

UNIT



A Question of Rights

一个权利问题

因为夫妻都注重事业，所以婚姻破裂了。但孩子是无辜的，双方谁都希望孩子留在自己的身边。她花了两年时间，付出了无穷的精力，终于找到了被前夫带走的儿子。这是一个悲伤的故事…



Part 1

Unfortunately, a **crime** was about to be **committed** but at that moment Lesley was **unaware** of the impending (即将发生的, 迫近的) event, which would **affect** her life so drastically (极端地, 彻底地) for the next two years.

For the moment at least, her holiday at the cottage had been **ideal**. She had spent many **idle** hours **relaxing** on the **deck**, reading, eating a sandwich when she was hungry and in the evening watching the sky turn from **brilliant** orange to **peach** and **finally** to pale **purple**, eventually the light becoming **dim**. It was about this time that the mist would begin to rise from the cool water hiding in the **dense** forest that hugged (环绕, 拥抱) the shoreline (海岸线). Late evening dew (露水) glistened (闪耀, 反光) on every bush and soon the loons' (潜鸟) call would resound (回响) across the water. She decided to take one last **dip** in the lake. As the cool night air touched her arms, she gave a little **shiver** and decided it was time to move inside.

This was to be her last evening alone as Jeff, her **former mate**, would be returning Zac to her early in the morning. As the case in many marriages these days, problems had **arisen** between Lesley and Jeff, but they did not **extend** to Zac. He was a good **kid**, just entering **kindergarten**. The couple had come to a **mutual agreement**, as **dictated** by the **legal** custody (监管, 保管) agreement. It stated that each parent would share Zac's care every second weekend and this had been her weekend to be alone.

Jeff was an **architect**, with a high-profile **reputation**, who worked in downtown Toronto, a **partner** in a **private corporation** which **mostly** did **consultant** work for the university. Lesley's company had been hired to **advertise** the new science **complex** in order to raise corporate (公司的) money for the **proposed** building. She liked her work and she **harbored** a secret **ambition** to manage her **division** of

一项犯罪就要得逞了。而不幸的是，就在那时，莱斯利对即将发生的事一点儿也没有察觉。这件事彻底改变了她此后两年的生活。

至少那个时候，她在小别墅的假期还是很惬意的。她在平台上度过了很多闲适轻松的时光，读书，饿了吃块三明治；晚上，看着天空由鲜橙色变为桃红色，然后变为淡紫色，最后光线终于暗淡下来。就在这时，薄雾开始从隐藏在环绕岸边的密林里的冷水中升起；再晚些，灌木上的露珠开始闪烁，不久，潜水鸟的叫声就会在水面上回荡起来。她决定在湖里最后再泡一会儿。当她的手臂触到夜晚凉爽的空气时，不禁有些发抖，于是她决定该是回到屋里去的时候了。

这是她在家中独处的最后一个晚上，因为她的前夫杰夫会在早上把扎克送回来。与当时许多婚姻情况一样，莱斯利和杰夫之间出现了很多问题，但并未影响到扎克。他是个好孩子，刚刚上幼儿园。他们达成了一个依法监护的协议，协议规定双亲每两个周末轮换照顾孩子，这是她独处的周末。

杰夫是个建筑师，名声很大，在多伦多市区工作，是一家私人公司的合伙人，该公司主要为大学做咨询工作。莱斯利的公司已经接下了为新的科学综合大楼做广告的工作，以便为计划中的大楼筹集合作基金。她喜欢她的工作，并且心怀抱负：有一天她要管理这个部门。

unfortunately *ad.* 不幸地

crime *n.* 罪行

commit *vt.* 犯(罪)

unaware *a.* 不知道的

affect *v.* 影响

ideal *a.* 完美的

idle *a.* 闲散的

relax *v.* 放松

deck *n.* (房屋的)露天平台

brilliant *a.* 灿烂的

peach *n.* 桃红色

finally *ad.* 最后

purple *n. /a.* 紫色(的)

dim *a.* 暗淡的 ✓

dense *a.* 稠密的 ✓

dip *n.* 浸渍

shiver *n.* 发抖

former *a.* 以前的

mate *n.* 配偶

arise *vi.* 出现 ✓

extend *v.* 延伸

kid *n.* 小孩

kindergarten *n.* 幼儿园

mutual *a.* 共同的

agreement *n.* 一致

dictate *v.* 命令

legal *a.* 合法的

architect *n.* 建筑师

profile *n.* 轮廓

reputation *n.* 名声

partner *n.* 合伙人

private *a.* 私人的

corporation *n.* 公司

mostly *ad.* 主要地

consultant *n.* 顾问

advertise /-ize *vt.* 为...做广告

complex *n.* 综合体

propose *v.* 计划 ✓

harbo(u)r *vt.* 心怀

ambition *n.* 雄心

division *n.* 部门

the company some day.

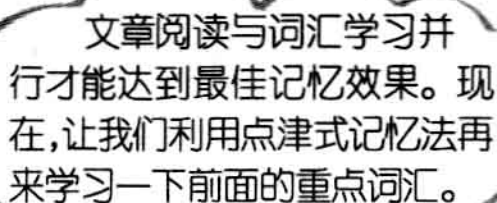
After a whirlwind(旋风般的) courtship(求爱,热恋) and a fairytale wedding the couple had settled down to an **urban** lifestyle. However, after three years and one child the dreamlike marriage came **smashing** down. One disadvantage(不利条件) of being young and **ambitious** was that both of them needed to devote untold hours to their busy **schedules**. As a result of these late hours, Lesley became suspicious(猜疑的) of Jeff's after hours activities. She **accused** him of making her part of a love **triangle**. The whole **miserable** scene was to set the proceedings(过程,诉讼,诉讼程序) for an ugly(不愉快的) **divorce** in **motion**.

Daydreaming(幻想,白日梦) about those earlier days would not help tonight. So with a **shrug** of her shoulders she **tackled** the advertising **assignment** she needed to complete. Tomorrow would be a busy day with Zac arriving home.

在一段旋风般的热恋和一个童话式的婚礼之后,夫妻俩定居下来,过起了都市生活。然而,在过了三年并有了孩子之后,这段梦幻般的婚姻开始破裂了。年轻而又雄心勃勃的不利之处,就是两个人都要把数不清的时间花在忙不完的事业上。由于经常工作到很晚,莱斯利开始怀疑杰夫工作之余的活动,她指责他让她成了三角爱情的一部分。事情发展到最痛苦的场面就是提出不愉快的离婚诉讼。

那些对最初美好时光的回忆,对今夜也无济于事。于是,她耸了耸肩,着手处理她必须完成的广告业务。明天扎克到家后,将会非常忙碌的。

urban *a.* 城市的
smash *v.* 粉碎 ✓
ambitious *a.* 有抱负的
schedule *n.* 日程安排表
accuse *vt.* 指责
triangle *n.* 三角(形)
miserable *a.* 痛苦的 ✓
divorce *n.* 离婚
motion *n.* 提议
shrug *n.* 耸肩(表示冷漠、怀疑等)
tackle *v.* (开始)处理
assignment *n.* (分派的)任务



❖ Love is an **ideal** thing, marriage a **real** thing. (Shakespeare) 爱情是理想, 婚姻是现实。(莎士比亚)

❖ The **ideal** of life is just to live **ideally**. 生活的理想, 就是为了理想地生活。

✓ **idle** ['aɪdl] **a.** ①不在工作的, 闲散的 ②懒散的, 无所事事的 **vt.** 虚度(光阴)

[辨异] **idle, lazy**

(1) 无事可做, 因而“闲散, 悠闲”, 英语称之为 idle。如: He is idle because he is out of work. 他失业了, 所以闲散着。

(2) 不愿做事, 因而“懒惰”, 英语称之为 lazy。如: You lazy bone, get to work! 你这个懒鬼, 干活去!

idle away 虚度(光阴)

❖ If one **idles away** his time, youth will **fade away** and life will run out on him. 谁虚度年华, 青春就要退色, 生命就会抛弃他。(雨果)

relax [rɪ'læks] **v.** ①使松弛, 放松: Don't relax your efforts. 你不要松懈下来。②缓和, 放宽: A holiday will help you relax after your exams. 考试之后的假期有助于缓和紧张情绪。③休养, 娱乐

[助记] [形] lax 松弛的 → [动] relax (使) 松弛

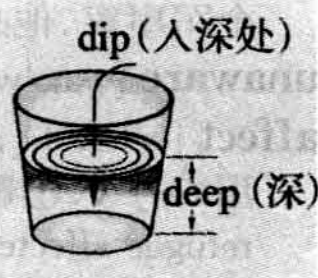
(a) a **lax** rope 松弛的绳子

(b) She **relaxed** her grip on the rope. 她松开了握紧绳索的手。

✓ **dip** [dɪp] [deep 的同源异体词] **v.** ①浸, 蘸 ②下沉, 下降 **n.** 浸渍, 蘸湿

[助记] [熟] deep 深 → [生] dip [根义] 入深处

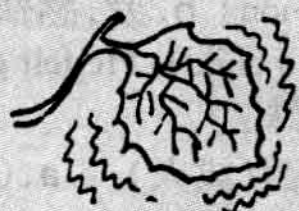
dip into ①随便翻阅, 浏览: I've only had time to dip into the report. 这份报告我只来得及浏览了一遍。②从…中取出: The company had to dip into the reserve fund to pay for all the new equipment. 公司不得不动用储备金来支付全部新设备的费用。



✓ **shiver** ['ʃɪvə] **vi. /n.** 战栗, 发抖: The thought sent a shiver down my spine. 那想法使我浑身发抖。

[助记] { [熟] shake (摇动) → [生] shiver 发抖

{ [熟] quake (震动) → [生] quiver, quaver 颤抖



quiver



shiver

[辨异] **shake, quiver, shiver, tremble**

这几个词都有“颤动、摇动”的含义,但用法各异:

(1) **shake** 表示“摇,震动,颤抖”,是日常用语,它所着重的是“摇动的动作”。

(2) **quiver** 表示“颤抖”,指轻微地抖动或颤动。可用于树叶、虫翼、人的嘴唇、声音等,直接用于人的情况较少。

(3) **shiver** 表示“战栗,发抖”,用于人,指因寒冷或恐惧紧张而引起的颤抖,这个动作常常是持续性的。

(4) **tremble** 表示“颤抖,颤动”,用途较广,人或物都适用,用于人时,多指因恐惧、盛怒或情感非常激动而“发抖”。

[搭配] **shiver with** 因...而发抖: The little girl was shivering with cold. 那小女孩冷得打哆嗦。

mate [meɪt] [根义] 匹配(的人) → [多义] *n.* ①伙伴,同事 ②配偶,配对物: choose one's mate 择偶 *v.* (使)成为配偶, (使)交配: Birds mate in spring. 鸟在春季交配。

[助记] [熟] *classmate n.* 同学 → [生] *mate n.* 匹配(的人); *match n.* 对手,匹配 *v.* 相配

kindergarten ['kɪndəˌɡɑ:rtən] *n.* 幼儿园

[助记] [熟] *garden* 花园,菜园 → [生] *kindergarten* [*kinder* (一群儿童) + *garten* (= *garden*)] *n.* 幼儿园 (= *nursery school*)

注意: 不要拼作 *kindergarden*!

✓ **mutual** ['mju:tʃuəl] *a.* ①相互的,彼此的: equality and mutual benefit 平等互利 ②共同的,共有的: We look forward to working with you toward our mutual success. 我们盼望着与你们携手共进,共创成功的未来。

[辨异] **mutual, reciprocal, common**

(1) “Mutual is a ‘give-and-take’ word”,它所指的相互关系是双方的,如 *mutual admiration* = *A's admiration for B and B's admiration for A*, 可用下图表示:

$A \longleftrightarrow B$

(2) *reciprocal* (相互的)可以指双方,如: *reciprocal love* (相亲相爱);也可以指单方面,因此可用于单数名词或代词,如: *Kindness is generally reciprocal.* 可用下图表示:

$A \rightleftarrows B$

(3) *common* (共同的)指有第三者参加,它所表示的关系如下:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & A & B \\ & \swarrow \quad \searrow & \\ & C & \end{array}$$

dictate $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [dɪk'teɪt] \text{ } v. \\ [dɪk'teɪt] \text{ } n. \end{array} \right.$ *v.* ①口授,口述,使听写 ②命令,支配
n. (常 *pl.*) 命令,规定

[助记] [熟] *dictation n.* ①听写,口述(口述而令别人写) →

②命令(口授而令别人做) → [生] dictate *v.*

(a) He dictated the passage to us. 他口述该节让我们记下。

(b) I will not be dictated by you. 我不会听你的使唤。

legal ['li:ɡəl] *a.* 合法的, 法律(上)的: She intends to take legal action against the company. 她打算控告那家公司。

[助记] [根] leg(=law) → [生] legal 合法的; illegal 非法的; legislation 法律, 法规(=a law or a set of laws)

[辨异] **legal, lawful**

(1) Any action which is allowed by law is **legal**. 法律所允许的任何行为都是 **legal**(合法的): It is **legal** for people over 18 to buy alcohol. 18 岁以上的人买酒是合法的。Legal also means "connected with the law". **legal** 还作“与法律有关”解: the **legal** profession 法律专业。

(2) **Lawful** means "existing according to law" and suggests that the law has moral or religious force. **lawful** 意指“根据法律而存在的”, 并含有该法律具有道德和宗教约束力的意思: a **lawful** marriage 合法婚姻 / your **lawful** king 你们的合法国王。

✓ **profile** ['prəʊfaɪl] [pro-(朝前)+file(线条, 纵列); 纵面朝前的线条 →] *n.* ①(面部或头部的)侧面(像) → ②轮廓, 外形 ③传略, 人物简介 *vt.* ①为...描绘(轮廓等) → ②写...的传略(或概况)

[助记] 类比:

line 线 → outline 外形, 轮廓, 概要

file 线 → profile 侧面(像), 轮廓, 传略



private ['praɪvɪt] *a.* ①私人的, 个人的 ②秘密的, 私下的

[辨异] **personal, private**

(1) **personal**“个人的”, 不一定表示隐私, 如: **personal** style 个人的风格。

(2) **private**“私人的, 秘密的”, 指完全属个人、不愿让其他人了解的, 可以说 **private** 修饰的范围窄于 **personal**。如: **private** conversation 私人会谈。

in private 在家里, 私下地(↔ **in public** 公开地)

❖ Make suggestions to your friends **in private**. Praise your friends **in public**. 劝告朋友要在无人地方, 赞扬朋友可在人多的场合。

corporation [ˌkɔ:pə'reɪʃən] [corpor(=body 体, 团体)+-ation]

n. (有限)公司, 团体: The corporation has branch offices in several cities. 这家公司在好几个城市设有分公司。

[助记] [根] corp(or)(=body) → [生] corporate *a.* 团体的, 公司的; corporation *n.*; incorporate *vt.* 把...合并, 使并入

advertise/-ize ['ædvətaɪz] [ad-(向)+vert(转)+-ise/-ize(使

…),本义指“使(人的注意力)转向…,使人注意到,引起注意”→] **vi.** 登广告,做广告 **vt.** 为…做广告: I advertised my house in the local newspaper. 我在当地报纸上做广告出售我的房子。

advertisement [əd'vɜ:tismənt] **n.** 广告(缩写为 ad.)

harbo(u)r ['hɑ:bə] **n.** ①(海)港,港口 ②避难所,退避处 **vi.** 停泊 **vt.** ①包庇,隐匿 → ②心怀: He harbours a wish to be a world champion. 他内心怀有当一名世界冠军的愿望。

[辨异] **harbor, port, dock**

(1) harbor“港口”,为避风港湾,重心在水。

(2) port“港口”,重心在陆地,包括其所在的城市,所以“港口城市”为 port city。

(3) dock 为船只装卸货物的“码头”,一个 port 往往有多个 dock。

ambition [æm'biʃən] **n.** ①[褒]雄心: He filled with ambition to become famous. 他立志要成名。②[贬]野心 ③企望得到的东西

ambitious [æm'biʃəs] [ambition 的形容词] **a.** ①[褒]有雄心的 ②[贬]有野心的

❖ On the whole, **ambitious** students are more likely to succeed in their studies than are those with little **ambition**. 总的来说,有抱负的学生比那些几乎没有抱负的学生在学习上更有可能成功。

division [di'viʒən] [divide 的名词] **n.** ①分,分开 ②分配,分担 ③部门 ④除(法)

[助记] 已知: [动] decide → [名] decision

易记: [动] divide → [名] division

$$10 \div 5 = 2$$

$$10 \times 5 = 50$$

[动] divide 除

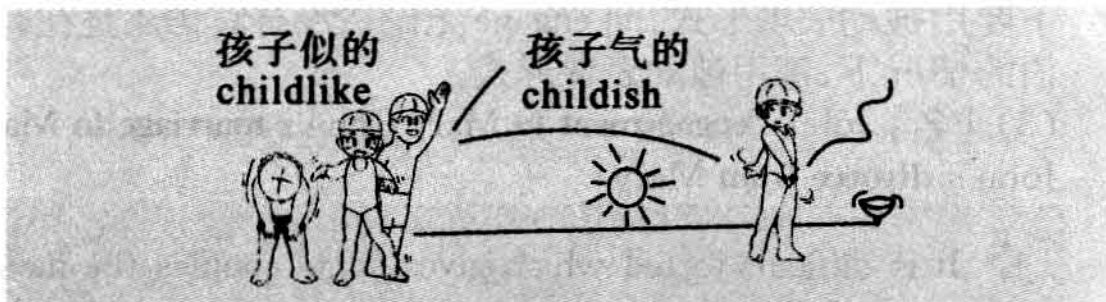
[动] multiply 乘

[名] division 除法

[名] multiplication 乘法

childish★ ['tʃaɪldɪʃ] **a.** ①孩子的,孩子所特有的 ②[贬]幼稚的,傻气的

childlike★ ['tʃaɪldlaɪk] **a.** ①天真的,单纯的 ②孩子般的



schedule ['skedʒul, 'ʃedju:l] **n.** ①时刻表,日程安排表 ②清单,明细表 **vt.** 安排,排定: I scheduled an appointment with my dentist for Friday. 我同我的牙医约定了星期五见面。

ahead of schedule 提前: We are sure to finish this job ahead of schedule if everyone does his bit. 如果每个人都尽自己的本分, 我们一定能提前完成任务。

on schedule 按时间表, 及时, 准时: We expect the work to be completed on schedule. 我们希望这项工作能按照预定时间准时完成。

accuse [ə'kju:z] [ac-(=ad-, to) + cuse(原因); 原义: 找原因, 找茬 →] **vt.** ①指控, 控告 ②指责

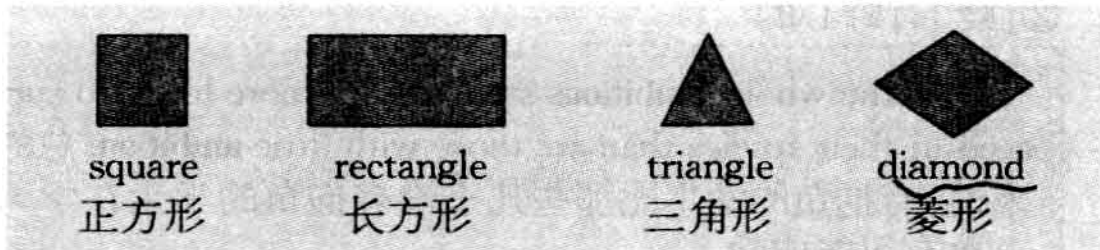
[助记] [熟] cause 原因 → [根] cuse → [生] accuse *v.* 指控; excuse *n.* 借口

注意搭配的不同

- { accuse (指控) sb. **of** (doing) sth.
- { charge (指控) sb. **with** (doing) sth.
- { accuse (指责) sb. **of** (doing) sth.
- { blame (责备) sb. **for** (doing) sth.

[派生] **accused** *a.* 被控告的 *n.* 被告 [△通常指一人, 有时指两人以上的多数人]

✓ **triangle** ['traɪæŋɡl] [tri-(=three 三) + angle(角)] *n.* 三角(形)



divorce [di'vɔ:s] *n.* / *vi.* 离婚 [△separation(夫妻)分居] **vt.**

①与...离婚 ②使分离

[搭配] 小结:

- | | |
|--------|-----------------------------------|
| 与...订婚 | [动] be engaged (to) |
| | [名] engagement to |
| 与...结婚 | [动] marry sb. /be married to |
| | [名] marriage to |
| 与...离婚 | [动] divorce sb. /be divorced from |
| | [名] divorce from |

(1) [动] [名] 都不接 with。

(2) [动] marry, divorce 要求有直接宾语, 在没有宾语的情况下要用被动表现形式, 而 engage 无论在没有宾语还是在有宾语的情况下, 都用被动表现形式。

(3) [名] John's **engagement to** Mary / John's **marriage to** Mary / John's **divorce from** Mary

❖ It is difficult to tell which gives some couples the most happiness, the minister who **marries** them or the judge who **divorces** them. (Little) 很难说谁为一些夫妇带来最大的幸福, 是为他们主婚的牧师, 还是判他们离婚的法官。

✓ **motion** ['məʊʃən] *n.* ①(物体的)运动 ②手势,动作 ③提议,动议 *v.* (向…)打手势,以动作示意

[助记] 谐音: [汉] 马达—音译—[英] motor(发动机) → [根] mot(动,移动)

[辨异] **motion, movement**

(1) motion 主要指抽象的或科学上所讲的“运动”,与“静止”相对。如: Motion itself is a contradiction. 运动本身就是矛盾。

(2) movement 一般指具体的“动作”或政治“运动”。如: The bird plunged into the water with a swift movement. 那只鸟迅速冲进水中。 I support the Feminist Movement. 我支持女权运动。

✓ **shrug** [ʃrʌɡ] *v. / n.* 耸肩(表示冷漠、怀疑、不知等)

shrug off 耸肩表示对…不屑理睬: He shrugged off their criticism. 他对他们的批评不屑一顾。

✓ **tackle** ['tækl] *v.* ①(着手)对付,(开始)处理:

The police spent a long time tackling the hacker who ruined the network. 警方花了很长时间对付那个毁坏了电脑网络的黑客。 ②拦截

[助记][熟] attack 进攻 → [生] tackle 对付,处理



✓ **assignment** [ə'sainmənt] *n.* ①(分派的)任务,(布置的)作业:

His assignment was to inquire into the cause of the accident. 他的任务是调查这件意外事故的起因。 ②分配,指派

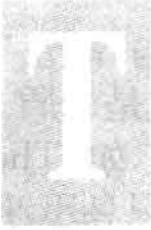
[助记][熟] sign *n.* ①标记,符号 → ②指示,表示 → [生] assign [as-(=ad-, to) + sign(指示); 指示…到某处或给某人 →] *vt.* 分配;指派,选派 → [生] assignment *n.* 分配,指派

incomplete* [ɪnkəm'plɪt] *a.* 不完全的,不完善的,未完成的:

She gave an incomplete account of the incident. 她对那个事件作了不完整的叙述。

回头再看一遍前面的文章。如果你对这部分生词已经有较大把握,那么请进入下一个环节。

Part 2

 he next day, as the morning wore on, Lesley became more and more agitated (烦躁), and her **mood** became apprehensive (忧虑的, 不安的), when Jeff did not appear. When noon hour arrived and he still had not appeared, she started making some **phone** calls. None of their mutual friends had either seen or talked with Jeff that day. Until today, Jeff had always been very **punctual** about returning the boy at the **appointed** time. Lesley felt a **knot** forming in her stomach as a crazy thought **persisted** at the back of her mind. She was **absolutely** sure something was wrong.

Jeff sat with his head **bowed**. He was undecided what to do. The **domestic arrangement** with his former wife was proving to be **awkward**. He was **frustrated** at being able to see his son only on weekends and felt he was always making **concessions** to accommodate (适应, 迁就) Lesley's work schedule. Every meeting was turning into a **competition** for the boy's **affection**. His one desire was to take Zac away for good. The **enormous** decision to **undertake** this plan appeared to be presenting itself. Today he would **depart** for a **conference** in California. This appeared to be a **marvelous opportunity** to take the boy and leave the country for good. He **bet** that he could pack **sufficient baggage** into his **vehicle** and then disappear across the **border**, gaining **entry** the US. He gave little thought to **whatsoever** of the fact that this act could lead to his **conviction** if he was tracked down by the **cops**.

Meanwhile, for Lesley the **nightmare** continued to unfold (展现, 显露) as the **reality** of the situation deepened. After 48 hours, the **spokesman** for the district police department assured her they would **investigate** Zac's disappearance. Her **faith** that **justice** would be realized was faint. The shock of the past two days' events made her realize that possibly her son would become one more **statistic** in

第二天,随着上午的时间慢慢逝去,莱斯利越来越感到不安。杰夫没有出现,她变得焦躁起来。到了中午,他还没出现,于是她开始打电话。他们共同的朋友都说那天没看见他,也没和他通过电话。以前,杰夫总是非常准时地将孩子送回来。一种不祥的想法在下意识地困扰着她,莱斯利感到恐惧。她绝对肯定是出事了。

杰夫低头坐着,他不知该做些什么。和前妻商定的对家庭的安排看来是蠢笨的,只能在周末看看儿子令他沮丧极了。为了莱斯利的工作安排,他觉得一直在迁就。每次相见都变成一场争夺“孩子到底爱谁”的竞争。他有一个心愿就是把扎克永远带走,现在就应做出实施这个计划的重大决定了。今天,他要前往加利福尼亚参加一个会议,这显然是一个带走孩子,永远离开这个国家的绝好机会。他确信他能够把足够多的行李装上车,然后跨过边境,进入美国后就消失掉。如果被警察抓住,这种行为是可以构成犯罪的,可他不再多想了。

与此同时,对于莱斯利,随着事件真相的不断深入,噩梦也在继续显现。48小时后,地区警察部门发言人向她保证,他们将对扎克的失踪展开调查。她对正义会得到伸张的信心减弱了。最近两天发生的事使她认识到,她的儿子很可能成为失踪儿童名单中增加的又一个新数

mood *n.* 心情
 phone *n.* 电话
 punctual *a.* 准时的
 appoint *vt.* 约定(时间、地点)
 knot *n.* (绳等的)结
 persist *vi.* 存留
 absolutely *ad.* 绝对地
 bow *v.* 低(头)
 domestic *a.* 家庭的
 arrangement *n.* (常 *pl.*) 安排
 awkward *a.* 笨拙的
 frustrate *vt.* 使沮丧
 concession *n.* 让步 ✓
 competition *n.* 竞争
 affection *n.* 爱
 enormous *a.* 巨大的
 undertake *vt.* 着手做
 depart *vi.* 出发
 conference *n.* (正式)会议
 marvelous *a.* 不可思议的 ✓
 opportunity *n.* 良机
 bet *vt.* 确信 ✓
 sufficient *a.* 足够的
 baggage *n.* 行李
 vehicle *n.* (统称)车辆
 border *n.* 国界
 entry *n.* 进入
 whatsoever *pron.* 任何
 conviction *n.* 判罪 ✓
 cop *n.* 警察
 nightmare *n.* 噩梦
 reality *n.* 现实
 spokesman *n.* 发言人
 investigate *v.* 调查
 faith *n.* 信心
 justice *n.* 正义
 statistic *n.* 统计数据

the **missing** children file. The police completed a **preliminary survey** after asking hundreds of detailed (详细的) questions. Hot lines proved fruitless (无结果的).

Meanwhile, over the next year there were countless visits and **interviews** at the police station and her home. The police appeared to be making no progress in tracking Zac's whereabouts (行踪). As the days passed, Lesley's frustration (挫败) **mounted** and she felt a sense of **alarm**. Eventually, she decided to take the **initiative** in continuing the search and she began to use well-established child find **agencies**. At times, **boosted** by hopes, she appeared to be on the right **trail** with a sense of **disgust**, but her hopes were **dashed** at the final moment. These **obstacles** only made her more determined not to **quit** or to **abandon** hope. After Zac's picture was **circulated nationwide**, telephone calls followed from strangers reporting sightings (被看见的人或事物) of a Zac look **alike**. Month by month her plan **evolved** into a **campaign** equal to a full-scale battle plan. She paid an **exceedingly** high **fee** for specialized help, such as the services of an **attorney**. Lesley became determined to **target** every major city where Jeff **normally contracted** business. As the months **slipped** by, Lesley's **exhaustion** became **noticeable** in her eyes. Her cheeks became **hollow pits**. Most days she felt as though she did not have an **ounce** of energy left because **proof** of Zac's **existence** seemed impossible to find.

Another year passed and her hopes dimmed. **Unexpectedly**, late in August a promising lead brought her to Los Angeles.

The **interior** of the **bar** was dark. Her quest to **locate** Jeff and Zac had taken two years. She had paid private investigators in American **currency** to help her locate her ex-husband. In her handbag she carried the necessary proof that would **identify** her to the **authorities** if she was successful in being able to bring Zac home again, to Canada. She had been **impatient** for this moment to arrive for so long and yet now she just wanted to **secure** her son with a **minimum** of **fuss**. Now, right on **cue**, a tall stranger slipped

字。在询问了许许多多的细节问题之后，警察完成了初步调查。热线电话丝毫没有结果。

在接下来的一年多时间里，她在警察局和家中接受了无数次的访问和会见。在寻找扎克的下落上，警察似乎并没有取得什么进展。时间一天天地过去，莱斯利感到日益失望，她有一种恐慌的感觉。终于，她决定要争取主动，继续找寻，她开始求助于专门的儿童寻找机构。有时，尽管感到有些厌烦，由于希望的驱使，她还是加入到搜寻线索的行列，但她的希望都在最后时刻破灭了。这些挫折只会令她更坚定不放弃寻找或不丧失希望的决心。扎克的照片在全国传阅，不断有陌生人打来电话，报告说看见了像扎克模样的人。一月又一月，她参与活动的计划安排相当于一场大规模的战役部署。她出高薪请专家帮忙，例如聘请代理人为她服务。莱斯利开始决定在杰夫平日联系生意的每一个主要城市去寻找目标。几个月过去了，从莱斯利的眼里，可以明显感觉到她的确精疲力尽了。她的脸颊深深地凹了下去。大多数日子里，她觉得好像一点儿精力也没有了，因为证明扎克还在的证据看来是不可能找到了。

又一年过去了，她的希望变得更加渺茫。但出乎意料，八月底，一个很有希望的线索把她带到了洛杉矶。

酒吧里面很暗。追寻杰夫和扎克的下落已经花了她两年时间。她付费给在美国的私家侦察机构，帮她查找前夫的下落。在她的手提包里，有可以向当局证明的必要材料，一旦成功，她就可以将扎克带回家，回到加拿大。她焦急地等待着这一刻的到来已经很久了，而现在她只想找回她的儿子，尽量不要出什么乱子。就在这个时候，一个高个的陌生人溜进酒

missing *a.* 失踪的
 preliminary *a.* 初步的 ✓
 survey *n.* 调查
 interview *n.* 会见
 mount *vi.* 加剧 ✓
 alarm *n.* 恐慌
 initiative *n.* 主动
 agency *n.* 代理(处)
 boost *vt.* 激励, 增强
 trail *n.* 痕迹
 disgust *n.* 厌恶
 dash *vt.* 使猛撞
 obstacle *n.* 障碍
 quit *v.* 放弃
 abandon *vt.* 抛弃
 circulate *v.* 散布
 nationwide *ad.* 在全国
 alike *a.* 相像的
 evolve *v.* (使)发展 ✓
 campaign *n.* 战役
 scale *n.* 梯度
 exceedingly *ad.* 非常 ✓
 fee *n.* 酬金
 attorney *n.* (业务或法律事务上的)代理人
 target *vt.* 瞄准
 normally *ad.* 通常
 contract *vt.* 订(约)
 slip *vi.* 溜走
 exhaustion *n.* 筋疲力尽
 noticeable *a.* 显而易见的
 hollow *a.* 凹陷的
 pit *n.* 坑
 ounce *n.* 少量 ✓
 proof *n.* 证据
 existence *n.* 存在
 unexpectedly *ad.* 意外地
 interior *n.* (常 *sing.*) 内部
 bar *n.* 酒吧间
 locate *vt.* 找到...的位置
 currency *n.* 货币 ✓
 identify *vt.* 鉴定
 authority *n.* (*pl.*) 官方
 impatient *a.* 急躁的
 secure *v.* 得到 ✓
 minimum *n.* 最低限度
 fuss *n.* 忙乱 ✓
 cue *n.* 提示
 on cue 恰好在这时候

into the bar and sat down. One **glimpse** told her it was Jeff. He looked weary(疲劳的) and older but **definitely** familiar. A **chill** ran up her spine(脊椎, 脊柱). Close to success, she refused to **concede** defeat. It was the time to remedy the enormous sadness. This time she wanted a **guarantee** of success. She stared straight ahead with a **vacant** look, trying to **grasp** the important moment. **Vivid** scenes, from the past two years' search, flashed(思想等的闪现) through her mind.

The **following** day, happily for Lesley, the **headline** of the **local** paper read, "Father turns over child. Mother **slams** system."

Lesley and Zac's **subsequent** life could now **resume** some form of normalcy(正常状态), however, the **stress** and **strain** of the past two years would always remain as a part of this **renewed relationship** in the memory.

(The End)

吧坐下来。她一眼就认出那是杰夫。他看起来很疲惫,显得更苍老了,但还是相当熟悉。一阵寒气掠过她的脊背。马上就要成功了!她拒绝承认失败,这正是治疗巨大伤痛的时刻。这次,她要确保成功。她带着迷茫的神情凝视着前方,努力要抓住这重要的时刻。过去两年的搜寻情景,一幕幕清晰地她的脑海中闪现。

翌日,使莱斯利感到高兴的是当地报纸的头条新闻:"父亲将孩子送回,母亲猛烈抨击体制"。

至于莱斯利和扎克后来的生活,现在可能恢复到某种正常状态了。然而,过去两年的压力和紧张将成为这种重新恢复起来的关系中的一部分,永远留在记忆里。

(结束)

1/kən'si:dl

glimpse *n.* 看见

definitely *ad.* 肯定地

chill *n.* 寒气

concede *v.* (不情愿地)承认 ✓

guarantee *n.* 保证

vacant *a.* (神情等)茫然的

grasp *vt.* 抓住

vivid *a.* 栩栩如生的

following *a.* 接着的

headline *n.* 大字标题

local *a.* 当地的

slam *vt.* 猛烈抨击 ✓

system *n.* 体制

subsequent *a.* 后来的 ✓

resume *v.* 继续 ✓

stress *n.* 压力

strain *n.* 极度紧张

renew *v.* 恢复

relationship *n.* 关系



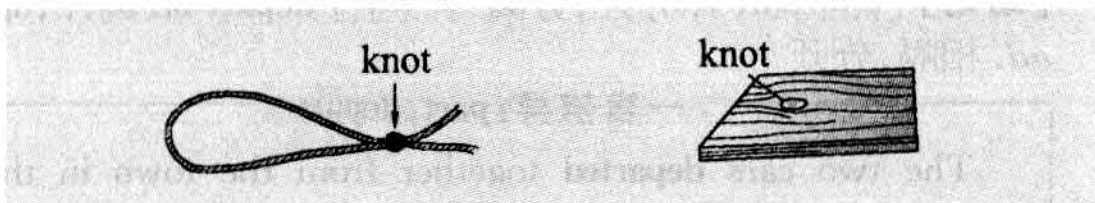
文章阅读与词汇学习并行才能达到最佳记忆效果。现在,让我们利用点津式记忆法再来学习一下前面的重点词汇。

mood [mu:d] *n.* ①心情,情绪 ②[语法]语气

[助记]【详见 UNIT 4, P158】

[搭配] be in the mood for... 有做某事的心情; in no mood for sth. (或 to do sth.) 没有心思做某事: I'm not in the mood for a party. 我没有心思参加聚会。

knot [nɒt] *n.* ①(绳等的)结 ②[航速单位]节 ③(木材上的)节疤 *vt.* 把...打成结,把...结牢: Let me knot the two short ropes together. 让我把这两根短绳子系在一起。



knit [nit] [根义] 编结 → [多义] (knitted/knit; knitted/knit)

vt. ①编织 ②(together)使紧密地结合: The two groups are knit together by common interests. 这两个集团因有共同利益而联合起来。③使紧凑 ④皱紧,皱(眉)(= knit one's brows): Bob knitted his brows when he was confused. 鲍勃感到困惑时,就紧皱双眉。 *vi.* ①编结,编织 ②(折骨)愈合

[助记] 你知:[熟] song *n.* 歌 —— [熟] sing *v.* 唱

可知:[熟] knot *n.* 结 —— [生] knit *v.* 编结

△类例: strike *v.* 击 — stroke *n.* (一)击

gild *v.* 镀金 — gold *n.* 金

persist [pə'sist] [per-(=throughout 始终)+sist(=stand); 自始至终站着 →] *vi.* ①坚持,执意 ②持续,存留

[辨异] $\begin{cases} \text{insist (on)} \\ \text{persist (in)} \end{cases}$ 坚持

(1) **Persist in** means to go on doing sth.: He **persisted in** asking her annoying questions.

(2) **Insist on** means to be very firm in doing or saying what one wants to: He **insisted on** carrying her case for her.

arrange [ə'reindʒ] [ar-(=ad-, to)+range(排列)] *v.* ①安排,准备,筹划 ②整理,排列,布置

[搭配] arrange **for**(不能省略) sb. to do sth. 安排某人做某事

enormous [i'nɔ:məs] [e-(=ex-)+norm(常规)+-ous(...的); 超