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序 言

編著字彙系列書的目的

編著本系列書籍的目的在於協同學們獲得一個有效率的增進英文字彙之方法以準備托福測驗。

如衆所週知的，ETS 設計的 TOEFL 及 GRE 測驗所採用的字彙在表現的形式上是有極大的差異，雖然 TOEFL 與 GRE 的 Verbal 同屬於英文範疇內的測驗！基於此，為同學們鋪一條適合托福常用範圍內的字彙之捷徑便是本系列書最大的目的。

ETS 設計 TOEFL 字彙的基礎

由於 TOEFL 是 ETS 設計來測試非英語系國家學生到美國修習大學或更高教育者之英文程度，則 TOEFL 裏每一部份所代表的應是指一般美國高中以上之英文程度。

這意味著一條明確的方向，那就是 TOEFL 所採用的字彙範圍必是一般美國高中以上之學生所接觸與習用的“範圍”。

在美國有許多的英語推廣或研究機構，曾使用各種方式的實驗來界定出這“範圍”的界限。但是，由於語言本身即為一個活的、不斷成長的個體；因此，衆說紛云，莫衷一是！有認為 12000 字的意見，也有強調僅 3000 個基本字的說法。ETS 雖未明示其採用的標準，但介於此上、下限則是較能令人採信的。

本系列書籍所採用英文字彙的根據

巨擘根據從事托福教學多年的經驗，選定美國紐約某大出版機構托福教學專家帕米拉博士所作研究的結果，認為其中伍仟餘字是較佳的範圍，而這伍仟餘字的程度涵蓋了自高中以至研究生的範圍。相較於一般英文辭典中動輒七、八萬餘字的龐大內容，本字彙系列書籍可說是濃縮其中精華而成。

本系列書籍的特色

巨擘將這伍仟餘字整理分級，配以最重要的英英說明及例句介紹，每字並附有 K.K. 音標；多重詞性的字並標明其衍生字與字義，投注長期的心血完成全書。全書分三級：

第一級約壹仟柒佰餘個基礎字彙，程度為高中至大專初級的範圍，定為「新托福基礎字彙」；

第二級約壹仟柒佰餘個重要字彙，程度為大專的範圍，定為「新托福進階字彙」；

第三級約壹仟柒佰餘個高等字彙，程度為研究生的範圍，定為「新托福高分字彙」。

本系列書籍於 73 年 9 月初版，並於 75 年 3 月增訂再版。

我們相信本系列書籍確能幫助同學們準備 TOEFL 中有關聽力、字彙與閱讀部份所需要的字彙！

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75 年 3 月 于台北

本書的使用方法

本系列書籍分3冊，共伍仟餘字，同學應循序漸進，由淺入深加以背記。準備時應特別注意：要領略每字的英英說明。預習時，每天的份量應以45至60個字彙為佳；遇有已懂的字則可略過。複習時，應使用「簡易單字表」以加強背記。本系列書籍的計劃進度是3個月完成，希望同學們持之以恆以全事功！

詳細步驟：

- ① 開始每一個字彙，均應將注意力放在其英文例句；仔細讀完全句並試行翻譯句意。

目的：分析句中該單字前後的字詞以訓練分析句意及臆測該字義的能力。

- ② 背記字彙之中文釋義（須注意適用該句的詞性）。
- ③ 分析英英說明並將說明中的同義字或片語代入例句中之原單字。

目的：比較同義字、詞與原單字在句子結構上的異同，以培養運用該字彙的能力。

- ④ 重複前3項步驟並加強背記中文釋義。

- ⑤ 進行下一個字彙。

- ⑥ 隔日複習時，不可使用本書，應使用「簡易單字表」背記；遇有遺忘始可翻閱本書並重複前4項步驟。

- ⑦ 「簡易單字表」是為協助同學們背記本系列書籍的每一個單字而設計；係一本便於隨身攜帶的小手冊。在表上僅列英文單字而無其它任何說明（避免同學們使用原書複習時，無法正確測出對單字之記憶程度）。表上伍仟餘單字的排列順序完全與本系列書籍相同（便於同學們與原書查對）。

- ⑧ 「簡易單字表」為非賣品；凡一次購買本字彙系列書籍（全部3冊）一套的同學均可獲贈一本。

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abhorrent [əb`hɒrənt]

adj. hateful; causing horror (to sb., to his feelings) 非常討厭的
Such an act is abhorrent to my feelings.

*abhor vt. 厭惡

abide [ə`baɪd]

vi. 1. rest, remain, stay 滯留；居住
They abided here for some time.

2. be faithful to, keep 忠於；遵守
He abides by his friends.

vt. 1. wait for 等候
I will abide the result.

2. endure; bear 忍耐
A good housekeeper cannot abide dirt.

abloom [ə`blu:m]

adj. in bloom 開花的

abnormal [əb`nɔ:ml]

adj. different from what is normal, ordinary, or expected 不正常的；變態的
It is abnormal for a man to be seven feet tall.

*abnormally adv.

*abnormality n.

aboard [ə`bɔ:d]

adv. on or in a ship or plane 在船上或飛機上
We must not take combustible goods aboard.

abode [ə`bɔ:de]

n. house; dwelling-place 住所
They have taken up their abode in our town.

abound [ə`baʊnd]

vi. have in great numbers or quantity; be plentiful 富有；豐富
This garden abounds in flowers.

*abundant adj. 很多的；豐富的

*abundance n. 充足；富裕

abridge [ə`brɪdʒ]

vt. make shorter, esp. by using fewer words 刪減；節略
It was abridged from the original work.

abrupt [ə`brʌpt]

adj. 1. sudden; unexpected 突然的
The train came to an abrupt stop, making many passengers fall off their seats.

2. rough 粗魯的
a man with an abrupt manner

3. (of a slope) steep 險峭的

abstraction [əb`strækʃən]

n. 1. abstracting or be abstracted 提煉；取出
After the abstraction of the juice from an orange, only the pulp and peeling are left.

2. absentmindedness 心不在焉
In utter abstraction he almost forgot my presence.

absurd [əb'sɜ:d]

adj. unreasonable; foolish; ridiculous 不合理的；荒唐的；可笑的

Their request is absurd.

*absurdly adv. 不合理地；荒唐地

*absurdity n. 愚蠢；荒謬

syn: illogical, ridiculous, ludicrous

abuse [ə'bju:z] vt. [ə'bju:s] n.

vt. 1. make a bad or wrong use of 濫用

Don't abuse your authority.

2. say severe, unkind, or unjust, things to sb. or about sb. 罵

Don't abuse your friends.

3. ill-treat 虐待

A good rider never abuses his horse.

n. 1. wrong use (of sth.); instance of this 濫用

2. angry or violent attack in words; cursing 辱罵

accent ['æksənt]

vi. 1. prominence given to a syllable 重音

2. individual, local, or national way of pronouncing 腔調

He speaks French with an English accent.

accommodate [ə'kɒmə, det]

vt. 1. supply or equip; confer a favour on (sb.) 供應

The bank will accommodate you with a loan.

2. adapt; harmonize; get into agreement or into adjustment 使適用；使調和

The eye can accommodate itself to seeing objects at different distances.

accord [ə'kɔ:d]

vt. vi. 1. be consistent (with) 一致

His behavior does not accord with his principles.

2. be in harmony 調和

We must make one sound accord with another.

n. 1. in harmony with, agreeing 一致；調和

His words are in complete accord with his thoughts.

2. treaty; agreement (between countries; with a country) 條約；協定

*accordance n. 一致；調和

*accordingly adv. 於是；因此；適當地

accusation [,ækjə'zeɪʃən]

n. accusing or being accused; charge of doing wrong, broken the law, is to be blamed 控告

He made a false accusation against his neighbor.

acknowledge [ək'nɒlɪdʒ]

vt. 1. agree or admit the truth of; confess 承認

They acknowledge their mistakes.

2. express thanks for 感謝

We must not fail to acknowledge his services to the town.

acute [əˈkjut]

adj. 1. *sharp, pointed* 尖銳的

2. *(of the senses, sensations, intellect) keen, sharp, quick* 敏銳的
Dogs have an acute sense of smell.

3. *important enough to cause anxiety* 激烈的

His son's success gave him acute pleasure.

*acutely adv.

adhere [ədˈhɪr]

vi. 1. *stick fast to* 黏著

It had rained all day and the mud adhered to our shoes.

2. *remain faithful to, support firmly* 默守；堅持

Although he was warned of danger, he adhered to his plans to climb the mountain alone.

*adherence n. 黏著；墨守（用於抽象的意義）

*adhesion n. 黏著；固執（用於具體的意義）

adjacent [əˈdʒesnt]

adj. *next (to); lying near (to)* 鄰近的

The house adjacent to ours has been sold.

adjective [ˈædʒɪktɪv]

n. *word that names a quality* 形容詞

admiral [ˈædmərəl]

n. *officer in command of a country's warships, or of a fleet or squadron*

海軍上將；司令官

admonish [ədˈmɒnɪʃ]

vt. *give a warning, gentle reproof; give advice* 告誡；訓誡

He admonished them of the danger.

*admonition n. 告誡；忠告

*admonitory adj. 訓誡的；忠告的

syn: warn, advise

adorn [əˈdɔrn]

vt. *add beauty or ornament(s) to; dress (oneself with jewels, etc.); add distinction to* 裝飾

His house was lavishly adorned.

adulate [ˈædʒə, let]

vt. *praise more than is necessary or truthful, esp. to win favour* 諂媚

syn: flatter, fawn

adverse [ˈædvəs]

adj. 1. *contrary or hostile (to)* 反對的

The judge gave us an adverse decision.

2. *unfavourable* 不利的

The judgement was adverse to the plaintiff.

syn: unfavourable, contrary, antagonistic

advocate [ˈædvə, ket]

vt. *support; speak publicly in favour of* 提倡；主張

Many people advocate keeping all children at school until the age of sixteen.

affirm [əˈfɜːm]

vt. vi. *declare firmly* 斷言；肯定

I affirmed the statement to be true.

*affirmative adj. 確定的；承諾的

*affirmatively adv. 肯定地

*affirmation n. 主張；肯定

afford [əˈfɔːd]

vt. 1. *spare or find enough time or money for* 負擔的起

I can't afford to pay such a high price.

2. *supply; give* 供給

It will afford me great pleasure to have dinner with you.

aggravate [ˈægrəˌvet]

vt. 1. *make worse or more serious* 使惡化；使加重

His bad temper was aggravated by his headache.

2. *make angry; irritate* 使激怒

Threats will only aggravate her.

syn: inflame, irritate, annoy

aggressive [əˈɡresɪv]

adj. 1. *quarrelsome; disposed to attack; offensive; of or for attack* 侵略性的

An aggressive country is always ready to start a war.

2. *pushing; not afraid of resistance* 勇往的；積極的

A man who goes from door to door selling things has to be aggressive in order to succeed.

agony [ˈæɡəni]

n. *great pain or suffering (of mind or body)* 極大之痛苦

She had upset some boiling oil on her arm and was in agony.

aisle [aɪl]

n. *passage in a church, esp. one that is divided by a row of columns from the nave; passage between rows of pews; passage in a means of transportation.*

e.g., a train, a plane, a bus 走廊；通道；走道

akin [əˈkɪn]

adj. 1. *of similar character; like* 類似的

Most boys are akin in their love of sports.

2. *belonging to the same family; related by blood* 同種的

The two families are near akin.

album [ˈælbəm]

n. *blank book in which a collection of photographs, autographs, postage stamps, etc., can be kept* 像片簿；集郵簿

ale [el]

n. *light-coloured beer* 麥酒

alert [əˈlɜːt]

adj. 1. *watchful* 機警的

A good hunting dog is alert to every sound and movement in the field.

2. *lively* 活潑的

He is an alert young fellow.

algae [ˈældʒi]

n. *water plant of var. structure* 海藻

alien [ˈeɪlən]

adj. 1. foreign 外國的

He has an alien nationality. (他有外國國籍)

2. differing in nature or character (from) 相異的

Their ideas are alien to our way of thinking.

n. foreigner who is not a subject of the country in which he is 外國人

He is an alien.

allege [əˈleɪdʒ]

vt. put forward as a fact, excuse, reason, or argument 宣稱；託辭

He alleged that he did not take it.

He alleged illness as a reason for not going to work.

*alleged adj. 聲稱的；所謂的

*allegedly adv. 確言地；聲稱地

syn: declare, assert, maintain

allegiance [əˈliːdʒəns]

n. duty, support, loyalty, due (to a ruler or government) 忠誠；忠實

The king demands allegiance of his subjects. (國王要求人民的忠順)

allot [əˈlɒt]

vt. make a distribution of; decide a person's share of 分配；攤派

When the profits of the business were allotted, I received one hundred dollars.

allure [əˈljʊə]

vt. tempt; attract; charm 引誘；迷人

Rewards allure men to brave danger.

*alluring adj. 迷人的；誘惑的

syn: lure, entice, tempt, enchant

ally [ˈæli] n. [əˈlaɪ] vt. vi.

n. person, state, etc., allied to another; person who gives help or support
盟邦；同盟者

vt. vi. unite by treaty, marriage, etc. 聯盟；聯姻

Great Britain was allied with the United States in both World Wars.

*alliance n. 聯盟；同盟

altar [ˈɒltə]

n. raised place on which offerings are made to a god. 祭壇

alteration [ˌɒltəˈreɪʃən]

v. altering; making a change; act of changing 變更

There isn't much alteration in the village; it is almost the same as it was twenty years ago.

*alter vt. vi. 改變

*alterable adj. 可改變的

*alterant adj. 改變的

alternate [ˈɒltəˌneɪt]

vt. vi. arrange or perform by turns; cause to take place, appear, one after the other 交替；輪流

Lucy and her sister will alternate in setting the table.

*alternative adj. 二者中取一的；變通的

*alternation n. 交替

altitude [ˈæltə, tʃud]

n. 1. place high above sea-level 高處

It is difficult to breathe in these altitudes.

2. height, esp. above sea-level 高度

The mountain has an altitude of 10,000 ft.

amateur [ˈæmə, tʃʊr]

n. person who paints pictures, performs music, plays, etc., for the love of it, not for money; person playing a game, taking part in sports, etc., without payment 業餘者

He is an amateur in boxing.

amaze [əˈmeɪz]

vt. fill with great surprise or wonder 使驚愕；使驚異

The boy who had seemed so stupid amazed us all by his fine examination.

*amazement n. 驚訝

*amazing adj. 驚訝的

*amazingly adv.

ambassador [æmˈbæsədə]

n. minister representing the government of his country in a foreign country 大使

He was appointed ambassador to the United States.

*ambassadorial adj. 大使的；使節的

ambiguous [æmˈbɪɡjuəs]

adj. of doubtful meaning; uncertain 含糊的；曖昧的；可疑的

This sentence is ambiguous in sense.

amiable [ˈemɪəbl]

adj. good-tempered; kind-hearted; easy and pleasant to talk to 親切的；敦厚的

She has amiable disposition.

syn: cordial, affable, genial, gracious

amicable [ˈæmɪkəbl]

adj. friendly; done in friendly way 和平的；友善的

When nations cannot settle a quarrel in an amicable way, they usually go to war.

amid [əˈmɪd]

prep. in or into the middle of 在其中；在其間

I saw him amid the crowd.

ample [ˈæmpl]

adj. 1. large-sized; with plenty of space 廣大的

This building has an ample lobby.

2. quite enough 豐富的；充足地

There is ample time, so you don't have to hurry.

*amply adv. 廣大地；充足地

ancestor [ˈænsɪstə]

n. any one of those persons from whom one's father or mother is descended 祖先

*ancestral adj. 祖先的；祖先傳下的

*ancestry n. 祖先；世系；家譜

anguish [ˈæŋɡwɪʃ]

n. severe suffering (esp. of mind) 痛苦

She was in anguish until she knew that her husband's life had been saved.

syn: distress, agony, torment

announcement [əˈnaʊnsmənt]

n. sth. said, written, or printed to make known what has happened or what will happen 通告；公布

An announcement has been made by the government that our salary will be increased fifty per cent beginning next month.

*announce *vt.* 告知；公佈

syn: promulgation, proclamation

annoy [əˈnɔɪ]

vt. cause inconvenience to; make rather angry 使煩惱；激怒

He was annoyed with his wife because the dinner was badly cooked.

annul [əˈnəl]

vt. put an end to; declare (that sth. is) invalid, of no effect 取消；廢止

The judge annulled the contract because one of the singers was too young.

syn: cancel, nullify, abrogate, repeal

antenna [ænˈtenə]

n. 1. jointed organ found in pairs on the head of insects and crustaceans, used for feeling, etc. 觸角

2. (kind of) wireless aerial 天線

*antennae *pl.*

anthropology [ˌænθrəˈpɒlədʒɪ]

n. science of man, esp. of the beginnings, development, customs, and beliefs of mankind 人類學

anticipate [ænˈtɪsəpet]

vt. 1. look forward to, expect 預期

I anticipate deriving much instruction from the lecture.

2. do, make use of, before the right or natural time 預先使用

A man who always anticipates his income can never save or become rich.

antique [ænˈtɪk]

adj. belonging to the distant past; existing since old times; in the style of past times 古代的；舊式的

I really like antique art much better than modern art.

*antiquity *n.* 古舊；古代的風俗

*antiquated *adj.* 陳舊的

apex [ˈeɪpɛks]

n. top or highest point 頂尖；頂點

He was at the apex of his fortunes.

*apexes or apices *pl.*

apparatus [əpəˈretəs]

n. set of instruments or other mechanical appliances put together for a purpose 儀器；裝置

It is an apparatus for storing electricity.

appeal [əˈpi:l]

n. 1. *earnest call (for sth.)* 懇請

The officer made an appeal for the flood victims.

2. *act of appealing (to a higher court, etc.)* 上訴

There is no appeal from the decision of the Supreme Court.

3. *interesting; (power of) attraction* 吸引力；引起興趣

The game has lost its appeal.

vi. 1. *make an earnest request* 懇請

The prisoner appealed to the judge for mercy.

2. *go for a decision* 訴諸

To put an end to their dispute, I appealed to force.

3. *take a question (to a higher court, etc.) for rehearing and a new decision*

He appealed against the judge's decision.

控訴

4. *move the feelings; attract* 引起興趣

Toys appeal to small children.

*appealing adj. 訴求的；引起興趣的

appendix [əˈpendɪks]

n. 1. *sth. added, esp. at the end of a book* 附屬物；附錄

2. *small outgrowth on the surface of a bodily organ, esp. a worm-like appendage of the large intestine* 盲腸

appetite [ˈæpəˌtaɪt]

n. *desire (esp. for food)* 食慾；慾望

He has a good appetite.

He has no appetite for hard work.

*appetizing adj. 開胃的；刺激食慾的

*appetizer n. 開胃物

applaud [əˈplɒd]

vt.vi. 1. *show approval (of) by clapping the hands* 拍手喝采

When he finished his speech, the audience applauded.

2. *express approval of* 讚賞

We applauded him for his courage.

syn: acclaim, hail

apprehend [ˌæpriˈhend]

vi. 1. *fear* 憂慮

You need not apprehend any danger.

2. *arrest; seize* 逮捕

He was apprehended on a charge of forgery.

3. *understand* 理解

It was apprehended at a glance by every one.

*apprehension n. 領悟；憂慮

approach [əˈprɒtʃ]

vt.vi. 1. *come near or nearer (to)* 接近

The time is approaching when we must leave.

2. *come near or nearer to, in quality, condition, character, etc.* 趨近

His work is approaching perfection.

3. *speak to, esp. about something for the first time* 接洽

Did he approach you about lending him some money?

appropriate [əˈprɒpriət]

adj. 1. right or suitable 適當的

Thick woollen clothes are not appropriate for a hot summer day.

2. rightly belonging (to) 專屬於某人的

Each played his appropriate part.

approximately [əˈprɒksəmətli]

adv. very nearly to 大約；近於

There were approximately 10,000 present. (約有一萬人到場)

aptitude [ˈæptə, tʃud]

n. natural ability to acquire knowledge or skill 資質；悟性

He has a singular aptitude for dealing with a crisis.

arc [ark]

n. part of the circumference of a circle or other curved line 弧

architecture [ˈɑrkə, tɛktʃə]

n. 1. art and science of building 建築學

2. design or style of building(s) 建築的式樣或構造

The architecture of our school is very substantial.

*architect n. 建築師

*architectural adj. 建築上的

*architecturally adv.

arouse [əˈraʊz]

vt. 1. awaken 喚醒

The noise aroused him from his sleep.

2. cause (sb.) to become active; stir (sb.) up from inactivity 激發

Their terrible suffering aroused our pity.

arrogant [ˈærəɡənt]

adj. behaving in a proud, superior manner; showing too much pride and too little consideration for others 自大的；傲慢的

He is arrogant toward us.

artificial [ˌɑrtəˈfɪʃəl]

adj. 1. made by the art of man 人工的

People can be badly burned by the artificial sunlight from a sun lamp.

2. not natural or real 不自然的；虛假的

She welcomed me with an artificial smile.

*artificially adv. 人工地；不自然地；只裝表面地

*artificiality n. 人造物；人爲之事

ascend [əˈsend]

vi. go or come up (a mountain, river, etc.) 上昇

We watched the airplane ascend higher and higher.

*ascension n. 上昇

ascent [əˈsent]

n. 1. act of ascending; upward movement 上昇

I have never made an ascent in a balloon.

2. way up 上坡路

The last part of the ascent is steep.

assemblage [əˈsɛmblɪdʒ]

n. collection of things or persons 集合在一起的人或物

There was an assemblage of workmen demanding for higher wages and fewer hours.

assert [əˈsɜːt]

vt. 1. declare 斷言

His friends asserted that he was innocent.

2. make a claim to (one's rights, etc.) 主張；維護

He asserted the cause of liberty. (他主張自由主義)

syn: affirm, advocate, profess

assiduous [əˈsɪdʒʊəs]

adj. hard-working, persevering 刻苦的；勤勉的

He is assiduous in his studies.

assuming [əˈsʊmɪŋ]

adj. claiming more than is right; presumptuous 傲慢的；自大的

*assume vt. 假定；擔任；承擔；假裝

astrology [əˈstrɒlədʒɪ]

n. art of observing the positions of the stars and telling how they influence human affairs 占星學

*astrologer n. 占星家

astronomy [əˈstrɒnəmi]

n. science of sun, moon, stars, and planets 天文學

*astronomer n. 天文學家

*astronomical adj. 天文學的

athletic [æθˈlɛtɪk]

adj. 1. of athletics 運動的

athletic field (運動場)

2. physically strong, with well-balanced proportions between the trunk and limbs 有體力的；體格健美的

He is an athletic man.

*athletics n. 運動

*athletically adv. 競賽地；運動家風度地

attest [əˈtɛst]

vt. 1. be or give clear proof of 證明

The man's ability was attested by his rapid promotion.

2. declare on oath; put (a person) on oath; cause (sb.) to declare solemnly 使發誓

I have said nothing that I'm not ready to attest.

(我說的句句屬實，皆可立誓為證)

attorney [əˈtɜːni]

n. 1. person with legal authority to act for another in business or law 代理人

2. lawyer 律師

audible [ˈɒdəbl]

adj. loud enough to be heard 聽的見的

The sobs of the mother were audible.

audience [ˈɔːdrəns]

n. gathering of persons for the purpose of hearing (a speaker, singer, etc.) 聽衆
He has addressed large audiences all over England.

audiophile

n. 身歷聽愛好者

audit [ˈɔːdɪt]

n. official examination of accounts to see that they are in order 稽核；檢查

vt. vi. examine (accounts) officially 檢查帳目

augment [ɔːɡmənt]

vt. make or become greater; increase 增加；增大

The king augmented his power by taking over rights that had belonged to the nobles.

syn: magnify, swell, amplify, intensify

automatic [ˌɔːtəˈmætɪk]

adj. 1. self-acting; self-moving; (of a machine) able to work or be worked without attention 自動的

We can get chocolate from automatic machines.

2. (of actions) done without thought; unconscious 無意識的

Breathing is usually automatic.

*automatically adv.

*automation n. 自動化；自動操作

avaricious [ˌævəˈrɪʃəs]

adj. greedy (of money, power, etc.) 貪財的；貪婪的

He was avaricious of power.

syn: greedy, acquisitive

avid [ævɪd]

adj. greedy, eager (for, of, fame, etc.) 貪求的；熱望的

The younger generation is avid of new experiences.

awe [ɔː]

vt. strike with awe, fill with awe 使敬畏；使畏懼

I was awed by his solemn words.

n. respect combined with fear and reverence 敬畏

He had a feeling of awe, as he was taken before the judge.

awkward [ˈɔːkwəd]

adj. 1. (of objects, places) not well designed for use; (of circumstances, etc.), likely to cause inconvenience or difficulty 不方便的；麻煩的

The meeting was at 9 o'clock, which was an awkward time for many people.

2. (of living things) clumsy; having little skill 笨拙的；不靈活的

Some animals are awkward on land but able to move easily in the water.

*awkwardly adv. 笨拙地；不雅觀地

*awkwardness n.

background [ˈbækgraʊnd]

n. 1. that part of view, scene that serves as a setting for the chief objects, persons, etc. 背景

The mountain forms a very beautiful background for the whole scene.

2. person's past experiences, education, environment 經驗；智識的背景

He is a man of high cultural background.

bacon [ˈbeɪkən]

n. salted or smoked meat from the back or sides of a pig 燻肉

baffle [ˈbæfl]

vt. 1. prevent (sb.) from doing sth. 使挫折

They succeeded in baffling the enemy's plans.

2. puzzle 使困惑

One of the examination questions baffled me completely.

baggage [ˈbæɡɪdʒ]

n. all the bags, trunks, etc., with which a person travels 行李

You can check your baggage to your destination.

(你可以將行李託運至目的地)

bait [bet]

n. 1. food or sth. made in imitation, put on a hook to catch fish, or in nets, traps, etc. to attract prey 餌

Most people use worms as bait in fishing.

2. sth. that allures or tempts 誘惑

vt. 1. put food, real or imitation, (on a hook, etc.) to catch fish, etc. 裝餌於

2. give food to (horses on a journey) 於旅途中停下來餵(馬)

The coachman baited his horses.

3. worry (a chained animal) by making dogs attack it 縱犬迫獸

He let his dogs bait the bear.

bald [bɔld]

adj. (of men) having no or not much hair on the scalp; (of animals) hairless or featherless; (of trees) leafless; (of land, hills, etc.) without trees or bushes
禿頭的；不毛的

ballad [ˈbæləd]

n. simple song or poem, esp. one that tells an old story 民歌；民謠

ballot [ˈbælət]

n. 1. piece of paper, ticket, or ball used in voting 選舉票

I cast one ballot for him.

2. secret voting 秘密投票

The result of the ballot for the election of our mayor was announced.

bamboo [ˈbæmˈbu]

n. tall plant with hard, hollow, jointed stems, of the grass family 竹

Bamboo is widely grown in southern parts of China.

bang [bæŋ]

vt. 1. hit violently 重打

He banged his fist on the table.

2. shut with a noise 砰然關上

He banged the lid of the box down.

vi. make a loud noise 發生巨響

The gun banged.