泼善变的

◆词源: Mercury 水星;水银

例句: Quick as quicksilver to change, he was **mercurial** in nature and therefore unreliable.**muse** [mju:z]**v.** ponder 沉思;冥想

◆记忆提示:“默思”

例句: For a moment he **mused** about the beauty of the scene, but his thoughts soon changed as he recalled his own personal problems.

派生: Muse

n. (希腊女神)缪斯**nemesis** ['nemɪsɪs]**n.** someone seeking revenge 复仇者

◆词源: Nemesis (希腊神话)复仇女神

例句: Abandoned at sea in a small boat, the vengeful Captain Bligh vowed to be the **nemesis** of Fletcher Christian and his fellow mutineers.**Odyssey** ['ɒdɪsi]**n.** long, eventful journey

长途的冒险行程

◆词源: Odyssey 《奥德赛》(古希腊史诗,为荷马所作,描写奥德修斯在特洛伊战争后,在外流浪十年,历经艰险才返乡)

例句: The refugee's journey from Cambodia was a terrifying **odyssey**.**plutocracy** [plu:'tɒkrəsi]**n.** society ruled by the wealthy

富豪统治

◆词源: Plutus 希腊神话中的普路托斯;财神;冥王星

例句: From the way the government caters to the rich, you might think our society is a **plutocracy** rather than a democracy.**protean** ['prəuti:ən]**adj.** versatile; able to take on many forms 变化无常的;一人演几个角色的

◆词源: Proteus 海神,能随意变换形状以困惑他的俘虏

例句: A remarkably **protean** actor, Alee Guinness could take on any role.**saturnine** ['sætə:nain]**adj.** gloomy

忧郁的(反义词: genial 亲切的)

◆词源: Saturn 土星;农神;铅

例句: Do not be misled by his **saturnine** countenance; he is not as gloomy as he looks.**satyr** ['sætə]**n.** half-human, half-bestial being in the court of Dionysus, portrayed as wanton and cunning

(希神及罗马神话)半人半兽的森林之神;好色之徒;性欲极强的男人



例句: He was like a **satyr** in his lustful conduct.

spartan ['spɑ:tɪn]

adj. lacking luxury and comfort; sternly disciplined
(指环境)简陋而艰苦的;清苦的

◆词源: Spartan 斯巴达人

例句: Looking over the bare, unheated room with its hard cot, he wondered what he was doing in such **spartan** quarters.

sphinx-like [s'fɪŋks'lʌɪk]

adj. enigmatic; mysterious
谜一般的;神秘的

例句: The Mona Lisa's **sphinx-like** expression has puzzled art lovers for centuries.

stygian ['stɪdʒɪən]

adj. gloomy; hellish; deathly
地狱的;阴暗的

◆词源: Styx 希腊神话中的冥河

例句: Shielding the flickering candle from any threatening draft, Tom and Becky descended into the **stygian** darkness of the underground cavern.

sylvan ['sɪlvən]

adj. pertaining to the woods; rustic
森林的;乡村的

例句: His paintings of nymphs in **sylvan** backgrounds were criticized as oversentimental.

tantalize ['tæntəlaɪz]

v. tease; torture with disappointment.

(以可望而不可及之物)逗引或招惹(人或动物)

◆词源: Tantalus 希腊神话中的坦塔罗斯;因泄漏天机被罚站阴府,又饿又渴,食物和水近在眼前,却拿不到。

例句: Tom loved to **tantalize** his younger brother with candy; he knew the boy was forbidden to have it.

thespian ['θespɪən]

adj. pertaining to drama

(古希腊雅典诗人,悲剧创始者)泰斯庇斯的;悲剧的;戏剧的

例句: Her success in the school play convinced her she was destined for a **thespian** career.

◇派生: also

n. 演员

titanic [taɪ'tænɪk]

adj. gigantic 巨大的;极大的

◆词源: Titans

被宙斯击败的一些不守法巨人

例句: **Titanic** waves beat against the majestic S.S. **Titanic**, driving it against the concealed iceberg.

◇派生: titan

n. 高大;强大;智力高;重要的人

zephyr ['zefə]

n. gentle breeze; west wind.

西风;(诗)和风;徐风

◆词源: Zephyr 西风之神

例句: When these **zephyrs** blow, it is good to be in an open boat under a full sail.

第二章

动物引申词

aquiline ['ækwɪlaɪn]

adj. curved; hooked

(似)鹰的; (似)鹰嘴弯曲状的; 钩状的

例句: He can be recognized by his **aquiline** nose, curved like the beak of the eagle.

asinine ['æsinain]

adj. stupid

驴的; 驴子似的; 愚钝的; 顽固的

◆ 词源: asin = ass

驴子

例句: Your **asinine** remarks prove that you have not given this problem any serious consideration.

bovine ['bəʊvaɪn]

adj. cowlike; placid and dull

牛的; 迟钝的

例句: Nothing excites Esther; even when she won the state lottery, she still preserved her air of **bovine** calm.

canine ['keɪnaɪn]

adj. related to dogs; doglike

犬的; 狗的; 似犬的; 犬科的

例句: Some days the **canine** population of Berkeley seems almost to outnumber the human population.

coltish ['kɒltɪʃ]

adj. lively and playful; frisky.

小马似的; 不受拘束的

◆ 词源: colt 小马

例句: Old people usually enjoy watching children's **coltish** antics.

cow [kau]

v. terrorize; intimidate 威吓; 恐吓

例句: The little boy was so **cowed** by the hulking bully that he gave up his lunch money without a word of protest.

cower ['kauə]

v. shrink quivering, as from fear

抖缩; 蜷缩; 畏缩

例句: The frightened child **cowered** in the corner of the room.

crabbed ['kræbɪd]

adj. sour; peevish

乖张的; 执拗的; 难解的; 晦涩的

例句: The children avoided the **crabbed** old man because he scolded them when they made noise.

dogged ['dɒɡɪd]

adj. determined; stubborn

顽固的; 固执的; 顽强的



例句: Les Miserables tells of inspector Javert's long, **dogged** pursuit of the criminal Jean Valjean.

equestrian [i'kwestriən]

n. rider on horseback 骑马者; 骑术家

例句: These paths in the park are reserved for **equestrians** and their steeds.

◇ 派生: also

adj. 马的; 骑术的

equine [i'kwain]

adj. resembling a horse 像马的

例句: Her long, bony face had an **equine** look.

ferret ['ferit]

v. drive or hunt out of hiding

搜寻; 翻找

原义: 雪貂

例句: She **ferreted** out their secret.

gull [gʌl]

v. trick; hoodwink 欺骗

例句: Confident no one could **gull** him, Paul prided himself on his skeptical disposition.

gullible ['gʌləbl]

adj. easily deceived

轻信的; 易受欺骗的

例句: **Gullible** people have only themselves to blame if they fall for con artists repeatedly. As the saying goes, "Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me."

halcyon ['hælsɪən]

adj. calm; peaceful 平静的; 太平的

联想: heaven (常大写) 天国

例句: In those **halcyon** days, people were not worried about sneak attacks and bombings.

leonine ['li:ənain]

adj. like a lion 狮子的; 狮子般的

例句: He was **leonine** in his rage.

lionize ['laɪənaɪz]

v. treat as a celebrity

将(某人)当作名人对待

例句: She enjoyed being **lionized** and adored by the public.

pestilential [ˌpestɪl'enʃəl]

adj. causing plague; baneful

似瘟疫的; 极讨厌的; 极恼人的

例句: People were afraid to explore the **pestilential** swamp.

◇ 派生: pestilence

n. 瘟疫; (犹指) 鼠疫

phoenix ['fi:niks]

n. symbol of immortality or rebirth/a person or thing of unsurpassed excellence (涅槃再生的) 凤凰; 完人; 完美之物

例句: Like the legendary **phoenix** rising from its ashes, the city of San Francisco rose again after its destruction during the 1906 earthquake.

ravenous ['rævɪnəs]

adj. extremely hungry 极饿的

例句: The **ravenous** dog upset several garbage pails in its search for food.

scavenge ['skævɪndʒ]

v. hunt through discarded materials for usable items; search, especially for food



打扫;以(腐肉)为食;从废物中提取

例句: If you need car parts that the dealers no longer stock, try **scavenging** for odd bits and pieces at the auto wreckers' yards.

◇派生: scavenger

n. 清道夫; 食腐动物

serpentine ['sɜ:pəntaɪn]

adj. winding; twisting

像蛇般的蜷曲的; 蜿蜒的

例句: The car swerved at every curve in the **serpentine** road.

shrew [ʃru:]

n. scolding woman 泼妇

例句: No one wanted to marry Shakespeare's Kate because she was a **shrew**.

slothful ['sləʊθfəl]

adj. lazy 怠惰的; 懒散的

例句: The British word "layabout" is a splendid descriptive term for someone **slothful**.

◇派生: sloth

n. slow-moving tree-dwelling mammal 树懒

例句: Note how well the somewhat greenish coat of the **sloth** enables it to blend in with its arboreal surroundings.

sluggard ['slʌɡəd]

n. lazy person 懒散而行动迟缓的人

◆词源: slug 蛞蝓(俗称鼻涕虫)

例句: "You are a **sluggard**, a drone, a parasite." the angry father shouted at his lazy son.

◇派生: sluggish

adj. slow; lazy; lethargic

行动迟缓的

例句: After two nights without sleep, she felt **sluggish** and incapable of exertion.

toady ['təʊdi]

n. servile flatterer; yes man

谄媚者; 马屁精

例句: Never tell the boss anything he doesn't wish to hear; he doesn't want an independent adviser, he just wants a **toady**.

◇派生: also

v. 谄媚; 奉承; 拍马

ursine ['ɜ:sain]

adj. bearlike; pertaining to a bear

熊的; 像熊的

例句: Because of its **ursine** appearance, the great panda has been identified with the bears; actually, it is closely related to the raccoon.

urchin ['ɜ:tʃɪn]

n. mischievous child (usually a boy)

顽童; 淘气鬼(犹指男孩)

例句: Get out! This store is no place for grubby **urchins**!

vixen ['vɪksn]

n. female fox; ill-tempered woman

雌狐; 唠叨的女人; 坏心眼的女人; 刁妇; 泼妇

例句: Aware that she was right once again, he lost his temper and called her a shrew and a **vixen**.