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《最新托福词汇精选》内容提要

《最新托福词汇精选》为一词典形式的书,代表美国最新考试信息,涉及面广而不偏颇,无专业性冷僻词汇,既可作为参加托福考试的必备书,又可作为通常词典及手册。该书的特色为在利用计算机对大量全真托福考题和已出版的数十部托福参考书的词汇进行统计及分析的基础上,摒弃了一般考生熟识的常用词,精选编辑而成。其目的是使应试者以高分通过美国普林斯顿教育考试服务处主办的托福考试。

该书共录入词汇约3000条。每词条附有国际音标、基本词性、汉语解释、近义词语、应用实例和例句译文。书后列有常用的前缀及后缀,目的是帮助读者从前、后缀的含义入手,触类旁通,丰富词库。

该书选词精练,标音规范,释义简明,例句真实,翻译流畅,同义词语丰富,查阅使用方便,乃是广大出国预备人员的必备手册,对英语教师、科技工作者和各类大专院校高年级学生也有积极的参考价值。

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序 言

为了提高出国预备人员的《托福》应试能力和广大科技工作者的英语水平,以学习和赶超国外先进科学技术,为我国改革开放和现代化建设服务,我们多次举办了《托福》英语强化班。在教学实践中,我们分析总结学员的学习难点,编写过《如何准备托福听力测验》一书,1986年由西安交通大学出版社出版,先后六次印刷,深受读者欢迎;同时深感扩大词汇量对高分通过《托福》考试、提高英语水平有重要意义。为此,编者经过多年准备,积累了大量资料,编写了这本《最新托福词汇精选》,奉献给广大读者。

本书根据词汇学和统计学的基本原理,对选词的覆盖面和重复率进行了测定;利用电子计算机对1986-1990年的全真《托福》、CLIFF's TOEFL, PRENTICE HALL's TOEFL, ARCO's TOEFL, BARRON's TOEFL等最新版本的听理解,语法结构,词汇和阅读理解等部分进行了统计、解剖和分析,整理出使用频率高的词语,删弃了普通考生已熟悉的一般词汇,体现了“少而精”的原则。

《最新托福词汇精选》从“实战”出发,精选约3000词条,附以国际音标、词性、词义,特别是同义、近义词语,并配以英文例句和例句译文,如此对照阅读,模拟《托福》应试实况,起到读一例,答数题的效果。

这里要强调的是“冰冻三尺,非一日之寒”。扩大词汇量也决非一朝之功。为此,编者将精选的词条按字母顺序排列以便读者查阅、操练和复习。书后列有常用的前缀及后缀,目的是帮助读者从前、后缀的含义入手,触类旁通,丰富自己的词库。《最新托福词汇精选》乃是广大出国预备人员的必备手册,对英语教师、科技工作者和各类大专院校高年级学生也有积极的参考价值。

在本书编写过程中,西安交通大学外国语系葛元璋副教授在百忙中抽空为本书作了审校,并提出不少宝贵意见。顾骏声副教授及张先广、吴灿中、龚青、朱佩华、郑丽萍、王冬梅、朱波、陈晓光、彭微、杨柳、张建功、闫文莉、曲静等同志分别在素材整理,电脑输入,词汇分析、频率统计、文稿誊抄、清样校对等方面作了大量工作,在此我们表示衷心感谢。

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abase [ə'beis] v. 贬低;降低(地位,身份等) *syn.* degrade; belittle; demean **【例】** Whosoever exalts himself shall be *abased*. 自我吹嘘的人终将声名狼藉。

abash [ə'bæʃ] v. 使羞愧;使窘迫;使惶惑不知所措 *syn.* embarrass; confound; humiliate; make ashamed **【例】** The poor man stood *abashed* at this display of wealth. 那个穷人面对这番财富的炫耀感到窘困不知所措。

abate [ə'beɪt] v. 减少;减轻 *syn.* lessen; decrease; reduce; lower; diminish; make less **【例】** His pride was not *abated* by his many mistakes. 他犯过许多错误,但他的傲慢并没有因此而收敛。

abbreviate [ə'bri:vieɪt] v. 缩写;简略;缩减 *syn.* abridge; condense **【例】** In all these systems there was more or less tendency to *abbreviate* the pictures, to contract them to a few strokes. 所有这些系统,都或多或少会简缩图像,将它们缩略成寥寥几笔。

abdicate ['æbdikeɪt] v. 放弃;退位 *syn.* resign; give up; part with **【例】** The king *abdicated* (from) his throne, and the country be-

came a republic. 国王放弃王位,国家实现共和。

abdomen ['æbdəmən] n. 腹部 *syn.* the body behind the thorax **【例】** A normal male fruit fly has a narrow *abdomen* that is rounded at the end. 正常的雄性果蝇都有一个狭窄的腹部,末端呈圆形。

abduct [æb'dʌkt] v. 绑架;诱拐 *syn.* kidnap; take away (a person) unlawfully **【例】** The police think the missing woman has been *abducted*. 警方认为那位失踪的妇女已被拐走。

abet [ə'bet] v. 教唆;唆使 *syn.* assist; aid; help, esp. in crime **【例】** The old man *abetted* the thief in robbing the bank. 那个老家伙教唆盗贼抢劫银行。

abhor [əb'hɔ:] v. 憎恨;厌恶 *syn.* dislike; hate; detest; loathe; abominate; view with horror **【例】** She *abhors* all forms of discrimination on the basis of race or sex. 她憎恶种族和性别上的种种歧视。

abhorrent [əb'hɒrənt] a. 憎恶的 *syn.* hateful; abominable; detestable; loathsome; offensive **【例】** I am *abhorrent* of snakes. 我憎恨蛇。

abide [ə'baid] v. 忍受;遵守;坚持(by) *syn.* endure; bear; tolerate; stand;

accept; keep faithful to 【例】
The two men agreed to *abide* by
the referee's decision. 这俩人同意
服从裁判的裁决。

ject ['æbdʒekt] *a.* 可怜的;悲惨的;
卑鄙的 *syn.* miserable; pitiful;
wretched; despicable; contempt-
ible 【例】Can't we help the *ab-*
ject woman in some way? 难道我
们就不能设法帮助这位可怜的女人
吗?

ablution [əb'lu:ʃən] *n.* 沐浴 *syn.*
ritualistic; washing; bathing;
cleansing; lavation 【例】He per-
formed his *ablution* before the rit-
ual. 他在典礼前进行仪式性沐浴。

abnegate ['æbnigeit] *v.* 自制;克制;放
弃(词根: *neg* 否定) *syn.* self-
restrain; abstain from; abdicate; re-
linquish; acquiesce 【例】He
asked the assembly to *abnegate* its
financial powers. 他请求议会放弃
其财政权力。

abode [ə'bəud] *n.* 房屋;住所 *syn.*
house; dwelling-place 【例】He
takes up his *abode* with his
parents-in-law. 他同他的岳父母住
在一起。

abolish [ə'bɒliʃ] *v.* 取消;废止;革除
syn. eliminate; eradicate; exter-
minate; put an end to; do away with
【例】There are many bad customs

and laws that ought to be *abol-*
ished. 有许多不良习惯和法律条文
应该取消。

abortion [ə'bɔ:ʃən] *n.* 小产;流产
syn. miscarriage; premature deliv-
ery; failure; vain attempt 【例】
Abortion was formerly a crime in
Britain. 以前在英国堕胎是一种犯罪
行为。

abortive [ə'bɔ:tiv] *a.* 失败的;早产的;
无结果的 *syn.* failing; untimely;
incomplete; unavailing 【例】
The early attempts to make
airplane were *abortive*. 早期制造飞
机的种种尝试都失败了。

abound [ə'baund] *v.* 富于 *syn.* teem;
swarm 【例】The fields *abound*
with stones. 地里石头很多。

abrade [ə'breid] *v.* 擦伤;擦掉 *syn.*
scrape; scratch; wear away
【例】The broad cape *abraded* her
soft skin. 宽大的斗篷擦伤了她柔嫩
的皮肤。

abridge [ə'bridʒ] *v.* 删节;节略;削减;
剥夺 *syn.* shorten; cut down; con-
tract; abbreviate; condense; lessen;
diminish; reduce 【例】The book
was *abridged* to a more readable
length. 这部书经过删节,篇幅减少,
可读性提高了。

abroad [ə'brɔ:d] *ad.* 国外;海外 *syn.*

in a foreign land 【例】 Frederica has sung in opera houses throughout the United States and *abroad*. 弗雷德里卡在全美国及国外的歌剧院中演唱。

abrogate ['æbrəʊgeɪt] *v.* 取消; 废止
syn. nullify; abolish; repeal

【例】 Neither a court decision nor a statute can, however, *abrogate* a treaty as an international contract. 然而, 无论是法院裁决还是法规都不能废除一项成为国际合同的条约。

abrupt [ə'brʌpt] *a.* 突然的; 意外的
syn. sudden; hasty; hurried; precipitate; impetuous 【例】 There had been no expectation of war with the Japanese until their *abrupt* attack on Pearl Harbour. 在偷袭珍珠港之前, 谁也没有料到会同日本人交战。

abscond [əb'skɒnd] *v.* 潜逃(字首: abs 离开) *syn.* escape; steal away; steal off 【例】 Home-sickness drives so many recruits to *abscond*. 由于想家, 很多新兵开了小差。

abstain [əb'steɪn] *v.* 戒绝; 弃权 (from) *syn.* refrain; forbear; restrain 【例】 If you *abstain* from eating candy and rich foods, you will not be so fat. 假如你不吃糖果和油腻食品, 就不会那么胖了。

abstinence ['æbstɪnəns] *n.* 禁戒; 戒除; 节制 *syn.* avoidance; keeping aloof from; refraining; abstaining from 【例】 After long *abstinence* from movies, I made obvious progress in my studies. 我很久没看电影, 结果在学习方面取得了显著的进步。

abstruse [æb'stru:s] *a.* 深奥难懂的
syn. obscure; esoteric 【例】 The *abstruse* calculations of mathematics are incomprehensible to me. 我不懂那些深奥的数学运算。

absurd [əb'sə:d] *a.* 荒谬的; 不合理的; 可笑的; 愚蠢的 *syn.* irrational; ridiculous; unreasonable; nonsensical; foolish; senseless; silly; stupid 【例】 It's *absurd* to believe that the earth is flat. 认为地球是扁平的, 那就荒谬了。

abundant [ə'bʌndənt] *a.* 丰富的 *syn.* copious; ample; opulent; lavish 【例】 Blue-green algae grow *abundantly* in salt marshes. 咸水沼泽中生长着很多青绿色藻类。

abuse [ə'bju:z] *v.* 滥用(字首: ab 相反; 滥; 离去) *syn.* misuse; maltreat; injure 【例】 He won't *abuse* authority even if he becomes the president. 他即使是董事长, 也不会滥用职权。

abysmal [ə'bizmə] *a.* 无底的 *syn.* bottomless; endless 【例】I could see the mountain roads within a few inches of *abysmal* precipices. 我可以看到山路只隔几英寸便是万丈深渊。

abyss [ə'bis] *n.* 深渊 *syn.* gulf; gorge; depth 【例】In the *abyss* of his mind he apprehends the world's minuteness. 他在心灵深处领悟到这大千世界的微妙之处。

accede [ək'si:d] *v.* 同意; 答应 *syn.* agree to; assent to; consent to; acquiesce 【例】He *acceded* to our request. 他答应了我们的请求。

accentuate [æk'sentjueit] *v.* 加重; 强调 *syn.* emphasize; stress 【例】Her style of dress *accentuated* her extreme slenderness. 她衣着的式样更突出了她的苗条。

accessory [ək'sesəri] *n.* 附件; 配件; 附属品 *syn.* adjunct; appendage; appendix; spangle; accompaniment 【例】Navy blue shoes and gloves would be perfect *accessories* for this white suit. 深蓝色的鞋和手套跟这身白色制服十分相配。

acclimate [ə'klaimit] *v.* 使习惯于... *syn.* accustom; get used to; adapt to; adjust to 【例】Jim has become *acclimated* to this weather since he moved here. 自搬来这里,

吉姆已逐渐习惯了这里的气候。

accomplice [ə'kɒmplis] *n.* 同谋; 帮凶 (字首: ac 表示加强及引伸意义, 例如: account, accretion, accompaniment, acclaim) *syn.* confederate; accessory; partner

【例】The thief had an *accomplice* who let him into the building. 该小偷的一个同谋让他潜入大楼。

accost [ə'kɒst] *v.* 向人搭话 *syn.* greet; hail; come up and speak to 【例】A stranger *accosted* him, asking for directions. 一位陌生人同他搭话, 顺便问问路。

accredit [ə'kredit] *v.* 归功于 *syn.* attribute, give credit to 【例】We *accredit* the invention of the telephone to Bell. 我们把电话的发明归功于贝尔。

accretion [æk'kri:ʃən] *n.* 积成物; 增大 (字根: cre 增长) *syn.* augmentation; increase; extension; consolidation 【例】It is now generally assumed that the planets were formed by the *accretion* of gas and dust in a cosmic cloud. 一般认为行星是由宇宙云中的气体和尘埃聚积而成的。Every culture is an *accretion*. 每种文化都是不断积累的结果。

accrue [ə'kru:] *v.* 积累; 增加 *syn.* accumulate; grow; add up 【例】A

cause of action has *accrued* when the right to sue has become vested. 如果被授于起诉权,那么诉讼的理由就更充分了。

accusation [ækju:'zeiʃən] *n.* 控告; 起诉 *syn.* complaint; charge; allegation 【例】He made a false *accusation* against his neighbor. 他诬告他的邻居。

accuse [ə'kju:z] *v.* 控告; 指责 (of) *syn.* charge; denounce; arraign; indict 【例】The driver was *accused* of speeding. 这司机被指控超速行驶。

accustom [ə'kʌstəm] *v.* 使习惯 *syn.* habituate; familiarize; accommodate; adapt; inure to 【例】You must *accustom* yourself to be more at your ease when you are with people. 跟别人在一起时要更加自在一些,你必须使自己养成这种习惯。

ache [eik] *n.* 疼痛 *v.* 觉得疼痛 *syn.* torture; pain; agony 【例】Usually, in an attack of influenza, the patient's limbs *ache*. 得流行性感冒时病人常会感到四肢疼痛。

acme [ækmi] *n.* 顶点 *syn.* apex; culmination; climax; top; peak; summit; zenith; vertex; pinnacle 【例】A baseball player usually reaches the *acme* of his skill before he is thirty. 棒球手通常在三十岁以

前达到技术顶峰。

acquaint [ə'kweint] *v.* 告知; 使熟悉 (字根: quaint 认识) *syn.* familiarize; notify 【例】The manager wishes to get *acquainted* with every employee. 经理希望熟悉每个雇员。

acquiesce [ækwi'es] *v.* 同意; 默许; 默从 *syn.* assent; accede; agree; consent; bow to; subscribe to 【例】Her parents will never *acquiesce* in such an unsuitable marriage. 她的父母决不会同意这门不适宜的婚事。

acquire [ə'kwaɪə] *v.* 求得; 获得 *syn.* obtain; purchase 【例】Located in New York City, Greenwich Village *acquired* a reputation for bohemianism due to its populace of artists and freethinkers. 位于纽约市内的格林威治村以其豪放不羁的生活方式而著称,因为那里有很多艺术家和自由思想家。

acquit [ə'kwɪt] *v.* 宣告无罪; 表现; 履行 *syn.* discharge; release; absolve; excuse; conduct; behave 【例】The jury *acquitted* her even though she was guilty. 虽然她有罪,陪审团却宣告她无罪。

acrid [ækrid] *a.* 辛辣的; 腐蚀性的; 刻毒的 *syn.* caustic, acrimonious; sharp, bitter; irritating, corrosive 【例】Smoke feels *acrid* in your

mouth and nose. 烟在口鼻里有辛辣刺激之感。

acrimonious [ækri'mənjəs] *a.* 尖刻的 *syn.* caustic; harsh; testy

【例】The *acrimonious* quarrel hurt her feelings deeply. 争吵中尖刻的言词深深地刺伤了她的感情。

acrimony [ækriməni] *n.* 刻薄 *syn.* bitterness; sharpness 【例】Miss Hoffman can't stand Linda's *acrimony*. 琳达待人刻薄,霍夫曼小姐不能忍受。

actuate [æktʃueit] *v.* 开动;激励 *syn.* mobilize; put into action; stir; cause to act 【例】He is *actuated* not by kindness but by a desire for fame. 他的行动并非出于爱心,而是追逐名声。

acumen [ə'kju:mən] *n.* 敏锐;聪明 *syn.* shrewdness; sagacity; acuteness; sharpness; discernment; penetration 【例】His business *acumen* brought him riches in a short time. 他的生意眼很快为他带来了财富。

adage [ædidʒ] *n.* 格言;谚语 *syn.* saying; proverb; apothegm; maxim 【例】I referred him to the *adage* "A rolling stone gathers no mass." 我以“滚石不生苔”这格言规劝他。

adamant [ˈædəmənt] *a.* 不动摇的;坚定不移的 *syn.* hard; immovable; unyielding 【例】He was *adamant* to their pleas. 他毫不为他们的请求所动。

adder [ædə] *n.* 小毒蛇;蝰蛇 *syn.* viper 【例】An *adder* is a kind of small poisonous snakes, also called viper, common in Europe. 蝰蛇是欧洲常见的一种小毒蛇,亦称蝮蛇。

addict [ə'dikt] *v.* 使沉溺于 *n.* 沉溺于某种(尤指不良)嗜好的人 *syn.* give oneself over; devote oneself habitually 【例】We sincerely *addict* ourselves to Almighty God. 我们虔诚地爱着万能的上帝。He is a morphine *addict*. 他有吗啡瘾。

addle [ædl] *a.* 昏乱的;腐坏的 *syn.* spoiled; barren; unfruitful; fruitless; abortive; unproductive 【例】I wish him an ounce more wit in his *addle* head. 他的笨脑袋再多一点脑筋就好了。

adept [ə'dept] *a. & n.* 熟练(的);老练(的) (in, at) *syn.* very skillful; proficient, expert 【例】She is *adept* in getting her own way. 她善于达成所愿。He is an *adept* at lying. 他是个说谎老手。

adjacent [ə'dʒeɪsənt] *a.* 毗邻的;接近的;紧接着的 (to) *syn.*

adjoining; neighboring; near; close; next to; abutting; bordering

【例】The house *adjacent* to ours has been sold. 与我们毗邻的那幢房子已经卖掉了。

adjoin [ə'dʒɔɪn] v. 临近; 相接; 补充(字根: join 连结) *syn.* be close to; be next to 【例】He *adjoin* the remark that God was reconciling the world to himself. 他接着补充说上帝在使世人顺从于他。

adjourn [ə'dʒə:n] v. 延期; 休会 *syn.* postpone; put off; suspend 【例】The chairman *adjourned* the meeting for a week. 主席把会议延期一周。 The meeting *adjourned* at 10:30 a.m. 会议在上午十时半休会。

adjudge [ə'dʒʌdʒ] v. 判决; 认为; 裁定 *syn.* adjudicate; arbitrate; judge; consider; regard 【例】He was *adjudged* insane. 他被判定没有疯。

adjunct ['ædʒʌŋkt] n. 附属物; 修饰语 *syn.* accessory; appendix; appendage; appurtenance 【例】Meter and rhyme are not mere *adjuncts* of poetry. 步格和韵律不只是诗歌的附属品。

administer [əd'mɪnɪstə] v. 管理; 料理; 处理; 治理 *syn.* govern; manage; execute; administrate; carry out 【例】It takes brains to *administer*

a large corporation. 治理大公司是要费脑筋的。

admire [əd'maɪə] v. 赞赏; 羡慕 *syn.* adore; venerate; revere 【例】I *admire* his work. 我羡慕他的工作。

admonish [əd'mɒnɪʃ] v. 警告; 劝告 *syn.* forewarn; exhort; notify; advise; warn 【例】The policeman *admonished* him not to drive so fast. 警察警告他不要把车开得太快。

ado [ə'du:] n. (无谓的)张惶; 纷扰 *syn.* fuss; trouble; excitement; whirl; stir; flurry 【例】He signed the agreement without further *ado*. 他很干脆地签了约。

adore [ə'dɔ:] v. 热爱; 崇拜; 敬慕 *syn.* revere; idolize; worship; love; honor; esteem; venerate 【例】She *adores* her mother. 她极爱她的母亲。

adorn [ə'dɔ:n] v. 装饰 *syn.* decorate; ornament; to add beauty to 【例】The girl *adorned* herself with flowers and garlands before she entered the hall. 在进入大厅之前, 这位姑娘用花朵和花冠把自己装扮起来。

adroit [ə'droɪt] a. 精明的; 熟练的 *syn.* clever; dexterous; skillful; apt; deft; handy; ready 【例】Under

the *adroit* direction of coach Lewis, the team finished the season with twelve wins and no losses. 在路易斯教练的精明指导下, 球队以赢十二场无一败绩打完了这一季度的比赛。

adulate ['ædjuleit] *v.* 谄媚 *syn.* fawn; toady; blandish 【例】Teenagers *adulate* the newest movie star. 孩子们为最新的影星捧场。

adulterate [ə'dʌltəreit] *v.* 降低品质; 掺杂 *syn.* debase; dilute 【例】They *adulterate* milk by removing the cream. 他们提取牛奶中的乳脂, 从而降低了牛奶的质量。

adulteration [ə'dʌltə'reiʃən] *n.* 掺杂 *syn.* corruption; debasement; deterioration; sophistication 【例】The *adulteration* of wood alcohol in the wine roused public attention. 在酒中掺杂甲醇激起了公愤。

adventitious [ædven'tiʃəs] *a.* 偶发的 *syn.* accidental; incidental; fortuitous 【例】In works of imagination and sentiment meter is but *adventitious* to composition. 在幻想或抒情作品里, 只是偶然用到韵律。

adversary ['ædvəsəri] *n.* 敌手; 对手 *syn.* opponent; rival 【例】Martin Luther King, influenced by Mahatma Gandhi, made many *ad-*

versaries in his nonviolent quest for equality. 马丁·路德·金受圣雄甘地的影响, 在其用非暴力手段争取平等的过程中树敌很多。

adverse [ædvə:s] *a.* 相反的; 逆的; 不利的 *syn.* antagonistic; opposite; hostile; unlucky 【例】Dirt and disease are *adverse* to the best growth of children. 肮脏和疾病最不利于孩子的成长。

adversity [əd'və:siti] *n.* 患难; 厄运; 艰难; 逆境 *syn.* misfortune; contemp; misery; suffering; distress 【例】A good friend will not desert one in time of *adversity*. 好朋友是会在你患难之际抛弃你的。

aesthetic [i:s'θetik] *a.* 美学的; 审美的 *syn.* artistic; beautiful; tasteful; concerning aesthetics 【例】The illustrations made the book an *aesthetic* success. 插图使这部书在审美方面颇为成功。

affable ['æfəbl] *a.* 和蔼的; 友善的 *syn.* pleasant; sociable; easy to talk to; ready to be friendly 【例】My mother was *affable* to everybody. 我的母亲对每个人都和蔼可亲。

affection [ə'fekʃən] *n.* 友爱; 爱情 *syn.* tenderness; love 【例】The *affection* they felt for each other was obvious to everyone. 他们之间心心

相印的感情是显而易见的。

affidavit [æfi'deivit] *n.* 宣誓书; 口供书 *syn.* testimony (in writing, signed and sworn to before a magistrate) 【例】We didn't believe in that man even after he made an *affidavit*. 我们不信任那个人, 即使他宣过誓。

affiliate [ə'filiɛt] *v.* 使有密切联系 *syn.* syndicate; merge 【例】The university would assist in organizing and *affiliating* high schools. 大学将帮助组织和联络中学。

affinity [ə'finiti] *n.* 密切关系; 类同; 近似 *syn.* connection, relation; similarity; likeness; partiality; proclivity 【例】English has a close *affinity* to French. 英语同法语很相近。

affirm [ə'fɔ:m] *v.* 肯定; 断言; 证实 *syn.* assert; confirm; declare; avow; profess; certify 【例】The spokesman *affirmed* the truth of this statement. 发言人肯定了这项陈述的真实性。

afflict [ə'flikt] *v.* 使痛苦 (with) *syn.* torment; harass; distress 【例】My grandfather is *afflicted* with arthritis. 我祖父得了关节炎, 很痛苦。

affluent [æfluənt] *a.* 富裕的 *syn.*

rich; abundant 【例】Someone said, "We live in an *affluent* society." 有人说, "我们生活在一个富裕的社会里。"

affront [ə'frʌnt] *v.* 冒犯; 侮辱 (字根: front 前额) *syn.* offend; insult 【例】The prince *affronted* his father by embarking on a love affair. 王子因风流韵事而冒犯了他的父王。

agape [ə'geip] *ad. & a.* 目瞪口呆地 (的) *syn.* with the mouth wide open; yawning; oscitant; wonderstruck; confounded 【例】His mouth was *agape* in yokel fashion. 他惊得目瞪口呆, 一副傻相。

aggravate [ægrə'veit] *v.* 恶化 *syn.* worsen; intensify; make worse 【例】You should not have told her the news; grief and shock *aggravated* her mental condition. 你本不该将这一消息告诉她的, 结果哀伤及震惊使她的精神状况垮了下来。

aggregate [ægrigit] *a. & n.* 聚集 (的) (字根: greg 群集) *syn.* cumulative; composite; amassed 【例】The *aggregate* of knowledge is greater than ever before. 所积累的知识比以往任何时候都多。

aghost [ə'gɔ:st] *a.* 吃惊的 *syn.* stun-

ned; astonished; appalled 【例】 Here gathered thousands of *aghast* Britons whose rage was concentrated on their government. 数以千计惊骇的英国人聚集在这里,愤怒的矛头直指政府。

agile ['ædʒaɪl] *a.* 敏捷的; 活泼轻快的
syn. lively; active; nimble; spry
【例】 Susan is an *agile* ballerina. 苏珊是一个轻盈明快的芭蕾舞演员。

agility [ə'dʒɪlɪti] *n.* 敏捷; 机敏 *syn.* briskness; liveliness; quickness; promptness; smartness; alertness
【例】 He has the *agility* of a deer. 他动作敏捷, 犹如一只鹿。

agitate ['ædʒɪteɪt] *v.* 煽动; 搅动; 使焦虑 *syn.* jar; shake; stir up; excite; disorder; disturb 【例】 His words *agitated* her mind. 他的话使她动了心。

aglow [ə'gləʊ] *a.* 发红的; 发亮的
syn. shining; brightly; glowing
【例】 The sky is *aglow* with sunset colors. 晚霞把天空辉映得一片通红。

agnostic [æg'nɒstɪk] *n. & a.* 不可知论者 *syn.* a person who believes that nothing can be known about God or of anything except material things 【例】 He was born a Christian but he is now an *agnostic*. 他

出生便是基督徒, 现在却成了不可知论者。

agonize ['æɡənaɪz] *v.* (使)受苦; 感到苦闷 *syn.* torment; torture; rack; distress; be tormented 【例】 All the time they *agonized* and prayed. 他们一直在感到痛苦, 不住地祈祷。

agony ['æɡəni] *n.* 极度痛苦 *syn.* misery; distress; passion; great pain or suffering 【例】 The girl was in an *agony* of remorse. 悔恨使姑娘极度痛苦。

agrarian [ə'ɡreəriən] *a.* 耕地的; 土地的; 农业的 (字根: agr 土地) *syn.* agricultural; praedial; rural; pastoral 【例】 One cause of the Civil War was economic and political rivalry between the *agrarian* South and the industrial North. 内战的起因之一是 以农业为主的南部和以工业为主的北部在经济和政治方面的对峙。

ailment ['eɪlmənt] *n.* 较轻的疾病 *syn.* slight illness, disorder, sickness, affection 【例】 She is always complaining of some *ailment* or other. 她总是抱怨这病那病。

aisle [aɪl] *n.* (两排座位之间的) 通道 *syn.* walk; passage; passageway (between rows of seats) 【例】 No one is allowed to take the *aisle* seat in this theatre. 本剧场内的通道

座位不得坐人。

ajar [ə'dʒɑ:] *a.* 微开的 *syn.* slightly open 【例】Mrs. Thompson always leaves the door *ajar* in order to hear us talking. 汤普逊太太总是把门半掩着以便听到我们的谈话。

akin [ə'kin] *a.* 血族关系的; 类似的 *syn.* related; cognate; similar; homologous 【例】The dog and fox are closely *akin*. 狗和狐狸的血缘关系很近。

ale [eɪl] *n.* 啤酒 *syn.* beer 【例】He was so thirsty that he drank a whole pint of *ale* down. 他太渴了, 以致喝下了整整一品脱啤酒。

alias [ˈeɪliəs] *n.* 假名; 别名(字首: ali 其他的, 别的) *syn.* pseudonym 【例】Smith, *alias* Simpson, is the spy. 史密斯, 化名辛普森, 是个间谍。

alibi [ˈælibaɪ] *n.* 不在犯罪现场的证明; 辩解; 托词 *syn.* dodge; defense; excuse 【例】This sounds a little like the *alibi* which some editors make in defending ~~oversensational~~ stories. 这听起来很象编辑们为那过于耸人听闻的假造所作的辩解。

alien [ˈeɪljən] *a.* 外国的; 不同的 *syn.* foreign; extrinsic; ~~extraneous~~; different 【例】~~Omne~~ trees are *alien* to Canada. 对加拿大来说橘子

树是一种外来的果树。 Their ideas are quite *alien* to our way of thinking. 他们的观点同我们的思维方式是相当不同的。

alienate [ˈeɪljəneɪt] *v.* 使疏远; 转让(房地产等) *syn.* estrange; wean; disaffect; assign 【例】She was *alienated* from her friend by his foolish behavior. 他的愚蠢行为使她的朋友同她疏远了。

align [əˈlaɪn] *v.* 排成一列(字根: lign 直线) *syn.* arrange in line 【例】The tents were *aligned* in two rows. 帐篷被排列成两排。

alimentary [ˌæliˈmentəri] *a.* (有关)营养的; 给予支持或扶助的 *syn.* nutritive; nourishing; of food and digestion 【例】He's studied medicine for a long time, but he knows little about the *alimentary* processes of the body. 他学医已经很久了, 可他对人体的营养过程却所知无几。

alimentation [ˌælimenˈteɪʃən] *n.* 营养 ~~syn.~~ nourishment; nutrition; sustenance. 【例】The boy looked ~~skinny~~ as a result of poor ~~alimentation~~. 那男孩由于缺乏营养瘦得皮包骨头。

allay [əˈleɪ] *v.* 使缓和; 使镇静 *syn.* quiet; soothe; soften; moderate 【例】His fever was *allayed* by the

medicine. 这剂药使他的热病缓和(退烧)了。

allege [ə'ledʒ] *v.* 宣称;主张 *syn.* affirm; declare; assert; profess; assign 【例】Audrey *alleged* her story as a fact though they didn't believe her. 奥雷宣称她的故事是真实的,然而他们不相信。

allegiance [ə'li:dʒəns] *n.* 忠诚 *syn.* loyalty 【例】The king decided to testify the *allegiance* of his subject. 国王决定要证实一下臣民们对他的忠诚。

alleviate [ə'li:vieit] *v.* 使缓和;减轻 *syn.* relieve; appease; allay 【例】This medicine does not cure but *alleviates* the disease. 这种药不治病,只能缓解病痛。

alley ['æli] *n.* 小巷;胡同 *syn.* lane; slum; byway; back-passage; narrow street 【例】We tried one idea after another, but they all seemed to be blind *alleys*. 我们一连试过许多方法,但他们都象是死胡同,一个也行不通。

allocate ['æləkeit] *v.* 分配;定位置 *syn.* allot; locate; assign 【例】Bigger rations were *allocated* to those people. 那些人分到了较多的粮食。

allude [ə'ljʊ:d] *v.* 提及;暗指(to) *syn.*

refer; hint; imply; suggest 【例】Mr. Walls *alluded* to the problem in his speech. 华尔斯先生在演说中提到了这个问题。

allure [ə'ljʊə] *v.* 引诱 *syn.* entice; tempt; seduce; beguile; attract; lure; coax; invite 【例】Don't be *allured* into bars by the pretty waitresses. 不要被美丽的女侍引诱到酒吧去。

allusion [ə'ljʊ:ʒən] *n.* 引述 *syn.* hint; reference; intimation; suggestion 【例】His writings are filled with classical *allusions*. 他的文章里用典故的地方很多。

ally [ə'lai] *v.* 联盟;结盟 *syn.* unite; join; league; confederate; combine; bring into affinity 【例】Great Britain was *allied* with the United States in both World Wars. 在两次世界大战中,英国都是与美国联盟。

alma mater ['ælmə'mɑ:tə] *n.* 母校 *syn.* college or school that one attended 【例】Hundreds of alumni returned to their *alma mater* from all directions to celebrate the 125th anniversary of her founding. 数百名校友从四面八方回到母校,庆祝建校一百二十五周年。

almighty [ɔ:l'maiti] *a.* 全能的(字首:al 全部) *syn.* omnipotent; powerful; extreme 【例】*Almighty* ar-

mies swepted over the country. 强大的军队洗劫了这个国家。

alms [ɑ:mz] *n.* 救济品; 救济金 *syn.* gift; bounty; benefaction; charitable donation; eleemosynary aid
【例】They used to beg *alms* of their neighbouring countries. 过去他们经常向邻国请求救济。

aloof [ə'lu:f] *a.* 冷淡的; 孤傲的 *syn.* impassive; indifferent; apathetic
【例】The *aloof* composer neither worried nor cared about the public opinion. 这位孤傲的作曲家对公众意见根本不在乎。

alternative [ɔ:l'tə:nətiv] *a.* 二中选一的 *n.* 二者择一; 抉择 *syn.* choice; decision; substitute; alternate; additional
【例】Several *alternatives* to the governor's proposal were suggested. 对州长的提议提出了好几种替换方案。

altitude ['æltitju:d] *n.* 高度; 海拔 (pl.) 高处 *syn.* height; elevation; loftiness
【例】It is difficult to breathe at high *altitudes*. 在高海拔区, 呼吸很困难。

alto ['æltəu] *n. & a.* 中音; 中音的 *syn.* a man with or a musical part for a man with a high singing voice, between soprano and tenor
【例】He has a pleasing *alto* voice and is a good player of alto-saxophone.

他有一副悦耳的男中音歌喉, 并且又是一位出色的中音萨克管演奏手。

altruism [æltruizəm] *n.* 利他主义 *syn.* love of others; devotion to others; philanthropy; unselfishness
【例】He practiced *altruism* throughout his life. 他毕生奉行利他主义。

alumna [ə'λmnə] *n.* 女校友; 女毕业生 *syn.* a girl or woman who has attended or has graduated from a particular school or college
【例】She is a former student of this college; therefore, she is an *alumna* particularly welcome to it. 她是这所学院早期的校友, 所以特别受到欢迎。

alumnus [ə'λmnəs] *n.* 男校友; 男毕业生 *syn.* a male former student of a school, college, or university
【例】Mr. Smith is not a Harvard *alumnus*; he is an *alumnus* of our college. 史密斯先生不是哈佛大学校友, 而是我们的校友。

amalgamate [ə'mælgəmeit] *v.* 联合; 合并; 混合 *syn.* unite; merge; intermingle; combine; mix
【例】The 5 businesses *amalgamated* into one company. 这五个企业合并成一个公司。

amass [ə'mæs] *v.* 积聚 *syn.* collect; gather; accumulate
【例】Mr.