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序 言

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回想我們當年出國求學的時候，睜大了眼睛看，豎起了耳朵聽；幾年下來，雖然說是學到了不少，但是學習過程之中的各種苦頭也算是吃盡了。因此我們這批美加前期的校友，心裏一直想為將來到美加上課的同學們貢獻我們的辛苦經驗。希望能夠經由我們所付出的時間和代價，使得後來美加的同學們在赴美求學之前，能把語文方面的準備，作得更為充實。這就是我們美加教學小組成立之初的宗旨。

這本書是我們教學小組推出一系列的語文參考書裏其中的一部。我們專門針對要到美國進修大學部的同學們，收集了在大學裏日常閱讀各種文章所必定會看到，用到的各類生字。在編纂的過程中，我們參考了美國 Barron 公司所出版的各種升學參考書，特別着重在「美國大學入學考試」(SAT)裏經常出現的單字。在閱讀本書的時候，你會發現有一部份的單字前面加註了「*」號。這些字都是經過統計，在 SAT 考試字彙部份出現頻率最高的字。我們建議你把它們熟記。

我們覺得這本書對於你準備美國大學的入學考試，將會十分的有用。熟悉了這本書裏大部份的單字，不僅可以使你在 SAT 考試字彙的部份獲得高分，而且閱讀測驗文章裏的重要關鍵字也必定能夠迎刃而瞭解了。我們尤其深深的曉得，這本書裏所包括的生字，都是你到了美國上課之後，所必定會接觸到、用到；遲早必需要具備的字彙。如果你要在赴美之前就紮好語文的基礎，如果你想避免我們這批人在赴美之後所受的各種辛苦，我們建議你先熟悉這本書。

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macabre

/mə'kabə/

可怕的；恐怖的

a. gruesome; grisly

**The city morgue is a macabre spot for the uninitiated.

macerate

/ 'mæsəret /

侵蝕

v. waste away

**Cancer macerated his body.

Machiavellian

/mækiə'veliən/

適用權謀的

a. crafty; double-dealing

**I do not think he will be a good ambassador because he is not accustomed to the Machiavellian maneuverings of foreign diplomats.

machinations

/mæke'neʃən/

陰謀；詭計

n. schemes

**I can see through your wily machinations.

madrigal

/ 'mædrɪgl /

短的情歌；短的情詩

n. pastoral song

**His program of folk songs included several madrigals which he sang to the accompaniment of a lute.

maelstrom

/ 'melstrəm /

大漩渦；大混亂

n. whirlpool

**The canoe was tossed about in the maelstrom.

magnanimous

/ mæg' nænəməs /

寬宏大量的；慷慨的

a. generous

**The philanthropist was most magnanimous.

magnate

/ 'mænet /

巨擘；大企業家

n. person of prominence or influence

**The steel magnate decided to devote more time to city politics.

magniloquent

/ mæg' nɪləkwənt /

誇大的

a. boastful, pompous

**In their stories of the trial, the reporters ridiculed the magniloquent speeches of the defense attorney.

magnitude

/ 'mægnətjʊd /

大小；尺寸；程度

n. greatness; extent

**It is difficult to comprehend the magnitude of his crime.

maim

/ 'mem /

使傷殘

v. mutilate; injure

**The hospital could not take care of all who had been wounded or maimed in the railroad accident.

maladroit

/ mələ'drɔɪt /

笨拙的；愚鈍的

a. clumsy; bungling

**In his usual maladroit way, he managed to upset the cart and spill the food.

malaise

/ mə'lez /

不舒服；抑鬱

n. uneasiness; distress

**She felt a sudden vague malaise when she heard sounds at the door.

malapropism

/ 'mələprəpɪzəm /

文字的誤用

n. comic misuse of a word

**Mrs. Warren's funniest malapropism occurs when she accuses Skitterby of being "a snare and an Andalusian."

malcontent

/ 'mælkəntent /

不滿份子

n. person dissatisfied with existing
state of affairs

**He was one of the few malcontents in Congress; he constantly voiced his objections to the Presidential program.

malediction

/ mælə'dɪkʃən /

詛咒；誹謗

n. curse

**The witch uttered maledictions against her captors.

malefactor

/ 'mæləfæktə /

犯罪；作惡者

n. criminal

**We must try to bring these malefactors to justice.

malevolent

/ 'mælɪvələnt /

惡意的；惡毒的

a. wishing evil

**We must thwart his malevolent schemes.

*malicious

/ mə'liʃəs /

懷恨的；惡意的

a. dictated by hatred or spite

**The malicious neighbor spread the gossip.

malign

/mə'laɪn/

詆毀；誹謗

v. speak evil of; defame

**Because of her hatred of the family, she maligns all who are friendly to them.

malignant

/mə'liɡnənt/

惡性的；有害的；惡毒的

a. having an evil influence; virulent

**This is a malignant disease; we may have to use drastic measures to stop its spread.

malingering

/mə'liŋgə/

裝病逃避職務者

n. one who feigns illness to escape duty

**The captain ordered the sergeant to punish all malingeringers and force them to work.

mall

/ˈmɔ:l/

公共步道

n. public walk

**The Mall in Central Park has always been a favorite spot Sunday strollers.

malleable

/ˈmæliəbl/

可鍛的；可鎚薄的

a. capable of being shaped by pounding

**Gold is a malleable metal.

malodorous
/məl'odərəs/
有惡臭的

a. foul-smelling

**The compost heap was most malodorous
in summer.

mammal
/'mæml/
哺乳動物

n. a vertebrate animal whose female
suckles its young

**Many people regard the whale as a fish
and do not realize that it is a mammal.

mammoth
/'mæməθ/
龐大的

a. gigantic

**The mammoth corporations of the
twentieth century are a mixed blessing.

manacle
/'mænəkl/
束縛；上手銬

v. restrain; handcuff

**The police immediately manacled the
prisoner so he could not escape.

mandate
/'mændet/
命令；訓令

n. order; charge

**In his inaugural address, the President
stated that he had a mandate from the
people to seek an end to social evils
such as poverty, poor housing, etc.

mandatory

/ 'mændətərɪ /

强制性的

a. obligatory

**These instructions are mandatory; any violation will be severely punished.

mangy

/ 'mendʒɪ /

污穢的；齷齪的

a. shabby; wretched

**We finally threw out the mangy rug that the dog had destroyed.

maniacal

/ mə'naɪəkl /

發狂的；瘋狂似的

a. raving mad

**His maniacal laughter frightened us.

manifest

/ 'mænəfɛst /

顯然的；明白的

a. understandable; clear

**His evil intentions were manifest and yet we could not stop him.

manifesto

/ mænə'fɛsto /

宣言

n. declaration; statement of policy

**This statement may be regarded as the manifesto of the party's policy.

manifold

/ 'mænəfəld /

多種的；繁多的

a. numerous; varied

**I cannot begin to tell you how much I appreciate your manifold kindnesses.

manipulate

/mə'ni:pjəlet/

操作使用

a. operate with the hands

**How do you manipulate these puppets?

manumit

/mænjə'mɪt/

解放

v. emancipate; free from bondage

**Enlightened slave owners were willing to manumit their slaves and thus put an end to the evil of slavery in the country.

marauder

/mə'rɒdə/

搶掠者；劫奪者

n. raider; intruder

**The sounding of the alarm frightened the marauders.

marital

/ 'mæɪrətl /

婚姻的

a. pertaining to marriage

**After the publication of his book on marital affairs, he was often consulted by married people on the verge of divorce.

maritime

/ 'mæɪrətaɪm /

海濱的；海的

a. bordering on the sea; nautical

**The Maritime Provinces depend on the sea for their wealth.

*marred

/'mard/

被損毀的；被傷害的

a. damaged; disfigured

**She had to refinish the marred surface of the table.

marrow

/'mæro/

骨髓；精華

n. soft tissue filling the bones

**The frigid cold chilled the traveler to the marrow.

marsupial

/mɑr'sjʊpiəl/

有袋動物

n. one of a family of mammals that nurse their offspring in a pouch

**The most common marsupial in North America is the opossum.

martial

/'mɑ:ʃəl/

軍事的；戰爭的

a. warlike

**The sound of martial music is always inspiring.

martinet

/,mɑ:ti'net/

嚴格執行紀律的人

n. strict disciplinarian

**The commanding officer was a martinet who observed each regulation to the letter.

masochist
/'mæzəkɪst/

受虐狂

n. person who enjoys his own pain

**The masochist begs, "Hit me." The sadist smiles and says. "I won't."

masticate
/'mæstəket/

咀嚼

v. chew

**We must masticate our food carefully and slowly in order to avoid stomach disorders.

maternal
/mə'tɜːnl/

母親的；母愛的；母系的

a. motherly

**Many animals display maternal instincts only while their offspring are young and helpless.

matriarch
/'metrɪɑːrk/

女家長

n. woman who rules a family or larger social group

**The matriarch ruled her gypsy tribe with a firm hand.

matricide
/'metrəsəɪd/

弑母

n. murder of a mother by a child

**A crime such as matricide is inconceivable.

matrix

/ 'metrɪks /

模子；字模；子宮

n. mold or die

**The cast around the matrix was cracked.

maudlin

/ 'mɔ:dlɪn /

多愁善感的

a. effusively sentimental

**I do not like such maudlin pictures. I call them tearjerkers.

maul

/ 'mɔ:l /

傷害

v. handle roughly

**The rock star was mauled by his over-excited fans.

maunder

/ 'mɔ:ndə /

嘮叨地講話

v. talk incoherently; utter drivel

**You do not make sense; you maunder and garble your words.

mausoleum

/ 'mɔ:səliəm /

壯麗的墓

n. monumental tomb

**His body was placed in the family mausoleum.

mauve

/ 'mɔ:v /

淡紫色的

a. pale purple

**The mauve tint in the lilac bush was another indication that Spring had finally arrived.

maverick

/ 'mævrɪk /

不守成規的人

n. rebel

**How can you keep such a maverick in line?

mawkish

/ 'mɔːkɪʃ /

令人作嘔的

a. sickening; insipid

**Your mawkish sighs fill me with disgust.

maxim

/ 'mæsɪm /

格言

n. proverb; a truth pithily stated

**Aesop's fables illustrate moral maxims.

mayhem

/ 'meɪhɪm /

重傷害罪

n. injury to body

**The riot was marked not only by mayhem, with its attendant loss of life and limb, but also by arson and pillage.

meander

/ mɪ 'ændə /

蜿蜒而流

v. to wind or turn in its course

**It is difficult to sail up this stream because of the way it meanders through the countryside.

meddlesome

/ 'mɛdl̩səm /

好干涉的

a. interfering

**He felt his marriage was suffering
because of his meddlesome mother-in-law.

mediate

/ 'mɪdɪ, et /

調停

v. settle a dispute through the
services of an outsider

**Let us mediate our differences rather
than engage in a costly strike.

mediocre

/ 'mɪdɪ, okə /

平常的；平凡的

a. ordinary; commonplace

**We were disappointed because he gave a
rather mediocre performance in this
role.

meditation

/ mɛdə' tɛʃən /

沉思；冥想

n. reflection; thought

**She reached her decision only after
much meditation.

medley

/ 'mɛdlɪ /

混合

n. mixture

**The band played a medley of Gershwin
tunes.