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译者的话

美国许多大学规定,申请读研究生或参加选拔研究生奖学金的人必须通过 GRE 考试 (GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION)。GRE 考试一般包括五大部分,其中第一部分语言能力 (verbal ability) 与 TOEFL 考试性质相近;因此,熟悉并精通 GRE 词汇不仅为通过 GRE 考试所必需,而且对通过 TOEFL 考试亦大有帮助。如 1985 年 5 月至 1988 年 5 月 TOEFL 正式考试词汇部分出现的 diversely (diverse), flagrantly (flagrant), discreetly (discreet), astrute, archaic, blatantly (blatant), rampant, elicited (elicit), amenities, intermittently (intermittent), rehabilitation (rehabilitate), disparaging (disparage), grueling, occult, inherently (inherent), itinerant, remnant, flamboyant, ruefully (rueful), placid, fluctuate (fluctuation), profligate, metropolitan (metropolis), adeptly (adept), chronically (chronic), be deflected (deflect), dormant, arbitrarily (arbitrary), scrupulously (scrupulous), resonant, ascertain, hazardous, adverse, wanton, malleable, awe, fortuitous, serendipitous (serendipity), abbreviate, panacea, insatiable 等在 GRE 词汇表中都有涉及。GRE 词汇在 TOEFL 结构、阅读理解部分中也多有所见。例如,1987 年 8 月 TOEFL 考题 Section 3 Questions 55-60 的阅读理解文章中所出现的 unique, manipulate, potential,

enigmatic, apotheosis, inanities (inane, inanity), oblique, untenable 等等都属 GRE 词汇。

熟悉 GRE 词汇对于英语教学也是颇多裨益的。试以国内广泛采用的教材《剑桥初级证书英语教程》(FIRST CERTIFICATE IN ENGLISH COURSE for foreign students) 为例。书中(包括注释与练习)所出现的 provincial, brooch, surly, precipice (precipitous), drudgery, remnants (remnant), migrant, luxuriant, conifer, transparent, translucent, opaque, incredulous, diverge, tepid, ominous, fancy (fancied), catastrophe, repertoire, illusion, delusion, bankrupt, provident, pandemonium, brochure, timidity, saunter, cruet, portable, deranged, synthetic, discordant, reprimand, insolent, impertinent, malicious, renovate, cul-de-sac, eccentricity, erring (unerringly), infamous, grim, dowdy, alias, crevice, chronic, fester, anaesthetic (anesthetic), indulgent 等都包括在 GRE 词汇中。当然, 作为进一步研究、充实词汇之用, GRE 词汇更是极佳的参考资料。如上面提及的 incredulous, GRE 词汇中尚有 credulity, credulous 及例句可资参阅。

为了使准备报考 GRE, TOEFL 及其他同类考试的读者, 也使希望迅速扩大词汇面的英语爱好者事半功倍地掌握 GRE 词汇, 译者将 BARRON'S HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION (第七版) 中第三章 REVIEWING VOCABULARY 中 BASIC WORD LIST, ETYMOLOGY, HONOR WORD LIST 译出, 译文力求忠实流畅。每个 WORD LIST 后附有 TEST, WORD LIST 40 后附有 OVERALL REVIEW TESTS,

书末附有答案。

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本书如有疏漏之处，欢迎诸位专家与读者不吝指正。

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Basic Word List

WORD LIST 1 abase - allegory

abase [ə'beɪs] v. lower; humiliate 使降低地位(或身分等), 使丢脸

His refusal to *abase* himself in the eyes of his followers irritated the king, who wanted to humiliate the proud leader. 那位骄傲的首领拒绝当着自己追随者的面向国王表示谦卑, 这使一心想羞辱他的国王大为恼怒。

√ **abash** [ə'bæʃ] v. embarrass 使羞愧, 使窘迫

He was not at all *abashed* by her open admiration. 对于她公开表示的爱慕, 他一点儿也不感到窘迫。

√ **abdicate** ['æbdikeɪt] v. renounce; give up 让位, 放弃

When Edward VIII *abdicated* the British throne he surprised the entire world. 爱德华八世放弃了英国王位, 此举使全世界感到惊讶。

√ **abettor** [ə'betə] n. encourager 唆使者; 煽动者

She was accused of being an aider and *abettor* of the criminal. 她被控告为该罪犯的帮凶和教唆犯。 abet [ə'bet] v. 教唆; 煽动

abeyance [ə'beɪəns] n. suspended action 中止, 行动停止

The deal was held in *abeyance* until her arrival. 她

到达之前，此项交易一直被搁置着。

✓ **abhor** [əb'hɔ:] v. detest; hate 厌恶，憎恨

She *abhorred* all forms of bigotry. 她憎恨各式各样的偏执行为。 **abhorrence** [əb'hɔ:rəns] n.

✓ **abjure** [əb'dʒuə] v. renounce upon oath 发誓断绝

He *abjured* his allegiance to the king. 他发誓不再效忠国王。 **abjuration** [æbdʒə'reiʃən] n.

✓ **ablution** [ə'blu:ʃən] n. washing 沐浴

His daily *ablutions* were accompanied by loud noises which he humorously labeled "Opera in the Bath." 他每天洗澡时总是发出很响的声音，他幽默地称之为“浴室歌剧”。

abominate [ə'bɒmineɪt] v. loathe; hate 厌恶，憎恨

Moses scolded the idol worshippers in the tribe because he *abominated* the custom. 摩西训斥部落中的偶像崇拜者，因为他憎恨这种习俗。

aboriginal [æbə'ridʒənəl] adj. being the first of its kind in a region; primitive; native 一个地区同种类中最早的，土著的，原始的，当地的

His studies of the primitive art forms of the *aboriginal* Indians were widely reported in the scientific journals. 他对于土著印第安人的原始艺术形式的研究，科学刊物广泛予以报道。 **aborigines** [æbə'ridʒini:z] n. 土著，土生动植物

✓ **abortive** [ə'bo:tɪv] adj. unsuccessful; fruitless 失败的，流产的，夭折的，无结果的

We had to abandon our *abortive* attempts. 我们不得

不中途放弃我们的尝试。

abrade [ə'breɪd] v. wear away by friction; erode 磨掉，
腐蚀

The skin of her leg was *abraded* by the sharp rocks. 她腿上的皮肤被尖利的岩石擦破了。
abrasion [ə'breɪʃən] n.

✓ abrogate ['æbrəgeɪt] v. abolish 废除

He intended to *abrogate* the decree issued by his predecessor. 他打算废除前任者所颁布的法令。

✓ abscond [æb'skɒnd] v. depart secretly and hide 秘密出逃并隐藏

The teller *absconded* with the bonds and was not found. 出纳员携带债券潜逃了，没被找到。

absolve [æb'zɒlv] v. pardon (an offense) 宽恕(冒犯)，赦免

The father confessor *absolved* him of his sins. 忏悔神父赦免了他的罪过。
absolution [ˌæbsə'lu:ʃən] n.

✓ abstemious [æb'sti:miəs] adj. temperate; sparing in drink, etc. 适度的，有节制的(饮酒等)

The drunkards mocked him because of his *abstemious* habits. 他喝酒颇有节制，酒鬼们都嘲笑他。

✓ abstinence ['æbstɪnəns] n. restraint from eating or drinking 克制进食或饮酒

The doctor recommended total *abstinence* from salted foods. 医生建议完全禁食腌制食物。
abstain [əb'steɪn] v.

✓ abstruse [æb'stru:s] adj. obscure; profound; difficult to understand 难解的，深奥的，晦涩的

He read *abstruse* works in philosophy. 他阅读了深奥难懂的哲学著作。

✓ accelerate [æk'seləreit] v. move faster 加速

In our science class, we learn how falling bodies *accelerate*. 我们在理学课上学到落体如何加速。

accessory [æk'sesəri] n. additional object; useful but not essential thing 附件; 有用但不是必要之物

The *accessories* she bought cost more than the dress.

她买的手套、提包等配件比女服本身还贵。also adj.

✓ acclivity [ə'kliviti] n. sharp upslope of a hill 向上的陡斜坡

The car could not go up the *acclivity* in high gear.
那辆汽车以高速排档开不上那陡斜坡。

✱ accolade ['ækəleɪd] n. award of merit 嘉奖

In Hollywood, an "Oscar" is the highest *accolade*.
在好莱坞, 奥斯卡是最高嘉奖。

accomplice [ə'kɒplɪs] n. partner in crime 同谋; 帮凶; 同犯

Because he had provided the criminal with the lethal weapon, he was arrested as an *accomplice* in the murder. 因为他给罪犯提供了杀人凶器, 所以他作为这一谋杀案的同犯而被逮捕。

accord [ə'kɔ:d] n. agreement 一致

She was in complete *accord* with the verdict. 她完全同意该项裁决。

✓ accost [ə'kɒst] v. approach and speak first to a person
上前去跟某人讲话

When the two young men *accosted* me, I was frightened because I thought they were going to attack me. 当那两个年轻人走上前来跟我讲话时, 我以为他们会攻击我, 所以害怕极了。

✓ accoutre [ə'ku:tə] v. equip 装备, 配备

The fisherman was accoutred with the best that the sporting goods store could supply. 那个捕鱼人拥有该体育用品商店所能提供的最好装备。accoutrements [ə'ku:təmənts] n.

✓ accretion [ə'kri:ʃən] n. growth; increase 增大; 增加

The *accretion* of wealth marked the family's rise in power. 财富的增长标志着这个家族势力的崛起。

✓ accrue [ə'kru:] v. come about by addition 自然增长

You must pay the interest which has *accrued* on your debt as well as the principal sum. 你必须偿还本金和债务所生的利息。accrual [ə'kru:əl] n.

✓ acetic [ə'si:tik] adj. vinegary 酸的

The salad had an exceedingly *acetic* flavor. 这色拉味道过酸。

acidulous [ə'sidʒuləs] adj. slightly sour; sharp; caustic 微酸的; 尖刻的; 讽刺的

James was unpopular because of his sarcastic and *acidulous* remarks. 詹姆斯说话挖苦尖刻, 所以很不得人心。

acknowledge [ək'nɒlɪdʒ] v. recognize; admit 表示承认, 认识

When pressed for an answer, she *acknowledged* the

existence of another motive for the crime. 被迫回答时，她承认存在着另一个犯罪动机。

acme ['ækmi] n. top; pinnacle 顶点，顶峰

His success in this role marked his *acme* as an actor.

他扮演这个角色的成功，标志着他的演员生涯到达了顶峰。

✓ acoustics [ə'ku:stiks] n. science of sound; quality that makes a room easy or hard to hear in 声学，音响效果

Carnegie Hall is liked by music lovers because of its fine *acoustics*. 音乐爱好者们喜欢卡内基剧院，因为它的音响效果极佳。

acquiescent [ækwi'esnt] adj. accepting passively 默许，默认

His *acquiescent* manner did not indicate the extent of his reluctance to join the group. 他的默从态度没有表示出他多么不愿意加入那个小组。acquiesce [ækwi'es] v.

✓ acquittal [ə'kwɪtl] n. deliverance from a charge 宣告无罪

His *acquittal* by the jury surprised those who had thought him guilty. 陪审团宣告他无罪，这使得那些原先认为他有罪的人感到惊奇。acquit [ə'kwɪt] v.

acrid ['ækrid] adj. sharp; bitterly pungent (语言) 刻毒的，(气味) 刺鼻的

The *acrid* odor of burnt gunpowder filled the room after the pistol had been fired. 手枪一响，房间里充满着火药燃烧后刺鼻的气味。

✓ acrimonious [ækri'məʊniəs] adj. stinging; caustic (语言等)尖刻的, 挖苦讽刺的

His tendency to utter *acrimonious* remarks alienated his audience. 他往往言多讥刺, 以致听众疏而远之。

acrimony ['ækriməʊni] n.

✓ actuarial [æktʃu'ɛəriəl] adj. calculating; pertaining to insurance statistics 计算的, 与保险统计数字有关的
According to recent *actuarial* tables, life expectancy is greater today than it was a century ago. 根据最近的保险统计表, 现今的估计寿命要比一个世纪前的长。

actuate ['æktʃueit] v. motivate 驱使, 激励

I fail to understand what *actuated* you to reply to this letter so nastily. 我无法理解, 是什么驱使你对此封信写出如此恶毒的回信。

✓ acumen [ə'kju:men] n. mental keenness 敏锐, 聪明

His business *acumen* helped him to succeed where others had failed. 他精明的生意眼帮助他在别人已告失败的方面获得成功。

✓ adage ['ædidʒ] n. wise saying; proverb 格言, 谚语

There is much truth in the old *adage* about fools and their money. 那句有关蠢人和他们的钱财的古老谚语很有道理。

✓ adamant ['ædəmənt] adj. hard; inflexible 坚硬的, 不动摇的

He was *adamant* in his determination to punish the wrongdoer. 他下定决心要惩罚那个作恶者。

adamantine [ædə'məntain] adj. 坚硬的, 坚强的,

金刚石似的

adapt [ə'dæpt] v. alter; modify 改编, 修改, 使适应

Some species of animals have become extinct because they could not *adapt* to a changing environment. 有些动物种因不能适应变化着的环境而灭绝了。

addiction [ə'dikʃən] n. compulsive, habitual need 沉溺, 瘾

His *addiction* to drugs caused his friends much grief.

他吸毒成瘾, 使朋友们深感忧伤。

addle ['ædl] adj. rotten; muddled; crazy 变质腐坏的, 糊涂的, 昏头的

This *addle-headed* plan is so preposterous that it does not deserve any consideration. 这项计划荒谬之极, 不值得作任何考虑。 also, v.

✓ **adduce** [ə'dju:s] v. present as evidence 引证 ✓
When you *adduce* evidence of this nature, you must be sure of your sources. 你引用此类性质的证据时, 务必搞清证据来源。

adept [ə'dept] adj. expert at 内行的, 熟练的

She was *adept* at the fine art of irritating people. 她深谙激怒他人之道。 also n.

adhere [əd'hɪə] v. stick fast to 粘附, 胶着, 坚持

I will *adhere* to this opinion until proof that I am wrong is presented. 在别人拿出能证明我错的证据之前, 我将坚持这个观点。 **adhesion** [əd'hɪ:ʒən] n.

✓ **adipose** ['ædɪpəʊs] adj. fatty 脂肪多的

✓ Excess *adipose* tissue should be avoided by middle-

aged people. 中年人必须避免脂肪组织过多。

✓ adjuration [ˌædʒə'reɪʃən] n. solemn urging 严令; 恳请

Her *adjuration* to tell the truth did not change the witnesses' testimony. 她竭力要求见证人讲出事实真相, 可这并没能改变见证人的证词。adjure [ə'dʒʊə] v.

✓ admonish [əd'mɒnɪʃ] v. warn; reprove 警告; 训诫

He *admonished* his listeners to change their wicked ways. 他告诫听众务必改邪归正。admonition [əd-mɒ'nɪʃən] n.

adroit [ə'droɪt] adj. skillful 灵巧的; 机敏的

His *adroit* handling of the delicate situation pleased his employers. 他对于微妙局面的灵敏处理, 使他的雇主甚为高兴。

✓ adulation [ˌædʒu'leɪʃən] n. flattery; admiration 奉承; 赞赏

He thrived on the *adulation* of his henchmen. 他那些走卒对他极尽奉承之能事, 他就是靠这个过日子的。

✓ adulterate [ə'daltəreɪt] v. make impure by mixing with baser substances 掺杂, 掺假

It is a crime to *adulterate* foods without informing the buyer. 不通知买主就对食物掺杂是犯罪。

✓ adumbration [ˌædəm'breɪʃən] n. foreshadowing; outlining 略示梗概; 打轮廓

The *adumbration* of the future in science fiction is often extremely fantastic. 科学幻想小说中所描绘的未来世界景象通常是极为奇异的。

adventitious [ˌædvən'tɪʃəs] adj. accidental; casual 偶然

的，不定的

He found this *adventitious* meeting with his friend extremely fortunate. 他觉得这次与朋友的邂逅是极为幸运的。

adverse ['ædvə:s] adj. unfavorable; hostile 不利的，敌对的

Adverse circumstances compelled him to close his business. 恶劣的形势迫使他停业。

adversity [əd've:siti] n. poverty; misfortune 贫穷，不幸

We must learn to meet *adversity* gracefully. 我们必须学会以从容的态度来对付不幸。

advocate ['ædvəkeit] v. urge; plead for 提倡，恳求

The abolitionists *advocated* freedom for the slaves. 废奴主义者主张给奴隶们以自由。advocate ['ædvəkit] n.

aesthetic [es'θetik] adj. artistic; dealing with or capable of appreciation of the beautiful 艺术的，审美的

Because of his *aesthetic* nature, he was emotionally disturbed by ugly things. 他天性爱美，因此丑陋的东西总是使他心烦。aesthete ['esθi:t] n. 审美家，唯美主义者

affected [ə'fektid] adj. artificial; pretended 假的，假装的

His *affected* mannerisms irritated many of us who had known him before his promotion. 我们中许多人在他提升前就认识他了，所以对他提升后的那套矫揉造作很是恼火。affectation [æfek'teiʃən] n.