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He was a great athlete and an outstanding coach.

**athletics** [æθ'letiks] 运动 *syn.* sports, games

He is good in athletics.

**attic** ['ætik] 阁楼 *syn.* garret, loft

Thomas climbed the narrow steps to the attic.

**attire** [ə'taiə] 衣服 *syn.* dress, apparel

He felt it was the correct attire for a Prime Minister.

**attorney** [ə'tə:ni] 律师 *syn.* lawyer, barrister

The court appointed an attorney for the accused person.

**attribute** ['ætribju:t] 属性 *syn.* characteristic, quality

Darkness is an attribute of night.

**auction** ['ɔ:kʃən] 拍卖 *syn.* sale by outcry, sale to the highest bidder

The big house was sold by auction.

**auditor** ['ɔ:ditə] 聆听生 *syn.* hearer, listener

David was an auditor.

**aura** ['ɔ:rə] 气氛 *vn.* atmosphere, mood

There was an aura of warmth about her.

主办 *syn.* patronage, guidance

held under the auspices of the United

*syn.* sternness, severity

ed almost all his judgements of men

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his authority over them.

*syn.* absolute ruler, dictator

autocrat.

**avail** [ə'veil] 用处 *syn.* use, advantage

We tried and tried, but it was all to no avail.

**avarice** [ˈævərɪs] 贪婪 *syn.* covetousness, greed

Driven by avarice, he ruthlessly exploited his workers.

**average** [ˈævərɪdʒ] 平均数 *syn.* mean, a middle point between extremes

These pupils took a total of 39 examinations, an average of 6.5 examinations for each pupil.

**aversion** [ə'vɜ:ʒən] 厌恶 *syn.* dislike, distaste

He has a strong aversion to getting up early.

**aviation** [ˌeɪvɪ'eɪʃən] 飞行 *syn.* flying, operation of aircraft

They were pilots in the early days of aviation.

**awe** [ɔ:] 敬畏 *syn.* respect, wonderment

An expression of awe animated their faces.

**bachelor** [ˈbætʃələ] 未婚男子 *syn.* an unmarried man, single

I judged him to be a bachelor.

**backbone** [ˈbækbəʊn]

1. 脊梁骨 *syn.* spine, mainstay

Good posture results from holding the backbone straight.

2. 支柱 *syn.* prop, support

The cotton industry is the backbone of the country.

3. 毅力 *syn.* stamina, guts

Have you the backbone to overcome the hard luck?

**bacterium** [bæk'tɪəriəm] 细菌 *syn.* small organisms existing in air, water, soil, plants and animals

Bacteria break up decaying vegetation.

**badge** [bædʒ] 徽章 *syn.* emblem, insignia

Schoolboys usually have badges on their caps.

**baggage** [ˈbæɡɪdʒ] 行李 *syn.* luggage, belongings

The porter helped her into a taxi with her baggage.

**bail** [beɪl] 保释金 *syn.* guarantee, surety

She was released on \$ 1,000 bail.

**balcony** ['bælkəni] 阳台 *syn.* platform, gallery.

The old woman used to sit in the sun on the balcony.

**bale** [beil] 大包 *syn.* bundle, package

Cotton is packed in bales before it is sent to foreign countries.

**ballot** ['bælət] 投票 *syn.* vote, poll

He won the nomination on the third ballot.

**balm** [bɑ:m]

1. 香膏 *syn.* ointment, unction

Balm can be used to heal wounds or lessen pain.

2. 安慰 *syn.* consolation, comfort

Prayer had been balm to her spirit.

**ban** [bæn] 禁令 *syn.* prohibition, forbiddance

There is a ban on smoking in this theater.

**bandage** ['bændidʒ] 绷带 *syn.* dressing, cloth strip

He was wearing a bandage round her head.

**bandit** ['bændit] 强盗 *syn.* robber, brigand

A bandit is an armed robber who waits in isolated places to steal from travellers.

**barge** [bɑ:dʒ] 驳船 *syn.* flat-bottomed boat, transport

Some barges have sails and some are pulled by small steamers.

**bark** [bɑ:k]

1. 吠叫 *syn.* yelp, cry

He always speaks in an angry bark.

2. 树皮 *syn.* outer covering, rind

We gathered some dead sticks and bits of bark to start the fire.

**barometer** [bə'rɒmitə] 测量器 *syn.* measure, indicator

Newspapers are often barometers of public opinions.

**barracks** ['bærəks] 营房 *syn.* housing, encampment

There's a barracks near our house.

**barrier** ['bæriə] 障碍 *syn.* obstacle, block

High tariff is a barrier to international trade.

**belly** ['beli] 腹部 *syn.* abdomen, paunch

A big belly swelled out beneath the buttons of his dinner jacket.

**benefactor** [ˌbenɪ'fæktə] 恩人 *syn.* well-doer, helper

The beggar was thankful to his benefactor.

**benefit** ['benɪfɪt] 利益 *syn.* advantage, profit

My trip to the south was of much benefit to my health.

**benevolence** [bi'nevələns] 善行 *syn.* goodwill, kindness

His benevolence made it possible for many poor boys to attend college.

**bias** ['baɪəs] 偏见 *syn.* prejudice, partiality

There's an intense bias against women candidates.

**billow** ['bilou] 巨浪 *syn.* wave, surge

An angry billow almost swallowed the ship.

**blame** [bleɪm] 过失 *syn.* fault, guilt

The judge laid the blame for the accident on the driver of the car.

**blast** [blɑːst] 一阵(空气等) *syn.* gust, blow

Ralph walked against the blasts of icy north wind.

**blaze** [bleɪz] 火焰 *syn.* flame, flare

We could see the blaze of a fire through the window.

**blemish** ['blemɪʃ] 缺点 *syn.* defect, flaw

He is a person without blemish.

**blight** [blaɪt]

1. 植物枯萎病 *syn.* a disease which makes plants wither  
Potato blight could be seen everywhere in this area.

2. 挫折 *syn.* affliction, curse

The failure of his marriage cast a blight on his whole life.

**bliss** [blɪs] 极大的幸福 *syn.* happiness, joy

For a couple of months weekends were bliss.

**blist** ['blɪstə] 水泡 *syn.* swelling, sore

His boots had given him blisters on his heels.

**blizzard** ['blɪzəd] 暴风雪 *syn.* snowstorm, squall

The climbers gave up their attempt to conquer the summit because they were held up by a freezing mountain blizzard.

**blot** [blɒt] 污点 *syn.* stain, blemish

It is a lamentable blot on his fame.

**blueprint** ['blu:'prɪnt] 蓝图 *syn.* plan, scheme

The blueprint of a better world can never be fulfilled without the joint efforts of the world people.

**blunder** ['blʌndə] (愚蠢的) 错误 *syn.* error, mistake

He made such a blunder that his girlfriend was very angry with him.

**blur** [blɜ:]

1. 模糊不清 *syn.* dim, vagueness

Everything becomes a blur when you travel beyond a certain speed.

2. 污点 *syn.* stain, smudge

There is a blur on his name.

**bond** [bɒnd]

1. 束缚 *syn.* tie, link

Our common tastes form a bond of union between us.

2. 契约 *syn.* contract, compact

Their word is their bond.

**bonus** ['bɒnəs]

1. 奖金 *syn.* award, gift

The farmer gave his men a five-dollar bonus each for getting the harvest in.

2. 红利 *syn.* gratuity, premium

The workers are expecting a large Christmas bonus.

**boon** [bu:n] 恩惠 *syn.* blessing, benefit

Parks are a great boon to people in big cities.

**booth** [bu:ð] (隔开的)小间 *syn.* stall, enclosure

He went into the booth and dialed the number.

**booze** [bu:z] 酒(宴) *syn.* alcoholic drink, grog

You could smell the booze on his breath a mile off.

**borough** ['bʌrə] 自治村镇 *syn.* self-governing town, burg

She is the leader of the council in the London Borough of Lewisham.

**bosom** ['buzəm] 胸怀 *syn.* chest, breast

She hugged the cat to her bosom and caressed it fondly.

**bough** [bau] 树枝 *syn.* limb, branch

We lay on the soft moss under a roof of leafy boughs.

**boulder** ['bouldə] 大的鹅卵石 *syn.* a large rounded rock

We heard the sounds of the river rushing past boulders below.

**boundary** ['baundəri] 边界 *syn.* border, limit

The river forms a natural boundary between the two countries.

**bounds** [baundz] 界限 *syn.* constraints, boundaries

His conduct is out of all bounds.

**bouquet** ['bukei] 花束 *syn.* nosegay, bunch

He hugged her and handed her a bouquet of flowers.

**bout** [baut] 发作 *syn.* fit, spell

She was overwhelmed by a sudden bout of selfpity.

**bracelet** ['breislit] 手镯 *syn.* wristlet, decorative band for the arm

She used to wear huge bracelets on her wrists.

**branch** [bra:ntʃ]

1. 分枝 *syn.* trunk, bough

The trees were leafless except for the topmost branches.

2. 分部 *syn.* division, section

All the organizations in this list have local branches.

**breach** [brɪ:tʃ]

1. 裂缝 *syn.* opening, break

The explosion made a breach in the dam.

2. 违约 *syn.* violation, infringement

Your action is a breach of our agreement.

**breed** [brɪ:d] 品种 *syn.* species, strain

They are a new breed.

**bribe** [braɪb] 贿赂 *syn.* sop, hush money

The official was charged with taking bribes from people who wanted favors in return.

**brink** [brɪŋk] 边缘 *syn.* margin, edge

The children were playing on the brink of a pond.

**brood** [bru:d] (鸡等)一窝 *syn.* litter, family

Some insects produce seven or eight broods a year.

**bubble** ['bʌbl] 泡沫 *syn.* air globule, bleb

Hundreds of tiny bubbles were rising up from the dissolving tablets.

**bucket** ['bʌkɪt] 水桶 *syn.* pail, container

The hotel cleaner entered carrying a bucket and a mop.

**bud** [bʌd] 芽 *syn.* shoot, burgeon

The trees had already put out their leaves and there were buds everywhere.

**budget** ['bʌdʒɪt] 预算 *syn.* plan, bill

If we want to buy a new car, we have to cut down our family budget.

**buffet** ['bʌfɪt]

1. 小餐馆 *syn.* snack bar, café

They went across to the station buffet.

2. 打击 *syn.* blow, knock



- All life's buffets should be met with dignity and good sense.
- bulge** [bʌldʒ] 凸出 *syn.* bump, lump  
He could see the bulge of the body against the side of the tent.
- bulk** [bʌlk] 体积 *syn.* mass, volume  
He looked with loathing at the dark bulk of the building.
- bulletin** ['bulitin] 告示 *syn.* brief, statement  
According to bulletins issued by the physicians, the patient is passing beyond the crisis.
- bulwark** ['bulwək] 防御 *syn.* defence, protection  
Law is the bulwark of society.
- bunch** [bʌntʃ] 串 *syn.* cluster, group  
He had a big bunch of keys in his hands.
- bundle** ['bʌndl] 捆 *syn.* bunch, parcel  
He tied the wood into a bundle.
- buoy** [bɔi] 浮标 *syn.* float, marker  
It took the vessel only twenty minutes to reach the buoy.
- burial** ['berɪəl] 葬礼 *syn.* burying, funeral  
His father's burial will take place next Sunday.
- burrow** ['bʌrou] 洞穴 *syn.* lair, den  
Rabbits live in burrows.
- bustle** ['bʌsl] 喧闹的活动 *syn.* hubbub, hassle  
His house is far from din and bustle.
- byword** ['baɪwə:d] 俗话 *syn.* saying, proverb  
An unspoken corporate byword is to make profits.
- calumny** ['kæləmni] 诬蔑 *syn.* slander, defamation  
The speech was considered a calumny of the administration and its leaders.
- camouflage** ['kæmʊflɑ:ʒ] 伪装 *syn.* cover, concealment  
The white fur of the polar bear is a natural camouflage.