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rabbit ['ræbi(ə)t] *n.*

1. 兔子(可数):

A *rabbit* can make long jumps. (Thorndike)

Rabbits have small, round, furry tails. (Chambers)

2. 兔皮, 兔肉(不可数):

My collar is only (made of) *rabbit*. (DCE)

Have another piece of *rabbit*. (DCE)

We had *rabbit* for dinner. (Chambers)

3. [口]某项运动很不行的人:

I'm just a *rabbit* at tennis. (DCE)

race¹ [reis] *n. & v.*

I 作名词:

1. 赛跑,(划船等)比赛(可数):

Slow and steady wins the *race*. (Prov)

John came first in the 100 yards *race*. (JED)

The one that goes fastest wins the *race*. (Neal)

They signaled the beginning of the *race*. (MD)

Jones won four of the last six *races*. (WTYB)

Two hundred competitors have entered for the motor-scooter *race*. (PEG)

It rained the day of the stock car *races*. (FWF)

Our *race* horse was gaining on the favorite. (RCD)

run a *race* with the other school / a horse-*race* (OSD)

have [lose] a *race* / a 10-mile *race* / a boat-*race* (DCE)

tired after swimming a 100-metre *race* (URW)

△可指“竞选”:

He entered the mayoral *race*. (FWF)

Governor George Wallace announced his withdrawal from the U.S. Senate *race*. (WTYB)

to run in an electoral *race* (URW)

2. 用于 * **a race against time** 和时间赛跑(指努力按时完成某事):

We'll try to get this finished by May, but it'll be a *race against time*. (Chambers)

I 作动词:

1. 赛跑,(马、汽车等)比赛 (*vi.*):

He *races* at all the big meetings. (OSD)

She's a very good swimmer and often *races*. (DCE)

Many people in England go to see horse-*racing* at racecourses (JED)

The children can *race* two at a time. (AOT)

The horses are *racing* to see which of them is fastest. (Neal)

A racing car is one specially made for *racing* . (Neal)

△可作 *vt.*, 表示“和…比赛”, “把…投入比赛”:

I'll *race* you to the end of the road. (DCE)

I'll *race* you home (看谁先到家). (ALD)

My horse has hurt his foot so I can't *race* him. (DCE)

Sterling Moss and A. J. Foyt *race* cars professionally. (FWF)

Are you going to *race* your horse at Newmarket next week? (ALD)

Horses and dogs are *raced* on racecourses as a form of sport. (URW)

2. 迅跑, 一口气跑到 (*vi.*):

Mary *raced* to the door. (JED)

She *raced* to the phone. (URW)

The boys came *racing* home with the good news. (Neal)

He came *racing* across the road. (DCE)

The children have been *racing* round all day, collecting signatures for the petition. (CIE)

He *raced* up [away / in with the news]. (EPV)

She overslept and had to *race* to the office. (FWF)

Let's *race* from here to the corner. (FWF)

△可作 *vt.*, 表示“使迅速到达”:

He *raced* me to the station in his car. (OSD)

We *raced* the sick woman to hospital. (DCE)

He *raced* the manuscript to the printers. (Chambers)

△可用于引申意义:

The holidays *raced* by. (DCE)

Expenditure *raced* up and up to an unprecedented level. (CIE)

The temperature of the outer parts of the atmosphere'll go *racing* up to hundreds of thousands of degrees. (CIE)

3. 用于 * **race against the clock** 拼命抢时间, 争分夺秒:

Doctors *raced against the clock* to save his life. (URW)

race² [reis] *n.*

1. 种族(可数, 不可数):

The British are a sea-going *race* . (DCE)

The court's majority held that the University of California's medical school went too far in considering *race* . (WTYB)

the black [white / brown] *races* (DCE)

the Anglo-Saxon *race* / the German *race* / people of mixed *race* (ALD)

the Negro *race* / the Oriental *races* (URW)

△可作定语:

Can *race* relations be improved by legislation? (OSD)

the *race* question (Chambers)

2. 用于 * **the human race** 人类:

The human race is made up of all the various peoples who live on the earth.
(Neal)

He ran out in a rage against the whole human race. (RCD)

racial ['reɪʃəl] *adj.* 种族的

Their acts of racial oppression must be stopped. (Mis)

racial characteristics / racial similarities (Chambers)

racial conflict [hatred / pride] / racial discrimination (ALD)

racial pride [customs / origin / type] (DCE)

racialist ['reɪʃəlɪst], 美作 **racist** ['reɪsɪst] *n. & adj.* 种族主义者[的]

You racialist! (DCE)

That book is racialist. (DCE)

South Africa is a racist fortress. (NP)

racist attitudes (Chambers)

rack [ræk] *n. & v.*

I 作名词: 挂物架, 行李架

He washed the dishes and put them in the plate rack to dry. (DCE)

A luggage rack is a special shelf on which to put luggage in a train, coach, etc.
(Neal)

Put these tools back in the rack. (Chambers)

Put this box on the rack for me, please. (DCE)

hat rack / tool-rack / baggage-rack / towel-rack (Thorndike)

I 作动词:

1. 使疼痛, 使难受:

His body was racked with pain. (JED)

He was racked by doubts. (DCE)

racked with grief / a racking carache (Thorndike)

2. 用于 * **rack one's brain(s)** 绞尽脑汁, 拼命地想:

I racked my brains to find the answer. (JED)

John racked his brain during the test trying to solve the problem. (DAI)

Bob racked his brain trying to remember where he left the book. (DAI)

racket ['ræki(ə)t] *n.* (网球或羽毛球)拍

When playing tennis, you hit the ball with a racket. (Neal)

a tennis-racket / a badminton-racket (Chambers)

radiate ['reɪdiəɪt] *vt. & vi.*

1. 散发出(光、热等)(*vt.*):

The sun radiates both light and heat. (ELD)

The electric heater radiated warmth. (FWF)

Plutonium radiates dangerous emissions. (CIE)

△可用于引申意义:

His face radiates joy. (Thorndike)

She radiates joy. (DCE)

I was greatly impressed by the way he radiated confidence and kindness. (CIE)

2. 用于 * **radiate from**:

1) 从...散发出:

Heat **radiated from** the fire. (FWF)

Light **radiated from** the window. (ELD)

Dangerous emissions **radiate from** plutonium. (CIE)

2) 作幅射状向外伸出[延伸]:

Spokes **radiate from** the hub of the wheel. (FWF)

Most of Britain's motorways **radiate from** London. (CIE)

From the town square, roads **radiate in** every direction. (ELD)

Lines that **radiate from** a point go out from it in all directions. (Neal)

From this underground headquarters **radiated** the communications system which kept airfields informed of the movements of enemy aircraft. (CIE)

radiant ['reidiənt] *adj.*

1. 光亮,光芒四射的,阳光灿烂的:

The sky was **radiant** yesterday. (FWF)

the **radiant** sun (DCE)

radiant sunshine (Thorndike)

△可表示“幅射出来的”:

We get **radiant energy from** the sun. (Thorndike)

radiant heat (DCE)

2. 容光焕发,喜气洋洋的:

The bride was **radiant**. (FWF)

The lover looked at his sweetheart with a **radiant** smile. (FWF)

She was **radiant** with joy. (DCE)

a **radiant** face / the **radiant** figures in the paintings of Renoir (ALD)

radiance ['reidiəns] *n.*

1. 光亮,光芒(不可数,可加不定冠词):

One of the gems had a deep, subtle **radiance**. (FWF)

the **radiance** of the sun [of electric lights] (Thorndike)

2. 焕发的容光,喜悦的神情(不可数):

Her face positively glowed with **radiance** after she won the first prize. (FWF)

the **radiance** of her smile (Chambers)

radiation [,reidi'eɪʃən] *n.*

1. 幅射,幅射出的热量(不可数):

He died from a massive dose of **radiation**. (Chambers)

the effects of (atomic) **radiation** (DCE)

cosmic **radiation** / nuclear **radiation** / electromagnetic **radiation** (Mis)

The steam-pipes do not afford sufficient **radiation** for so large a room. (Thorndike)

2. 幅射物(可数):

The apparatus produces harmful **radiations**. (DCE)

radiations emitted by an X-ray apparatus (OSD)

radiator ['reɪdɪeɪtə] *n.* 暖气片, 散热器, 冷却器

The room is heated by iron *radiators* through which hot water flows. (Neal)

This car has a fan-cooled *radiator*. (OSD)

Radiators are used in houses to warm them. (JED)

The *radiator* of a car helps to keep the engine cool by sending away the heat.

(JED)

radical ['rædɪkəl] *adj. & n.*

I 作形容词:

1. 激进的:

His opinions are very *radical*. (DCE)

When a society is polarized, the *radical* Left confronts the *radical* Right and there's nobody in between. (FWF)

Our party favours *radical* policies. (Chambers)

He's fairly *radical* in his opinions. (Chambers)

a member of the *Radical* Party (OSD)

a *radical* politician (DCE)

2. 带根本性的, 彻底的:

There are *radical* differences between binary and decimal numeration. (FWF)

There are *radical* faults in the design of this car. (Chambers)

Cruelty is a *radical* fault. (Thorndike)

If she wants to grow thin, she must make a *radical* change in her diet. (Thorndike)

Our methods need a *radical* overhaul. (Chambers)

make *radical* improvements (DCE)

a *radical* reform of the law (ELD)

make *radical* changes in a scheme (ALD)

△有时表示“极端的”, “过分的”:

Disbanding the congregation seemed a rather *radical* step. (FWF)

I 作名词: 激进分子

Mrs. Thatcher was portrayed as a *radical*. (WTYB)

When we use “*radical*” as a noun, we usually mean a left-winger. (FWF)

△也可表示“根数”, “根号”, “(汉语的)部首”:

3 and -3 are *radicals* of 9. (DCE)

radio ['reɪdiəʊ] *n. & v.*

I 作名词:

1. 无线电, 收音机(可数, 不可数):

My father has bought a new *radio*. (JED)

The four of us went to the office and turned on the *radio*. (Mis)

I listened to the music on the *radio*. (Hill)

I heard it on the *radio*. (ALD)

I heard on the *radio* that it's going to snow tonight. (Chambers)

There was some good music on the *radio* last night. (JED)

Marconi invented *radio*. (Neal)

The concert is broadcast on *radio*. (Chambers)

△可以指“广播”:

The theater was his first love, but he became a *radio* announcer. (FWF)

radio speeches (Thorndike)

a *radio* programme (OSD)

△可以指“广播电台”或“广播部门”:

listen to *Radio* Peking / get a job in *radio* (DCE).

2. (通讯)无线电:

Ships sent messages to each other by *radio*. (JED)

police talking to each other by *radio* (DCE)

send a message by *radio* (OSD)

3. 用于成语:

* **be on the radio** 在电台广播, 作广播演出[讲话]

John was on the *radio* again today. (DCE)

* **by radio** 广播

We can listen to music broadcast *by radio*. (Thorndike)

Dr. Holabird's address was being broadcast *by radio* to a million lovers of music.

(Mis)

I 作动词:

1. 向…发电报, 拍发(电报) (vt.):

We must *radio* the message at once. (DCE)

They *radioed* London for advice. (DCE)

An urgent message was *radioed* to us this morning. (Chambers)

2. 发电报 (vi.):

When someone on the island is ill, we have to *radio to the mainland for a doctor*.

(Chambers)

I expect they'll *radio* before they land. (Mis)

The ship *radioed* for help. (DCE)

radius ['reɪdiəs] n.

1. 半径, 由圆心到圆边的任何直线:

The *radius* of a circle is the distance from the centre to the edge. (Neal)

Any spoke of a wheel is a *radius*. (Thorndike)

2. 距某个点的等距离范围, 离…(某距离)范围:

He lives somewhere within a 2-mile *radius* [within a *radius* of 2 miles] from the town. (DCE)

The police searched all the fields and woods within a *radius* of two miles. (ALD)

They searched within a *radius* of one mile from the school. (Chambers)

raft [rɑ:ft, (美) ræft] n. 筏

All ships and aeroplanes carry *rafts* to save people if they are thrown into the sea. (JED)

The boys made a *raft* by tying logs of wood together, and on this they floated to

safety. (JED)

The sailors got away from the wrecked ship on a *raft*. (OSD)

Having no boat we had to cross the stream on a *raft*. (Thorndike)

△可作动词,表示“乘木筏…”:

raft down the stream (ALD)

rag [ræg] *n.*

1. 破布,旧布,抹布(可数):

Use clean *rags* to rub this mirror bright. (Thorndike)

He cleaned the car with an oily *rag* [a piece of oily *rag*]. (DCE)

Clean the floor with an old *rag*. (ELD)

I'll polish my bike with this old *rag*. (Chambers)

wiping away the superfluous oil with a clean *rag* (URW)

A wash-*rag* is a wash cloth. (Thorndike)

2. 碎片,碎块,褴褛的衣衫(多作复数):

His clothes were in *rags*. (Thorndike)

The beggar was dressed in *rags*. (Chambers)

My coat was worn to *rags*. (ALD)

The meat was boiled to *rags*. (Thorndike)

△可用于引申意义,表示“一点点”:

There wasn't a *rag* of evidence against me. (ALD)

There isn't a *rag* of proof that he did it. (DCE)

3. 破报(指质量很差的报刊):

Why do you read that worthless *rag*? (OSD)

I would never read that *rag*. (Chambers)

4. 用于成语:

* **chew the rag** 闲扯,聊天

The old man would *chew the rag* for hours with anyone who would join him. (DAI)

* **glad rags** 最好的衣服

Mrs. Owens put on her *glad rags* for the party. (DAI)

wear one's *glad rags* for the party (DCE)

ragged ['rægi(ə)d] *adj.*

1. 褴褛的,破旧不堪的:

The poor man's clothes were so *ragged* that they could not be repaired any more. (JED)

A *ragged* garment is one that is old and torn. (Neal)

He wore an old *ragged* coat. (FWF)

2. 衣衫褴褛的:

The children were thin and *ragged*. (Chambers)

The *ragged* children begged the tourists for money. (FWF)

a *ragged* old man (OSD)

3. 乱蓬蓬的,参差不齐的,高低不平的:

I don't like using sheets of paper with *ragged* edges. (Chambers)
ragged fur / *ragged* cliffs (MD)
 a *ragged* beard / *ragged* clouds in the sky after the storm (DCE)
 the *ragged* edge of the forest (URW)

4. 差劲的, 不太好的:

The musicians gave a pretty *ragged* performance. (Chambers)
 Jane's nerves were *ragged* by Sunday morning. (FWF)
rage [reɪdʒ] *n.* & *v.*

I 作名词:

1. 暴怒, 大怒(多作不可数名词):

Gerhardt was beside himself with *rage* and grief. (Dreiser)
 When I asked him to pay me what he owed, he went purple with *rage*. (Worrall)
 His eyes flashed with *rage*. (MD)
 Mad with *rage*, Dick dashed into the fight. (Thorndike)
 The child wept with *rage*. (DCE)
 His *rage* over the crime was beyond words. (FWF)

△有时作可数名词:

He went into a *rage* when he learned about it. (Mis)
 Father's in one of his *rages*. (DCE)
 The defeated candidate stamped up and down in a *rage*. (FWF)

2. 一时的喜好, 酷爱, 风行一时的东西:

He has a *rage* for collecting butterflies. (OSD)
 one of the latest *rages* (DCE)

3. 用于成语:

* **be (all) the rage** 风行一时

Red ties are *all the rage* this season. (Thorndike)
 The new dance at the discotheque is *all the rage*. (ALD)
 These white handbags from Italy are *(all) the rage* this summer. (ALD)
 Long hair is *(all) the rage* now. (DCE)
 Big earrings are *the rage* now. (FWF)

* **be in [fly into] a rage** 正在发怒[勃然大怒]

He was *in a rage*. (MD)
 He *flew into a rage*. (Chambers)

I 作动词:

1. 生气, 发怒(*vi.*):

Keep your temper, don't *rage*. (Thorndike)
 To *rage* is to behave in an angry manner. (Neal)
 She *raged* when her jewels were stolen while under police protection. (FWF)

2. 猛烈地进行(*vi.*):

By the beginning of April the civil war was *raging*. (Foster)
 It is impossible to summarize this battle, for it *raged* for six months. (Hazen)
 countries that produced bumper crops while the famine *raged* (URW)

The fire [waves] **raged** for hours. (UED)
 Little boats cannot put to sea if a storm is **raging**. (Neal)
 The wind **rages** wildly. (Thorndike)
 Pestilence **raged** throughout the town. (ALD)
 The disease **raged** through the city for months. (DCE)

3. 用于成语:

* **rage at [against]** 对...非常气愤

He was simply **raging at** their stupidity. (UED)
 This nonsense at the customs post was the kind of bureaucratic pettiness **at** which he had always **raged**. (CIE)
 No man has ever **raged against** the bourgeoisie with the hatred of Flaubert. (Fox)
 He **raged** helplessly **against** the disability which kept him confined to a wheelchair. (CIE)
 He **raged** and fumed **against** me for not letting him have his own way. (QSD)

* **rage oneself out [to a standstill]** (风暴)慢慢平息[安静]下来[发过脾气冷静下来]

The storm **raged itself out**. (ALD)
 He **raged himself to a standstill**. (DCE)

* **rage through** (狂风)从...经过

A storm **raged through** the village, uprooting trees and flattening crops. (CIE)

raid [reid] n. & vt.

I 作名词:

1. 袭击(可数):

The guerrillas made a surprise **raid** on the naval base. (MD)
 In AD 844, Normans began **raids** on Spanish coasts. (FWF)
 The enemy made a **raid** on the docks. (Chambers)
 make a **raid** on an enemy camp / killed in an **air raid** (OSD)
 a **raid** on a bank by armed men (OSD)

△可用于引申意义:

The hungry children made a **raid** on the kitchen and took all the cakes. (DCE)
 The boys made a **raid** on the food cupboard. (Chambers)

2. (警察)突然搜查(可数):

During their **raid** on the house, the police found a lot of dangerous drugs. (DCE)
 The police carried out a **raid** on the gambling den. (Chambers)

3. (不正当)动用(款项):

The Chief Minister made a **raid** on the road tax to help pay for the railways. (DCE)

a **raid** on the bank's reserves (ALD)

I 作动词: 袭击, 突然搜查

Palestinians **raided** Egypt's embassy in Ankara, Turkey, taking the ambassador and 19 other hostages. (WTYB)
 Tonight we **raid** Calais! (FWF)

Many speakeasies were *raided* in the 1920's. (FWF)
raid a bank. (DCE)

The police *raided* the gambling-house. (Thorndike)

The boys have been *raiding* my orchard. (ALD)
rail¹ [reil] *n. & vt.*

I 作名词:

1. 栏杆:

Keep your hand on the *rail* as you climb the steps. (DCE)

The cowboy leaned against the fence *rail*. (FWF)

There are stair *rails*, fence *rails*, *rails* protecting monuments, etc. (Thorndike)

He was leaning over the (ship's) *rail*. (OSD)

2. 铁轨:

Bars laid along the ground for a car or railroad track are called *rails*. (Thorndike)

Some people were injured when the train went off the *rails*. (ELD)

The accident was caused by some of the *rails* becoming bent in the heat. (DCE)

jump the *rails* (出轨) (DCE)

△可指“铁道[路]”:

rail travel (DCE)

a *rail* strike (OSD)

3. 用于 * **by rail** 用铁路, 坐火车:

Please send these goods *by rail*. (JED)

I'm afraid of flying — I prefer to go *by rail*. (FWF)

I 作动词:

1. 装上栏杆:

The cliff edge is dangerous and should be *railed*. (DCE)

2. 用于成语:

* **rail in** 用栏杆圈入[围上]

They *railed in* part of the pasture to prevent the cattle from wandering. (CIE)

The children's playground has been *railed in* so that the children do not wander on to the main road. (Chambers)

Behind the house was a small *railed-in* garden. (CIE)

* **rail off** 用栏杆把…隔出来[隔开]

They *railed* the meadows *off* from the new railway cutting. (CIE)

They *railed off* a space for the horses. (Thorndike)

The bottom of the garden was *railed off* to stop the children straying into the road. (CIE)

rail off a piece of ground / fields that are *railed off* from the road (ALD)

rail² [reil] *vi.* 埋怨, 谴责

The elderly *railed* against further cuts in their standard of living. (CIE)

He *rails* at his hard luck. (Thorndike)

He *railed* at his wife about her extravagance. (Chambers)

It's no use your *railing* at fate. (ALD)

Many general practitioners *rail* vehemently at the volume of paperwork connected with the running of a surgery. (CIE)

He's always *railing* against the Government. (DCE)

railing ['reilɪŋ] *n.* (复)栏杆

Iron *railings* kept people from falling over the steep cliff. (JED)

There are iron *railings* round the place so that people cannot get in except by the gate. (Neal)

The dog got its head stuck between the *railings*. (DCE)

They've put *railings* up all round the park. (Chambers)

railroad ['reilrəʊd] *n. & v.*

I 作名词: (美)铁路

Engines pull trains on the *railroad*. (Thorndike)

I 作动词:

1. 用铁路运送:

To *railroad* something is to transport it by railroad. (Mis)

△有时指“诬害使投入监狱”,“以某种罪名使入狱”:

railroad a member of the political opposition (DCE)

2. 用于成语:

* **railroad into** 迫使,诱使

The workers were *railroaded into* signing the agreement. (DCE)

I will no longer allow myself to be *railroaded into* serving on the same committee again. (DPV)

You can cut out the sales talk, John. I'm not going to be *railroaded into* joining a company with a shady past and a still more dubious future. (CIE)

* **railroad through** 施加不正当压力使通过,强行通过

The chairman *railroaded* the plan *through* the committee. (DCE)

Changes in the law were *railroaded through* Parliament by unprincipled politicians. (DPV)

to *railroad* a bill *through* Congress (MD)

The Bill giving emergency powers to the military government was *railroaded through* with little respect for established parliamentary niceties. (CIE)

railway ['reilwei] *n.* (英)铁路

My brother is working on the *railway*. (JED)

Trains travel regularly along the *railway* between London and Edinburgh. (Neal)

The *railways* in many countries are owned by the State. (ALD)

You can see many *railway* engines at large *railway* stations. (JED)

railway carriage [engineer / transport / bridge] (ALD)

rain [reɪn] *n. & v.*

I 作名词:

1. 雨:

1) 通常作不可数名词:

- A torrent of *rain* came down and damaged the crops. (McMordie)
 You're out this time. There has been no *rain* today. (Hemingway)
Rain fell at intervals throughout the night. (Forster)
 There was a cold drizzle of *rain* outside. (Priestley)
Rain doesn't seem likely at the moment. (FWF)
 We've had too much *rain* this summer. (Palmer)
 The farmers want *rain*. (ALD)
 The crops needed *rain*. (DCE)
 The *rain* put out the huge forest fire. (TWV)
 Just after seven the *rain* began to fall. (Du Maurier)
 The *rain* was not falling so heavily now and I thought it might clear. (Hemingway)
 The *rain* kept up all day. (MED)
 The *rain* has just come on. (Worrall)
 There came a day when the *rain* fell in torrents. (Sinclair)
 They stood beside the station in the *rain* waving good-by. (Hemingway)
 The *rain* was very heavy. (Palmer)
 She went out in the *rain* without a coat. (DCE)
 My clothes are damp from the *rain*. (FWF)

2) 可加不定冠词,表示“一阵雨”,“一种…样的雨”:

- I waited on the pavement outside. A *fine rain* began to fall. (Cronin)
 The night was very dark, and a thin, warm *rain* was falling. (Doyle)
 There was a light *rain* falling. (Maugham)
 There had been rain the night before — a spring *rain*. (Galsworthy)
 There was a heavy *rain* last night. (OSD)

3) 可用于复数形式,表示“大阵雨”或“雨季”:

- Have the heavy *rains* done your houses any damage? (McMordie)
 This green area would become flooded after heavy *rains*. (Hudson)
 It was now the time of the spring *rains*. (Sinclair)
 Both the roof and the basement leak during heavy *rains*. (FWF)
 It had been a season of great *rains*. (Hudson)
 With these autumn *rains* the roof is beginning to leak. (Lewis)
 The *rains* have started early this year. (DCE)
 This road is impassable during the *rains*. (ELD)
 We don't see many tourists when the *rains* come. (FWF)

2. 像雨点般大量而来的东西:

- A *rain* of pamphlets fell from the plane. (Mis)
 A *rain* of arrows fell on the soldiers. (Chambers)
 a *rain* of questions (DCE)
 a *rain* of bullets (ELD)
 a *rain* of ashes / a *rain* of congratulations (ALD)

3. 用于成语:

* **as right as rain** [口]身体很好

Jane's been ill, but she's *as right as rain* now. (DCE)

* **look like rain** 像是要下雨的样子

Don't go out — it *looks like rain*. (DCE)

I thought it *looked like rain*. (Bennet)

* **rain or shine** 不管天晴下雨,风雨无阻,不管运气如何

Come, *rain or shine*. (OSD)

The parade will start promptly, *rain or shine*. (DAI)

The meeting has been announced for tomorrow evening, *rain or shine*. (Whitford)

Sam knows he can depend on his family, *rain or shine*. (DAI)

I 作动词:

1. 下雨 (vi.):

It's damp and cold. I think it's going to *rain*. (Cronin)

You don't think it will *rain*, Lord Darlington, do you? (Wilde)

It was a winter night and *raining* hard. (Mansfield)

It has been *raining* all day. I could not get into the museum. (Yeats)

The sky had clouded over again and it was *raining* a little. (Hemingway)

For ten hours it *rained* incessantly. (Davies)

△间或作 *vt.*, 表示“下(某种雨)”:

It *rained* large drops. (ALD)

They say it sometimes *rains* small fish. (DCE)

It looks like it's been *raining* birthday cards today! (Chambers)

2. 像雨点般下来 (vi.):

Tears *rained* from her eyes. (RCD)

Misfortunes have *rained* heavily upon the old man. (ALD)

3. 用于成语:

* **it never rains but pours** 祸不单行,坏事常常接踵而来

John got sick, then his brothers and sisters all got sick. *It never rains but pours*. (DAI)

* **rain cats and dogs** 下倾盆大雨,下暴雨

You cannot go out to-night, it's *raining cats and dogs*. (Henderson)

It's *raining cats and dogs* — the streets are flooded. (Chambers)

* **rain down** (使)像雨一般落下来

Bits of plaster *rained down* on our heads from the ceiling, filling our hair and eyes. (CIE)

Sparks *rained down* from the burning building. (Thorndike)

The bombs came *raining down*. (DCE)

Arrows *rained down* on the soldiers. (Chambers)

From these positions accurate mortar fire was *rained down* upon reinforcements moving up through the valley. (CIE)

△可用于引申意义:

Troubles *rained down*. (DCE)

She *rained down* curses on their heads. (DCE)

Gifts *rained (down)* on the children. (DCE)

* **rain off** 因下雨使停止举行(多用于被动结构)

The game was *rained off*. (DCE)

Two cricket matches were *rained off* this weekend, and will have to be played next week. (DPV)

* **rain on [upon]**

1) (使)降落在...上面:

The enemy *rained* arrows on the soldiers. (Chambers)

The children *rained* flowers on the May-Queen. (Thorndike)

The smoke stacks *rained* black soot on the city. (FWF)

Blows *rained* on the door. (ALD)

He *rained* blows on the door. (ALD)

Misfortunes have *rained* heavily upon the old man. (ALD)

2) 大量给予:

He *rained* gifts on his future bride. (FWF)

The grateful people *rained* thanks [presents] on the soldiers. (Chambers)

We couldn't complain of our reception: food and drink *rained upon* us from the moment we entered the house. (CIE)

The distinguished guest was visibly embarrassed by the fulsome compliments that were *rained upon* him. (CIE)

* **rain out**

1) (雨)渐渐停止:

It has *rained itself out*. (ALD)

It will soon *rain itself out* and then we can have our walk. (DCE)

2) (美)因下雨而停止举行(多用于被动结构):

The ball game was *rained out* in the seventh inning. (DAI)

The Friday night rally in the stadium was *rained out*. (DAI)

rainbow ['reɪnbəʊ] *n.* 虹

After the storm there was a *rainbow* which shone with beautiful colours in the sky. (JED)

A *rainbow* is an interesting phenomenon. (ELD)

raincoat ['reɪnkəʊt] *n.* 雨衣

You must take your *raincoat*. (JED)

raindrop ['reɪndrɒp] *n.* 雨珠

There were *raindrops* on the window. (ELD)

rainfall ['reɪnfɔ:l] *n.* 降雨量(不可数,有时加不定冠词,间或用于复数)

In our part of the world, the *rainfall* is about 650 mm a year. (Neal)

We have had sufficient *rainfall* for a good crop. (MD)

This area has (a) very heavy *rainfall*. (DCE)

Failing a heavy *rainfall* soon, the drought will become serious. (Treble)