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Introduction

导 读

As a learner of English you may sometimes find it difficult to know which word to use in a particular context. Or you may have used a particular word several times already in what you are writing, and so you want to use a different expression. Most thesauruses or dictionaries of synonyms are not as helpful as they might first appear; to read a list of synonyms for a certain word is helpful only as far as it goes. This dictionary, however, goes beyond a mere listing of words with a similar meaning and helps distinguish them. The differences between similar words are shown by giving each one a definition and an example.

英语学习者时常会为某一特殊语境下如何措辞而犯难,或因在写作中多次使用某一单词而希望换一种表达方式。在这种情况下,一般的同义词词典只是将单词的同义词逐一罗列,因而对学习者的作用是十分有限的。然而,这部词典却不单纯地罗列意义相近的词,同时还帮你辨别。为了让你弄清同义词词义的区别,每条同义词都给了释义和例证。

The definitions are intended to show the various shades of meaning of the group of synonyms. The examples show the context in which a word is used and which other words typically occur with each synonym.

释义是为了帮助你了解每一组同义词词义的细微差别;例证为你提供了每一个同义词最常出现的语言环境。

restrain verb not to allow something, someone, or yourself to become too violent or forceful or to express themselves openly, or to prevent someone, for example a prisoner, from behaving violently by holding them, handcuffing them, etc. 抑制,遏制(以防变得过于激烈、强硬或直白);(通过拘留、上手拷等方式)阻止,限制(囚犯等的暴力行为): I couldn't restrain myself any longer and burst out laughing. 我再也忍不住,突然大笑起来。

control not to allow something, someone, or yourself to act freely,

especially to limit or restrain something or someone (尤指)限制,限定(行动自由): Government efforts to control immigration have so far failed. 政府限制外来移民的努力迄今未获成功。

curb to keep something under strict control and, usually, to reduce it 严格控制;抑制: He should try to curb his enthusiasm and act more rationally. 他应该设法抑制自己的冲动,做事更理智一些。

hold back to restrain something such as tears or laughter, or to stop something from progressing or developing as fast as it would like 抑制(消 水或笑声等);阻止(某事的进程或发展); Business is being held back by government restrictions. 商业正受到政府限制性政策的制约。

inhibit to prevent an event or process from developing 约束,阻止(事件或过程的发展): Does the Internet encourage or inhibit learning? 英特网是促进还是妨碍学习呢?

keep under control to control 控制: If you can't keep your children under control, you'll have to take them out. 你要是管不住自己的小孩,就必须把他们带出去。

limit not to allow something to exceed a particular amount or extent, or not to allow someone complete freedom 限制,限定(数量、范围或充分的自由):

You'd be wise to limit the amount of

time you spend on each question in the exam. 在考试中,你要是能限定每道题的答题时间就高明了。

restrict to limit something, especially to allow less of something than something or someone needs or wants 限制,约束(使之不超过需要 的范围): The amount that each candidate in the election can spend on publicity will be restricted to \$20,000. 每位候选人用于竞选官 传的开支将被限定在2万美元之内。 suppress to take action to make sure that something cannot operate, show itself, or express itself at all 镇 压,压制(以使无法运行或表现出 来): All opposition to the regime was suppressed. 所有反对该政权的 势力都遭到了镇压。

Guidance on usage is given in two ways: showing context of use by style markers in round brackets, e.g., (informal), (formal) and by means of brief usage notes introduced by *.

同义词用法指南用两种方式标注:用圆括号标注语体类型,如(非正式)、(正式)等;用星号标注简要的用法说明。

clanger (informal) a stupid or embarrassing mistake(愚蠢或令人困窘的)错误: What a clanger — Linda said the capital of Belgium was Amsterdam! 多么愚蠢的错误, 琳达居然说比利时的首都是阿姆斯特丹! intransigent (formal) completely unwilling to change your mind about something毫不妥协的; 不让步的: Senior party members remained intransigent in their opposition to any change in the constitution. 政党高层人员仍然坚持反对修订宪法。

engaged* not free to speak to

someone because you are speaking to someone or doing something else 正在打电话的; 正忙的: Mike is engaged at the moment. Shall I ask him to phone you when he's free? 麦克这时候正忙。等他有空了我再叫他回电话给你,好吗?

* In British English a telephone line is said to be *engaged* when someone is speaking on it; in US English, it is said to be *busy*. 在英国英语中,用 engaged 表示某人正在打电话;美国英语用 busy。

Cross-references are given at the end of many entries to show additional words with a related meaning.

许多词条后都有参见 see also 提示,以帮助读者了解更多意义相关的词。

How to use this book 使 用 说 明

First, look up the word for which you want to find a synonym in the index at the back of the book. For example, if you want to find a word to use instead of *stubborn*, you could look that up in the index. In the index, the word **stubborn** is in bold, which means it is one of the main keywords in the dictionary. If you then look up **stubborn** in the main dictionary part of the book, you will find a list of alternative words. By looking at the definitions and examples, you can choose the one that most closely matches what you want to express.

如果想为一个词查找同义词,请首先在本书后面的索引中找到该词。例如,你希望找一个词来代替 stubborn,可以先在索引中找到 stubborn 这个词。在索引中,该词是黑体,表明它是词典中的主词条。若继续在词典的正文部分查阅该词,就能发现一系列的同义词选项。通过参照释义和例证,你就能挑选出表达最贴切的词了。

**Stubborn adjective showing an unwillingness to change your opinion or your course of action even when people try to persuade you to or when it seems reasonable to do so 顽固的;固执的;执拗的: He can be very stubborn when he doesn't get his own way. 他在不如意的时候会变得非常固执。

difficult (informal) uncooperative and unhelpful 难相处的;难以取悦的;故意刁难的: She's not really against the plan, she's just being difficult. 她并非真的反对这项计划,只是故意刁难人罢了。

dogged showing an admirable determination to achieve something even if it takes a long time and many attempts 顽强的;坚忍不拔的;坚持不懈的: Their dogged persistence eventually paid off. 他们执著顽强,终于如愿以偿。

intransigent (formal) completely

unwilling to change your mind about something 毫不妥协的;不让步的: Senior party members remained intransigent in their opposition to any change in the constitution. 政党高层人员仍然坚持反对修订宪法。

obstinate stubborn and usually unreasonable 执拗的, 倔强的, 顽固的 (通常指不理智): Her obstinate refusal to accept a compromise made it impossible for us to reach an agreement. 她顽固地拒绝接受折衷条件, 这使我们达成协议成为泡影。

persistent not stopping what you are doing, or doing the same thing over and over again, in order to achieve something, often in a way that is annoying 坚持的,一再的(常指使人恼火): She was so persistent that in the end he had to agree to see her. 在她一再坚持下,最后他只得答应见她。

unco-operative unwilling to help other people do or get what they want: 不愿合作的; 不愿配合的: The dispute could have been settled much sooner, if the unions hadn't

been so uncooperative. 要是工会不 这么不配合的话,这起争端早就解决 了。

Alternatively, if you look up a word that is in *italics* in the index, you will be directed to the main bold keyword where other similar words are discussed. For example, if you look up giggle in the index, this will direct you to the keyword laugh, where giggle is one of the synonyms listed in alphabetical order. By looking up laugh in the main dictionary part of the book, you are given a wider range of alternatives. By looking at the definitions and examples you can choose the word that most closely matches what you want to express.

另外,如果你在索引中查到的词是斜体,请按指引找到黑体主词条,在一起的还有其他很多同义词的辨析。例如:你在索引中查到单词giggle,它会提示你查阅 laugh,在该词条下有一组依照字母顺序排列的同义词,giggle 就在其中。通过查阅词典正文部分的词条 laugh,你会得到大量的同义词选项。然后参照释义与例证,你就能选择表达最贴切的词。

laugh verb to make a sound in your throat because you are amused(因开心而)发出笑声: I could hear the children laughing merrily in the garden. 我可以听到孩子们在花园里快乐的笑声。

cackle to laugh in a loud unattractive manner 嘎嘎地笑: a group of women cackling 一群嘎嘎笑的妇女 chortle to laugh quite loudly at something that amuses you 高兴地咯咯笑;开怀大笑: 'That's hilarious!' he chortled. "那太滑稽可笑了!"他

chuckle to laugh quietly 低声轻笑; 轻声 地笑: She sat, chuckling to herself, as she read her magazine. 她坐着,一边翻阅杂志,一边独自轻笑。

乐不可支地说。

giggle to give a high-pitched childlike laugh(孩子般)咯咯地笑,尖声地 笑: The girls started giggling and couldn't stop. 女孩子们开始咯咯地 笑个不停。

guffaw to give a loud deep laugh 哄然大笑;狂笑: The men were guffawing with laughter at the comedian. 男人们看到这喜剧演员的表演哄然大笑起来。

roar to give a loud deep hearty laugh (发自内心地)狂笑,放声大笑: The audience was roaring with laughter. 观众们哈哈大笑起来。

snigger to give a quiet mocking laugh(嘲讽地)窃笑,暗笑: The rest of the class sniggered at Sam's mistake. 班上其余同学都偷偷地嘲笑萨姆的错误。

titter to give a high-pitched, embarrassed laugh 尖声地笑; 尴尬地笑: Some of the children tittered nervously during the sex-education class. 在性教育课上,一些孩子紧张地嗤嗤 笑。

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abandon¹ verb to go away from a person, place, or thing, usually hurriedly or without warning (通常指慌忙地、无先兆地)抛弃,遗弃:
She was abandoned by her parents when she was a baby. 她还在襁褓中便被父母遗弃了。

desert to leave or to stop supporting someone or something that you have a duty to stay with or help (不顾责任地)背弃,离弃,撇下不管: All his friends deserted him when he was in trouble. 当他处于困境时,所有朋友都弃他而去。

dump (informal) to end a romantic relationship with someone suddenly in a way that hurts their feelings 甩掉(某人,以结束恋情): He dumped his girlfriend when he met someone else. 他有了新欢便把女朋友给器了。

jilt to end a romantic relationship suddenly with someone, especially someone who expects you to marry them 抛弃(欲与之成婚的人): Her fiancé jilted her the day before the wedding. 婚礼前一天,她的未婚夫 抛弃了她。

leave to stop living with your husband or wife 遗弃,抛弃(配偶): She left her husband after twelve years of marriage. 婚后 12 年她离开了丈夫。leave in the lurch (informal) to leave someone to cope with a difficult situation 弃(某人)于艰难之中: The speaker cancelled at the last minute and left me in the lurch. 演讲人在最后时刻放弃演讲,令我无所适从。vacate to leave a place that you have been staying in 空出,腾出(住所):

They vacated the premises on Friday. 他们在星期五搬出了营业场所。

abandon² verb to stop doing something 停止进行: She abandoned her attempts to help and left them to sort the mess out for themselves. 她不再设法帮助他们,而是让他们自己去收拾烂摊子。

chuck (in) (informal) to stop doing a job or task, especially because you are tired of it (尤指因厌倦而)放弃(工作或任务): He chucked the job in, because he was fed up with all the paperwork. 他放弃这份工作是因为厌倦了所有的文书工作。 give up to stop doing something, especially something that you have been doing for a long time or that has become a habit 放弃(尤指长期进行的或习以为常的事): When I tried to give up smoking, I put on a lot of weight. 在我努力戒烟的过程中,体重增加了许多。

leave behind to stop being involved in an activity permanently, especially because you are older and wiser or have new interests(尤指因年龄增长而谙于世事或兴趣转移而永久性地)忍住不做,放弃(某项活动): I had to leave my acting career behind and concentrate on being a diplomat's wife. 我不得不放弃我的演艺生涯,专心做外交官夫人。

refrain (from) not to do something that you want, or are intending, to do 忍住不做,放弃(打算做的事情): I was sorely tempted to tell the boss exactly what was wrong with his management style, but decided it

was wiser to refrain. 我很想告诉老板他的管理方式究竟错在哪里,但决定还是不说为妙。

renounce to stop holding a belief or opinion, or give up a particular type of behaviour, especially by making a formal declaration that you now consider it to be wrong (尤指正式)宣布放弃(信念、观点或行为方式): The regime agreed to renounce all forms of violence. 政府同意宣布放弃使用任何形式的暴力。

able adjective having above average skill or intelligence (指超出平均水平)有才能的,有才智的: an able student 能干的学生

capable very good at dealing with situations or people 能干的,有能力的(指善于应付各种情况或与不同的人打交道): I will leave you in the hands of my capable assistant. 我会把你托付给我能干的助手。

clever showing a lot of intelligence or skill 聪明的;精明的;灵巧的. She deceived her opponent with a clever trick. 她用巧妙的计谋蒙骗了对手。

trick. 她用巧妙的计谋蒙骗了对手。
competent having the skill necessary to do a particular job or activity well 有能力的;能胜任的: He's not a computer expert, but he's perfectly competent to carry out ordinary tasks on a computer. 他不是电脑专家,但在电脑上完成一些基本任务还是完全能够胜任的。

expert having a thorough knowledge of a particular subject or great skill in a particular type of work 老练的; 内行的;专家的: It took me two days to do a job that an expert dressmaker would have finished in two hours. 我花了两天时间才完成一位裁缝高手两小时就能干完的活儿。

gifted born with a high degree of skill or intelligence 有天赋的;天资

聪慧的: She thinks that she's naturally gifted and that she doesn't need to study or practise. 她自认为有天 赋,无需学习和实践。

skilful having or showing a lot of skill 有技巧的; 熟练的: A more skilful driver would have avoided the obstacle. 技术更娴熟的驾驶员完全可以避开这个障碍物。

talented naturally very good at something, especially in the arts or sport (尤指在艺术或体育方面)有天赋的: His art teacher realized that he was an exceptionally talented painter. 他的美术老师认识到他是极具天赋的绘画者。

see also 参见 clever

abolish verb to take official action to stop a practice or ensure that a law or regulation is no longer in effect (采取官方行为)废止,废除(习俗、法律、规章制度等): Slavery was abolished a long time ago. 奴隶制在很久以前就被废止了。

cancel to decide that something that has been arranged will not after all take place 取消(已经安排之事):

The party has been cancelled. 晚会已经取消了。

discontinue to stop something after it has been going on for some time 中止,中断(进行中的事): The doctor discontinued my treatment. 医生中止了对我的治疗。

do away with to stop a practice or remove something completely 废除(习俗);取消(某事): The government did away with free school milk. 政府取消了学校免费提供的牛奶。

eradicate to stop or remove something harmful permanently and make sure that it cannot start again 根除(有害的事物);杜绝: The school aims to eradicate bullying. 学校力争

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get rid of to remove something that causes problems 摆脱,清理掉(引起问题的事情): Isn't it time that we finally got rid of all restrictions on free trade? 现在不正是我们最终摆脱所有自由贸易限制的时机吗?

put an end to to prevent something from continuing 结束,终止(事物的继续发展): The accident put an end to her dancing career. 这次意外事故结束了她的舞蹈生涯。

quash to state officially that a decision or punishment is wrong or unjust 宣布(裁决或惩处)不当或不公平;撤销: His drink-driving conviction was quashed. 对他酒后驾车的定罪被撤销了。

terminate to end an agreement 终止,结束(协议): Your contract has been terminated. 你的合同已经终此了。

accept¹ verb to be willing to take, or say yes to, something that is offered to you 认可,接受(某事): She accepted his proposal of marriage. 她接受了他的求婚。

receive to be given something 收到,接到(某物): I received a beautiful bouquet of flowers. 我收到了一束漂亮的花。

take to receive or make use of something when it is offered to you 接收,使用(所提供之物): If they offer me the job, I shall definitely take it.如果他们给我这份工作,我肯定会接受。

take on to agree to be responsible for doing something 承担(某工作):
They have taken on too much work.
他们承担了过多的工作。

welcome to receive something or someone gladly 欣然接受,乐意接纳: I welcome this opportunity to

give my side of the story. 我很高兴有机会陈述我方观点。

accept² verb to be willing to allow yourself to be governed by something such as a decision, a rule, or someone else's right to do something 承认,接受(指愿意受某项决定、规章或他人权利的约束): Tick this box to show that you accept the company's terms and conditions. 请在方框内打勾,以示接受公司的各项条款。

abide by to obey a rule 遵守(规则); You must abide by the rules of the game. 你必须遵守游戏规则。

agree to to say that you are willing to do what is required by a suggestion or proposal 允诺,同意(按照建议或提议行事): They agreed to the terms of the house sale. 他们同意房屋的销售条款。

assent to (formal) to agree to do what someone asks you to do 同意, 赞成(他人的请求): I assented to their request to give a slide show. 我答应了给他们播放幻灯的请求。

comply with to do what is required by a rule or expressed in a wish 遵从;遵照: Your car must be fitted with seatbelts to comply with the laws on vehicle safety. 遵照车辆安全法,你的车必须配备安全带。

see also 参见 **admit¹ ,admit²**

accidental adjective happening without anyone planning or wishing it should happen 意外的;偶然发生的:
Can you prove that the damage was accidental and not inflicted on purpose? 你能证明这次损失属于意外而非故意造成的吗?

casual unexpected and of little importance 偶然的;不经意的: a casual encounter with a stranger 与陌牛

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chance happening unexpectedly 偶然的;意想不到的: a chance remark 不经章的一句话

fortuitous not planned but having a happy outcome 偶然发生的,巧合的(但有好结果的): a fortuitous meeting with a new business contact 与新业务伙伴的不期而遇

inadvertent done by mistake 未留心的;疏忽造成的; his inadvertent revelation of the winner's name 他对优胜者姓名的无意泄露

random not selected according to a plan or system 随机的;任意的: a random sample of viewers 对电视观众的随机抽样

unintentional not deliberate 非蓄意的;无心的: If I offended you, it was unintentional. 如果我冒犯了你,那一定是无心的。

unplanned happening without being planned 未筹划而发生的;无意的: an unplanned pregnancy 意外怀孕

unwitting doing something without realizing that you are doing it 不知情的: He became an unwitting accomplice in her plan. 他糊里糊涂地成了她计划中的帮凶。

accompany verb to go with a person to a place or an event 陪伴,陪同(某人去某地): Will you accompany me to the concert? 你可以陪我去听音乐会吗?

associate with to spend a lot of time with someone (花大量时间)与 (某人)在一起;交往: I mostly associate with work colleagues. 我大部分时间都和同事在一起。

attend to go with and look after someone as a servant (作为仆人)陪同,侍候: The princess was attended by her lady-in-waiting. 这位公主由她的侍女陪同。

chaperone to go somewhere, especially to a social event, with a young person in order to make sure that they do not get into trouble(尤指在社交场所)做(未成年人的)保护人:

She chaperoned her daughter when she was invited to her first ball. 女儿第一次受邀参加舞会时,她陪伴在女儿左右。

conduct to lead someone to or around a place that they do not know 为(某人)导游: The guide conducted us to the monastery. 导游带着我们参观了修道院。

escort to go somewhere with someone either as a guard or as their partner at a social occasion(作为警卫或同伴)护送,护卫(某人): The security guard escorted her out of the building. 保安护送她出了大楼。

partner to act as a partner to someone, especially in a game or dance (尤指在竞赛或舞会上与某人)结成 伙伴,成为搭档: Will you partner me in the bowling competition? 这次 保龄球比赛你和我搭档好吗?

tag along with (informal) to go somewhere with someone, especially when you have not been invited to go with them(尤指未经邀请而)跟随, 尾随(某人): My little sister always wants to tag along with me and my friends. 我妹妹总想做我和朋友们的小尾巴。

usher to show someone where they have to go or sit, usually in a very polite way(常指彬彬有礼地)引领(客人人座); The head waiter ushered us to a small table in a quiet corner of the restaurant. 领班把我们引到餐馆安静的一角的小桌旁。

accurate adjective conforming to fact, reality, or the actual state of affairs 与(实际情况)完全相符的;准

确的;精确的: an accurate description 准确的描述

correct without error 无误的;正确的: the correct answer 正确的答案 exact correct in every detail 确切的; 准确无误的;精确的: an exact copy 精确的副本

perfect having no faults 完美的;完全正确的;无缺点的: perfect grammar 地道的语法

precise exactly as specified 精确的; 准确的;恰好的: at that precise time 恰好在那个时候

right correct, or correct in what you say or think (所说或所思)正确的: You were right about her; she isn't a very nice person. 你对她的看法是正确的,她不是一个很友善的人。

spot-on (*informal*) absolutely correct or true to life 完全正确的; 逼真的: Yesterday's weather forecast was spot-on. 昨天的天气预告很准确。

strict not allowing for any deviation or vagueness 严密的;严格的;精确的: in the strict sense 从严格意义上说

true not a lie and not invented 真实的;非虚构的: a true story 一个真实的故事

see also 参见 true

achieve verb to gain something through effort or ability(凭借努力或能力)获得,达到,实现(某事): He achieved worldwide fame as a rock guitarist. 作为摇滚音他手,他赢得了世界性的知名度。

accomplish to be successful in finishing a task or reaching a goal, especially one that you have set yourself 达到,实现(目标,尤指自己设立的目标): She accomplished her goal of winning an Olympic gold medal. 她实现了赢得奥运会金牌的目标。

carry out to put an idea or a plan

into action 贯彻; 履行; 实施: We carried out my father's wish to have his ashes scattered at sea. 我们履行了父亲的遗愿,将他的骨灰撒到大海。

complete to finish a task 完成(任务): Julia completed the crossword puzzle. 朱莉娅完成了这个纵横字谜。

do (informal) to perform a task or an action successfully (成功地)执 行,完成(任务或行动): We did it! We did it! We won the UEFA Cup! 我们成功了! 我们威功了! 我们赢 得了联盟杯!

pull off (informal) to be unexpectedly successful in doing something 出乎意料地获得成功: Nobody thought Lawrie had a chance of winning but somehow he pulled it off! 谁也没想到劳里有可能赢,可他居然赢了。

reach to manage to get to a level, standard, or goal that you have been working towards 实现,达到(一直为之奋斗的目标): She reached her target weight loss of ten pounds. 她终于达到了减少10磅体重的目标。

realize to fulfil an ambition, hope or dream 实现(梦想或希望): I finally realized my ambition to visit China. 我终于实现了访问中国的心愿。

succeed to manage to do what you wanted or planned to do 取得成功:

Janet succeeded in being elected a

Member of Parliament. 珍妮特成功

当选国会议员。

see also 参见 get

active adjective able and eager to move about and do things 好动的;活跃的: an active 70-year-old who plays golf four times a week 一个每周打 4 次高尔夫的活跃的 70 岁老人busy dealing with work or involved

in an activity so that you cannot stop to do anything else 忙碌的;没空的: *I was too busy to take a day off*. 我忙得没有一天空闲。

energetic having or requiring a lot of energy 精力充沛的;充满活力的; 需要能量的: an energetic dance routine 活泼的舞步

hyperactive having a medical condition that makes you unable to sit still, be quiet or concentrate on something 有多动症的,好动的:

Looking after a hyperactive child can be very tiring. 照顾一个好动的孩子有时真够累的。

industrious (formal) working hard and steadily 勤勉的;勤奋的;刻苦的: an industrious student 一个勤勉的学生

lively cheerful and full of energy 生气勃勃的;充满生机活力的: lively youngsters running about the place 四处乱跑的生气勃勃的少年

on the go (informal) extremely busy 忙个不停的,忙得不可开交的:
She is always on the go, looking after her six kids. 她总是在马不停蹄地照顾着她的6个孩子。

vigorous having or requiring great strength and energy 充满力量的;精力旺盛的;高强度的: a vigorous workout 高强度的训练

see also 参见 vigour

admire verb to feel that someone or something is worthy of respect and praise 赞赏,钦佩(某人): I really admire you for standing up to the bullies. 我真的很钦佩你不畏强暴的行为。

appreciate to enjoy something, such as an art form, and understand what makes it good 欣赏,鉴赏(艺术等): He doesn't appreciate opera. 他不欣赏歌剧。

approve of to think that an action or a person's behaviour is morally good or is sensible and correct 同意, 赞成(合乎道德或明智正确的行为): I don't approve of teenagers smoking. 我不赞成青少年抽烟。

idolize to have an unrealistically high opinion of someone, usually a famous person 崇拜(常指名人):

Many young girls idolize pop stars.
许多年轻女孩都崇拜流行歌星。

look up to to have respect for someone, usually an older person, who is a model of how you would like to be 尊敬,景仰(常指德高望重的长者):

She looked up to her older sister and wanted to be like her. 她仰慕自己的姐姐,希望将来和她一样优秀。

respect to have a high opinion of someone or their actions 尊敬,尊重: I respect him for sticking to his principles. 我尊重他坚持自己的原则。

take your hat off to (informal) to think that someone has done something that deserves praise or admiration 佩服,钦佩(某人): Well, I take my hat off to him. I wouldn't have dared to try anything so risky myself. 嗨,我真佩服他。我本人肯定没有胆量冒这种险。

think the world of (informal) to be very fond of someone 喜爱,喜欢(某人): He thinks the world of his wife and kids. 他非常喜爱他的妻子和孩子。

value to consider a person or a quality important 重视,珍视,看重: I really value your friendship. 我很看重你的友谊。

venerate (formal) to regard someone with deep almost religious feelings of respect, because of their age or their achievements 崇敬,敬仰,仰 慕: She is venerated as a leader of the Women's Movement. 作为妇女 解放运动的领袖,她备受人们的尊重。

see also 参见 appreciate; respect

admit¹ verb to say that something is true, especially that it is true that you have done something wrong or made a mistake 承认(某事属实,尤指承认错误): I admit that I was rather drunk when I said that. 我承认我说那话时是有些醉了。

accept to regard what someone says as true 认可,相信(某人的说法属实): The police accepted his version of events. 警察相信了他对事件的陈述。

acknowledge to say, sometimes reluctantly, that you realize that something is true (有时指不情愿地) 承认(某事属实): He finally acknowledged that my advice had been helpful. 他最终承认我的忠告是有用的。

agree to say that something that someone else has said is right, often before adding a comment about something that you think is not so good (常指在给予负面评价之前)承认(某事的正确性): They agreed that the meeting had been useful, but wished that more time had been spent discussing the budget for the following year. 他们承认这次会议是卓有成效的,但希望用更多的时间讨论来年的预算问题。

allow (formal) to say that someone or something may be right, but in a rather cautious or reluctant way(谨慎地、有保留地)同意,认可: She allowed that she might have been somewhat hasty. 她承认她可能有些草率。

come clean (informal) to admit to some wrongdoing that you have been keeping secret 招供,招认,坦白(不

愿说出的错误): In the end he decided to come clean about cheating on his wife. 最后他决定坦白自己对妻子的不忠行为。

concede to say that a point or an argument made by someone who is arguing against you is right 承认(对方观点正确): I concede your point that it may be difficult to complete the work in the time available. 我承认你的观点,在现有时间内完成这项工作可能有困难。

confess to tell someone, especially the police or a priest, that you have done something wrong(尤指对警察或牧师)坦白,忏悔(所做的错事):

She confessed to killing her husband. 她承认杀死了自己的丈夫。

OWN UP to admit that you are responsible for some wrongdoing (为错误行为)承担责任;坦白;供认: Unless the person who stole the money owns up, the whole class will be punished. 除非偷钱的人坦白,否则全班同学都会受到惩罚。

recognize to say that you realize that something is true or possible 认可,认识到(某事的真实性或可能性): I recognize that her intentions were good. 我认为她的意图是好的。

admit² verb to allow someone to enter a building or place, especially because they have something such as a ticket that gives them the right to enter(尤指因持有人场券等)准许进人: You won't be admitted if you haven't got a valid ticket. 如果没有有效人场券,你会被禁止人内。

accept to allow someone to join a group or organization 接纳,接受(成员): The golf club is not accepting new members at the moment. 本高尔夫俱乐部目前不接纳新会员.

let in to allow someone to enter a