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tab ['tæb] n.

1. 凸出的小块(如护耳等),小布条,

He wore a fur cap with tabs over the ears. (Thorndike)

Buy file dividers with alphabetical tabs. (FWF)

You open the packet by pulling the tab. (Chambers)

Hang your coat over the hook by the *tab* on the inside of the collar. (DCE) Before my first day at school my mother sewed *tabs* on all my clothes with my name on. (DCE)

All pupils must have name tabs on all articles of clothing. (Chambers)

2. [口]帐单:

What's the tab? (FWF)

3. 用干成语:

* keep a tab [tabs] on 密切注意

Remember to keep a tab on your spending. (DCE)

I like to keep tabs on what is happening at home when I'm on holiday. (Chambers)

The boss tries to keep tabs on all of us in the office. (Chambers)

* pick up the tab 付帐,负担费用

He insisted on picking up the tab for the meal. (Chambers)

Our host picked up the tab for dinner. (FWF)

My uncle always picks up the tab when we go to a restaurant. (DEI)

Peter had a car accident last week, but fortunately his father was willing to pick up the tab. (DEI)

table ['teibəl] n. & v.

I 作名词:

1. 桌子,饭桌:

They sat at a little table near one of the open windows. (Mansfield)

Her mother was standing by the tea table. (Galsworthy)

Put all the plates on the table. (Chambers)

Chairs, tables, etc. are pieces of furniture. (Hill)

Do you think six people can sit round the table? (McArthur)

He left the table before the meal was over. (MD)

△可构成合成词:

writing-table 写字台
operating-table 手术台
tablecloth 桌布
table-linen 餐桌用布(台布、餐巾等)

dressing-table 梳妆台 billiard-table 弹子台 table-knife 餐刀 tablespoon 大汤勺 table tennis 乒乓球 table set 成套餐具 table talk 饭桌闲话

tabletop 桌面 table-flap 折叠桌折板 table manners 饭桌礼节

2. (用于引申意义)全桌的人:

John's clever stories kept the whole table amused. (McArthur) The whole table heard what he said. (Chambers) The table in the rear was very noisy. (MD)

3. 饭菜,伙食:

Our friends keep an excellent table. (Chambers)
The country squire had a big house and a bountiful table. (FWF)
This restaurant keeps a good table. (McArthur)
Mrs. Brown sets a good table. (Thorndike)
to choose something from the cold table (DCE)

4. 表:

Have you got a time-table? (Lewis)

There are no available statistical tables to give this growth accurately. (Foster) Find Chapter 3 by looking in the table of contents. (FWF)

The math book contained a multiplication table. (FWF)

The results of the experiments can be seen in table 5. (Chambers) table showing the important events in English history (ELD)

5. 用于成语或词组:

* at table (在)吃饭(时)

When I arrived my friends were already at table. (ELD) There were eight of us at table that night. (Chambers) It is bad manners to blow your nose at table. (DCE) sit at table | be seated at table | serve at table (Wood)

* lay the table 摆桌子(准备吃饭)

The girl came in and laid the table for supper. (Hemingway) The meal is ready—will you lay the table? (Chambers)

* put [lay] one's cards on the table 把意见拿到桌面上谈

Some of the graduates of the school were unfriendly toward the new superintendent, but he put his cards on the table and won their support. (DAI) Until everyone laid (all) his cards on the table, we could not make a decision. (DEI)

I'll lay my cards on the table, if you will be frank with me. (Henderson)

* round table 圆桌(会议)

a round-table discussion [conference] (DCE)

King Arthur and his Round Table means King Arthur and his knights. (Thorn-dike)

* set the table 摆桌子(吃饭)

Set the table with the good china. (FWF)

* turn the tables 使局势变得(对自己)有利
In the first game John beat Peter, but in the next game Peter turned the tables

and won easily. (DEI)

You should, however, realize that you have it within your power to turn the tables on others. (DEI)

Fortune turned the tables and we won. (RCD)

* under the table

1) 私下(贿赂):

The businessman offered me £500 under the table if I would vote against the government plans. (DCE)

She gave money under the table to get the apartment. (RCD)

to pay money under the table in return for special favors (MD)

2) 喝醉:

We'll be under the table if we drink all that wine in one night. (DEI)

△drink sb. under the table 表示"把人灌醉":

I went out with my boss last night and succeeded in drinking him under the table. (DEI)

* wait at [on] table 侍候人吃饭

The girls earned spending money by waiting at table in the school dining rooms. (DAI)

Mrs. Lake had to teach her new maid to wait on table properly. (DAI) I 作动词:

1. 推迟,搁置:

The committee tabled the proposal until a later meeting. (FWF)

2. 提出:

The government tabled a motion. (Chambers)

3. 列成表:

He tabled the times of arrival. (Chambers)

The results of the experiment are tabled at the back of the book. (ELD)

table d'hôte [ˌtɑ:bəl'dəut] n. 和菜(与点菜相对),客饭

The meals in this hotel are all table d'hôte. (Chambers)

Are you going to eat à la carte or table d'hôte. (Chambers)

tablet ['tæbli(ə)t] n.

1. 药片:

Take two aspirin tablets and go to bed. (FWF)

Take two tablets three times a day after meals. (McArthur)

Dissolve two tablets in water. (McArthur)

Take three tablets for your headache. (Chambers)

He has a bottle of aspirin in tablet form; I'll get it. (McArthur) sucking a throat tablet for my cough (DCE)

2. 一块(肥皂等):

In order to wash you need water and a tublet of soap. (Neal)

I bought a tablet of soap. (Chambers)

a large tablet of chocolate (DCE)

3. 石板,金属板:

They put up a marble tablet in memory of his father. (Chambers)

The Hall of Fame is a building which has many tablets in memory of famous people. (Thorndike)

The ancient Romans used tablets as we use pads of paper. (Thorndike)

4. (美)便笺簿,拍纸簿:

Each student should have pencils and a tablet with lined paper. (FWF) taboo [to'bu:, tæ'bu:] n. & adj.

I 作名词:

1. 禁忌,禁止…的习俗(可数):

The Polynesians have a taboo on mentioning certain sacred rites. (FWF)

Among Hindus there is a taboo against killing cows. (McArthur)

This tribe has many taboos about the kinds of food women may eat. (ELD)

2. 禁止的东西(可数):

Alcohol is a taboo in Muslim societies. (Chambers)

3. 用于 * be under (a) taboo 不许碰[接近]:

That tree is under (a) taboo. (OSD)

The top of that sacred hill is under a taboo. (ELD)

I 作形容词:禁止的

Killing cows is taboo [a taboo act] among the Hindus. (McArthur)

Arguments about politics are taboo in many countries. (ELD)

In our club bad language is taboo. (Neal)

Incest is usually considered (a) taboo. (Chambers)

Eating pork is strictly taboo among Orthodox Jews. (FWF)

Unkind gossip ought to be taboo. (OSD)

Questions and problems that were once taboo are now discussed openly. (ALD)

△可用作动词,表示"禁忌":

Arguments about politics are tabooed. (ELD)

tabular ['tæbjulə^r, (美) -bjə-] adj. 表格的,列成表的

He wrote down the results of his experiment in tabular form. (Chambers) This information will be less confusing if it's produced in tabular form. (DCE) a report in tabular form (ALD)

tabulate ['tæbjuleit, (美) -bjə-] v. 列成表

He tabulated the distances they had travelled. (Chambers)

To tabulate facts, figures, etc., is to write [print] them in columns. (Neal)

tacit ['tæsi(ə)t] adj. 默不出声的,没有写[说]出的

We have a tacit agreement. (SAT)

I think he had your tacit agreement to do it, even if you did not agree officially.

(McArthur)

By sitting quietly at the meeting, he gave his tacit approval to the plan. (ELD)

tacitly ['tæsi(ə)tli| adv. 默默地

It was tacitly agreed that they should each pay half of the bill. (Chambers) taciturn ['tæsi(ə)tɜ:n, (美) -ərn] adj. 不爱讲话的

He's so tacitum no one knew whether he enjoyed the party or not. (FWF) New Englanders are reputedly tacitum people. (SAT)

He's a very kind man, but very tacitum, which sometimes makes him seem unfriendly. (Chambers)

tack [tæk] n. & v.

I 作名词:

1. 图钉,按钉,平头钉(可数);

The calendar was held to the wall with tacks. (FWF)

I need some tacks to attach this picture to the wall. (Chambers) hammered a tack into the wall and hung a small picture from it (DCE)

2. 帆船的航向(可数,不可数):

The captain ordered a change of tack. (DCE) We sailed on an easterly tack. (Chambers)

3. 步骤,方针,办法(可数):

If this plan doesn't work, we'll try a new tack. (FWF)

He took the wrong tack to get what he wanted. (Thorndike)

Since they had failed to persuade the unions, the government tried the new tack of forcing them to agree. (DCE)

△还可表示"临时缝上的线":

When the dress was finished, she took out the tacks. (Chambers)

4. 用于成语:

* get down to brass tacks [口]开始谈正经的[正题]

You've already told me that you would like to sell your car. Let's get down to brass tacks—what price do you want for it? (DEI)

Let's stop arguing about nothing and get down to brass tacks. (Chambers) The men talked about little things and then got down to brass tacks. (DAI) A busy doctor wants his patients to get down to brass tacks. (DAI)

* on hard tack 手头拮据(这一用法有些陈旧)

Are you coming to the pub for a drink? — Sorry, I can't. I'm on hard tack this week. (DEI)

* sharp as a tack

1) 穿得漂漂亮亮[整整齐齐]:

The new boy always looks sharp as a tack. (DAI)

2) 机灵,聪明:

Tom is sharp as a tack; he got 100 on every test. (DAI)

* take a different tack 改变路子,采取新的方式

After they moved, their lives took a different tack. (Chambers)

I 作动词:

1. 用图钉[钉子]固定:

He tacked the picture into the frame. (JED)

We tacked the map on the board. (ELD)

Tack the notice on the bulletin board. (FWF)

She tacked mosquito-netting over the windows. (Thorndike)

She tacked the materials together. (Chambers)

You'd better tack down the edge of the carpet: people keep tripping over it. (CIE)

2. 用于 * tack on (to) 加上,附加:

Tack on a dollar for the tip to the waiter. (FWF)

The bill was not allowed to go forward without further modification. Another clause was tacked on at the last minute. (CIE)

That last speech in the play doesn't seem to have any purpose—it has just been tacked on at the end to please the producer. (Chambers)

What are these extra charges you have tacked on to my hotel bill? (ELD) Congress tried to tack the highway measure onto the housing bill. (FWF) tackle ['tækel] n. & v.

[作名词:

1. 渔具,运动器具(不可数):

The sporting goods store had a window full of fishing tackle. (FWF)

Fishing-tackle means the rod, line, hooks, etc. (Thorndike)

Don't forget to bring your sport tackle tomorrow. (DCE)

He had all his tackle with him. (McArthur)

2. 起重装置(指绳索、滑轮等)(不可数):

Ropes and pulleys for lifting furniture through windows are called tackle. (Thorndike)

The freighter was unloaded at the dock by heavy-duty tackle. (FWF)

I 作动词:

1. 设法解决,努力做(某事)(vt.):

We must tackle the problem of poverty as soon as possible. (ELD)

To tackle a problem is to set about it vigorously. (Neal)

Everyone has his own problem to tackle. (Thorndike)

The boys tackled the job of painting the room enthusiastically. (FWF)

He tackled the job as quickly as possible. (McArthur)

The comedian wanted to tackle a serious role in his next movie. (FWF)

The question set by the teacher was so difficult that the pupils didn't know how to tackle it. (DCE)

2. 和…坦率谈(某事),质问 (vt.):

If Bill's late again I'll have to tackle him about it. (DCE)

She tackled the teacher about her child's work. (Chambers)

He's always playing his radio at full blast. It's high time we tackled him about it. (CIE)

After the meeting he tackled me about my speech. (ELD)

At the last meeting the headmaster was tackled over his policy of allowing some

boys to proceed to 'O' level in four years. (CIE)

3. 抓住 (vt.):

The policeman tackled the thief as he tried to escape. (ELD)
The robber tried to run away but a man ran and tackled him. (DCE)

4. (在橄榄球赛中)(和…)抢(球)(vt., vi.);

He tackled his opponent. (Chambers)

He tackles fearlessly. (OSD)

tact [tækt] n. 圆滑,老练,注意方式方法,能处理复杂情况(不可数)

The hostess showed enormous tact in handling the touchy situation. (FWF)

Our teacher showed great tact in dealing with the angry parents. (ELD)

She didn't want to go, but he used a lot of tact to get her to go. (McArthur)

A minister of foreign affairs who lacks tact is a dangerous man. (DCE) The boy showed a deplorable want of tact and courtesy. (MD)

tactful ['tæktfal] adj. 圆滑,注意方式方法[不使人不高兴]

A diplomat must be very tactful. (FWF)

Be tactful with her, don't say anything to annoy her. (McArthur)

It wasn't very tactful of you to ask about her husband—he left her last year. (Chambers)

The tactful suggestion offended no one. (FWF)

She was very sad, so he was tactful and did not speak to her. (JED)

A tactful person is one who has tact. (Neal)

tactfully ['tæktfəli] adv. 注意方式方法,谨慎地

He acted tactfully. (JED)

tactless ['tæktləs] adj. 不注意方式方法

She didn't mean to hurt you—she's just tactless. (Chambers)

Don't be so tactless with her. (McArthur)

tactic ['tæktik] n.

1. 策略,办法(多作复数):

His campaign tactics got a bad press. (MD)

They planned their tactics for the election [game / meeting]. (Chambers)

When coaxing failed, Helen changed her tactics and began to cry. (Thorndike)

These tactics are unlikely to help you. (OSD)

The best tactic is to confess and ask her forgiveness. (FWF)

2. [复]战术:

The general's brilliant tactics won the battle. (FWF)

They moved the troops back in a sudden change of tactics. (McArthur)

The generals discussed their tactics. (Chambers)

Before each match our players meet to decide on their tactics. (Neal)

win by surprise tactics (ALD)

tactical ['tæktikəl] adj. 战术上的,策略上的

The general had great tactical ability but was less able in wider matters of strategy. (McArthur)

Fred made a tactical decision to threaten to leave the company, in the hope that

they would then offer him a better job. (DCE)

a tactical movement of forces (DCE)

tag [tæg] n. & v.

I 作名词:

1. 标答:

The price is on the tag. (RCD)

Each item in the store carries a printed price tag. (FWF)

Each coat in the store has a tag with the price-mark on it. (Thorndike)

Have you put tags on your luggage? (ELD)

2. 用于 * question tag 反意问句的后面部分:

I 作动词:

1. 附上标签:

The clerks tagged the merchandise for the sale. (FWF)

All the clothes have been tagged. (Chambers)

All his trunks and suitcases are tagged with his name and address. (Thorndike)

2. 用于成语:

* tag along [after] 老跟在后面

We never get away from him—everywhere we go, he insists on tagging along (with us)! (Chambers)

Must your brother tag along with us everywhere we go? (FWF)

Two or three small boys tagged along behind the band. (Wood)

The baby tagged after Helen. (Thorndike)

The little boy tagged after his older sister wherever she went. (ELD)

* tag on 加上去

These comments weren't part of his speech—he just tagged them on at the end. (Chambers)

to tag a few notes on to a new edition (MED)

* tag on to 跟在…后面

The child always tags on to his elder brother. (Chambers)

* tag to 加在…后面[上面],跟着到(某处)

Just tag a postscript to the end of the letter. (FWF)

He tagged the flower to his jacket. (ELD)

I tagged him to an old house at the outskirts of town. (RCD)

tail [teil] n. & v.

I 作名词:

1. 尾巴(可数):

Cows use their tails to keep away flies. (ELD)

Mice have long tails. (Thorndike)

A dog wags his tail when he's pleased. (Neal)

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A fish swims by moving its tail. (Chambers)

△可构成合成词:

a black-tailed duck / a long-tailed dog (Chambers)

2. 尾部,后部(可数):

Boys fastened their sleds to the tail of the cart. (Thorndike)

We'll never get into the cinema-we're at the tail of the queue. (Chambers)

A crowd of small boys formed the tail of the procession. (Thorndike)

the tails of a coat / a comet's tail (DCE)

tail of a long line of people / tail of an aircraft (ELD)

△可构成合成词:

tailcoat 燕尾服

tail fin 尾鳍

tail lamp [light] 尾灯

tail pipe 排气尾管

3. 尾随的人:

The police have got a *tail* on me so they know my every move. (DCE) The police put a *tail* on the suspect. (MD)

4. [复]燕尾服:

He was wearing tails. (Chambers)

For a formal occasion at the palace you must wear tails. (DCE)

5. 硬币的背面(没有人像的一面)(常用复数形式作状语):

He tossed the coin and it came down tails. (Chambers)

A coin has two sides, a head and a tail. (Neal)

Heads or tails? Heads you do the dishes, tails I do them. (Chambers)

6. 用于成语或词组:

* have got one's tail up [down] 高兴,得意[不高兴,愁闷]

The members of the team were worried because of the captain's illness, but after winning their first game they've got their tails up and have a good chance of winning the competition. (DEI)

* make head or tail of 看懂,看明白

Could you please help me with this translation? I can't make head or tail of it. (DEI)

He peered at the passport—though I doubt if he could make head or tail of it—asked me where we were going ... and disappeared into the night. (DEI) Can you make head or tail of the letter? (DAI)

* tail-end 末尾

They were at the tail-end of the procession. (Chambers)

I didn't hear the whole story—I just heard the tail-end of it. (Chambers) We were so late that we only saw the tail-end of the play. (ELD)

* turn tail (and run) 掉头(跑掉)

As I went nervously towards my boss's office, my first thought was to turn tail and run without seeing him. (DEI)

When the enemy appeared over the hill, the soldiers turned tail and fled. (Chambers)

* with one's tail between one's legs 夹起尾巴,不高兴地

The children seemed to find it very amusing that their ball had broken my windows, but they went off with their tails between their legs when I told them they would have to pay for the damage. (DEI)

The army sent the enemy home with their tails between their legs. (DAI)

I 作动词:

1. 尾随,跟踪:

The secret agent tailed the spy. (MD)

The detective tailed the thief through the crowd. (ELD)

The police have been tailing me. They know I'm here. (DCE)

tailing the truck until it had driven beyond the outer suburbs (URW)

2. 用于成语:

* tail after 跟在…后面

The children tailed after their mother. (ELD)

* tail away [off] (声音)静下来

His voice tailed away into silence. (Chambers)

He realized what he was saying was non-ense, and his voice tailed off into silence. (Chambers)

His voice tailed off as his courage failed. (DCE)

* tail off 下降,减少,减退

We expect production to tail off at this time of the year. Ours is a seasonal business. (CIE)

There's some tailing off in the demand for new cars at the end of summer holidays. (CIE)

A lot of people came to see the exhibition when it opened, but the crowd tailed off after a couple of weeks. (Chambers)

His interest tailed off towards the end of the film. (Chambers)

Orders for goods of this kind usually begins to tail off towards the end of the year.
(Wood)

The work of some students begin to tail off as they approach their examination. (Wood)

tailor ['teilər] n. & v.

I 作名词:

1. 裁缝:

A Savile Row tailor makes all of Bill's clothes. (FWF)

The tailor shortened the pants two inches. (FWF)

He has a good tailor. (McArthur)

He has his clothes made by a London tailor. (Chambers)

2. 裁缝店,服装店(亦作 tailor's):

There's a tailor in the High Street. (Chambers) Can you buy socks at a tailor's? (Chambers)

3. 用于 * tailor-made.

1) 定做的:

I prefer tailor-made clothes. (Chambers)

I like my clothes tailor-made. (Chambers)

2) 非常合适:

This tool is tailor-made for this job. (Chambers)

His new job seems tailor-made for him. (Chambers)

John's tailor-made for this job. (DCE)

I作动词:

1. 裁做(服装)(vt.):

He tailored the dress to fit the woman. (MD)

The suit was well tailored. (Thorndike)

Her clothing is tailored by a famous couturier. (FWF)

He has his suits tailored in London. (Chambers)

That's a nicely-tailored suit. (McArthur)

She wears tailored suits. (Chambers)

△有时作 vi.:

Mr Jones tailors for the king. (McArthur)

2. 使适应 (vt.):

We can tailor our insurance to meet your special needs. (DCE)

We can tailor the house to suit the owner's needs. (FWF)

The play was tailored for a special audience. (MED)

tailored for a particular age group (OSD)

3. 用于 * tailor to 使适合…的需要:

We can tailor our insurance to your special needs. (McArthur)

He tailored his way of living to his income. (Chambers)

Experience has taught us to tailor our merchandise to the particular requirements of each overseas market. (CIE)

The program was tailored to the needs of young children. (MD)

taint [teint] v. & n.

I 作动词:

1. 玷污,败坏 (vt.):

Rumors of bribery tainted the politician's reputation. (FWF)

His mind was tainted from reading bad books. (Thorndike)

He has been tainted by his contact with criminals. (Chambers)

2. 使腐坏,使受沾染 (vt.):

The warm weather's tainted the meat. (DCE)

That dirty saucepan will taint our food. (Neal)

The meat has been tainted. (Chambers)

Health authorities are always trying to prevent the sale and use of tainted food. (SAT)

△有时作 vi.,表示"腐坏":

The beef tainted when the breezer broke down. (FWF)

3. 用于 * (be) tainted with 受…败坏:

The whole nation is tainted with evil and corruption. (Chambers)

a character tainted with dishonesty (DCE)

I 作名词:

1. 沾染,污点(可数,不可数):

Is this meat free from taint? (DCE)

The scandal was a taint on the family's good name. (FWF)

2. (不良)倾向(可加不定冠词)。

There was a taint of insanity in the family. (OSD)

a taint of madness in the family (DCE)

take [teik] v. & n.

I 作动词:

1. 拿 (vt.):

And having got what he wanted, he took his hat and went away. (Galsworthy) Taking a sheet of typewriting paper he began to compose a letter. (Greene)

And unlocking a drawer, he took out his wife's photograph. (Forster)

Take that cheese away, it smells. (Worrall)

I began to iron the blue dress that Beatrice had taken from the wardrobe. (Du Maurier)

Mrs. Smeeth took up the evening paper. (Priestley)

She put on her glasses and took the letter from my hand. (PEG)

△有时有不同译法,如"收","取","接","接受","握住","提","挑","买"等:

The girl took in the washing as it began to rain. (Henderson)

Bron came in to take the clothes off the line. (Mis)

The old woman took off her spectacles. (Mansfield)

The secretary took down the notice he had put on the noticeboard. (Henderson)

Can I take your hat and coat, sir? (Wells)

He refused to take anything for fixing the watch. (Whitford)

He took his brother's outstretched hand. (Henderson)

We took up our luggage and followed him. (ELD)

Here are the ribbons-which will you take? (Henderson)

I will take two pounds of sugar. (Henderson)

As I have given it to him, I cannot take it back (收回). (Palmer)

Will you take (接过) the baby while I look for my keys? (Chambers)

These strawberries look nice—I'll take (买) three kilos. (Chambers)

That fellow has taken (占) my seat! (Chambers)

2. 带(往某处)(vt.):

I'm going to take you somewhere else. (Dreiser)

Grandpa took me to inspect the Public Reading Room. (Cronin)

You will not take her to England yourself? (Macaulay)

I've just taken him for a long walk. (Du Maurier)

The teacher took the students on a tour through the art museum. (FWF)

She went out of the room, taking the flowers with her. (Du Maurier)

It's awfully nice of you to take me around this way. (Lewis)

Take me to the nearest hospital. (URW)

Shall I take your message to her [take her your message]? (ALD)

△有时可译成"领着","搬","送","迁移","牵","运","使到(某处)"等:

And talking like that, he took Marg: quietly outside. (Mis)

I took my things to a hotel in New Street. (Doyle)

I must hurry and take Adrian to school. (Mansfield)

His sister had been taken to the isolation ward. (Lewis)

You may take a horse to the water, but you can't make him drink. (Prov)

Motor barges took raw materials up and brought finished products down. (Sinclair)

These stairs will take you up to the attic. (RCD)

His ambition and perseverance took him quickly to the top of his field. (RCD)

△有时可跟间接宾语,表示"带[送]给…":

Don't you think we ought to take her some food, or something? (Sinclair) Take her some flowers. (ALD)

3. (和名词连用)做某动作 (vt.):

He took another look at himself in the glass. (London)

Let's take a look round the Exhibition. (Cronin)

Want to take a nap. (Hemingway)

We found that Robert Cohn had taken a bath, had had a shave and a haircut. (Hemingway)

Later that afternoon he and Ona went out to take a walk. (Sinclair)

He stopped in the doorway and took a final inspection before he went down. (Wells)

He worked, taking no recreation except when he went to see Ruth. (London)

She ate too much and did not take any exercise. (Walpole)

Well, what action are you going to take? (Snow)

He took an optimistic view of her chances. (Wells)

It's very good of you, I'm sure, to take the trouble. (Mansfield)

Don't take lifts from strangers. (MED)

Take a sip of the wine. (McArthur)

I took a shortcut through a lot of shabby little houses and streets. (Wilde)

I can't take the examinations because I am ill. (Hill)

We've been working steadily for three hours; I think it's about time we took a break. (Whitford)

We are going to take a trip to Florida this winter. (Whitford)

Did you say you're going to take a vacation next month? (AOT)

4. 吃,喝,吸(入)(vt.):

He took the food eagerly, for he had eaten nothing since dawn. (PEG) Take some more bread. (Palmer)

And she was forever taking pills. (Bennet)

Come on, my boy. Take this down. It will do you good. (Worrall)

I can't take alcohol. (Chambers)

Do you take tea or coffee? (Wood)

A heavy meal should not be taken just before going to bed. (Wood)

She asked Smith to take tea with her. (Shaw)

"What will you take?" "Oh! I'll take a glass of beer, please." (Henderson)

Do you take sugar in your tea? (Chambers)

It should be against the law to take drugs. (DCE)

Let's go into the garden and take the air. (ALD)

Taking a deep breath, she opened the door. (Galsworthy)

Every morning I opened the window and took a breath of fresh air. (DCE)

5. 乘坐, 搭乘, 选要(房间), 租用 (vt.):

Then I went into the street and took a taxi home. (Snow)

It was drizzling now and she took a cab back to Mount Street. (Galsworthy)

Then we all three took a bus into the town, (Snow)

Because it was wet he took a taxi. (PEG)

Bill and I took the morning train from the Gare d'Orsay. (Hemingway)

I took a good room. It was big, light and looked out on the lake. (Hemingway)

We plan to take a house in the country for the summer. (Whitford)

He took the house for a year. (Palmer)

We decided to take a flat in London because of my husband's job. (DCE)

6. 采取,接受,承担(vt.):

Take the shortest way home. (Thorndike)

Kurt had always taken the attitude of an elder. (Sinclair)

What steps have you taken? (Doyle)

The General decided to take the offensive. (Henderson)

She won't take any more of his insults. (FWF)

This hotel does not take children. (ELD)

I gather you've taken my advice. (Du Maurier)

He couldn't take criticism. (MD)

I'll take a job as nurse with Emily Chattersworth. (Sinclair)

He had feared that he could not take the appointment. (Lewis)

I won't take less than £500 for that car. (Chambers)

Why should you take all the praise for our success? (DCE)

Take the consequences. (RCD)

I don't care what you think. I have to take the blame. (Dreiser)

They refused to take responsibility for the accident. (Chambers)

The next term he took his degree. (Wilde)

If she could put up with the conditions here, we could take her. (Galsworthy)

7. 选修[学],选择,选购,选订(et.):

Have you taken physical chemistry? (Lewis)

I plan to take both French and Spanish this term. (Whitford)

I took a course in geology last year. (ELD)

I'm taking French lessons. (Chambers)