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❶ accidental [ˌæksɪ'dentl]

形 偶然的,意外的,碰巧的

名 accident ①(-s) 事故,意外事件

例: I'm afraid I had a slight *accident* in the kitchen and broke all the glasses. 恐怕我在厨房里闯了个小祸,把玻璃杯全打碎了。

❷ afternoon [ɑ:ftə'nu:n]

名 ①(-s) ② 下午,午后

例: I'll have a sleep in the *afternoon*. 午后我要睡一会。

❸ avenue ['ævinju:]

名 ①(-s) ②(城市的)大街,林阴道

例: *Fifth Avenue* 第五大街

③(尤指通向房子的)两旁有树的小路

例: have a walk in the *avenue* 在林阴道上散步

④方法,途径

例: They explored every *avenue* (= tried every method) but could not find a solution. 他们探索过各种途径,但是没有找到解决的办法。

❹ aware [ə'weə]

形 ①知道的,明白的;意识到的 **反** unaware ②有……认识(意识)的 ③懂事的,明智的;敏锐的



A — 1: accidental ~ aware

A PAIR OF SOCKS



One fine **afternoon** I was walking along Fifth Avenue, when I remembered that it was necessary to buy a pair of socks. Why I wished to buy only one pair is unimportant. I turned into the first sock shop that caught my eye, and a boy clerk who could not have been more than seventeen years old came forward. "What can I do for you, sir?" "I wish to buy a pair of socks." His eyes glowed. There was a note of passion in his voice. "Did you know that you had come into the finest place in the world to buy socks?" I had not been **aware** of that, as my entrance had been **accidental**. "Come with me," said the boy, ecstatically. I followed him to the rear of the shop, and he began to haul down from the shelves

一双短袜

一个明朗的下午,我走在第五大街上,忽然想起得买双短袜。至于为什么我只想买一双,那是无关紧要的。我看到第一家袜店,便走了进去,一个年纪不到十七岁的少年店员向我迎来。“您要什么,先生?”“我想买双短袜。”他的眼睛闪出光芒,话语里含着激情。“您是否知道您来到的是世上最好的袜店?”这我倒没有意识到,因为我是偶然走进这家商店的。“请跟我来,”那少年欣喜若狂地说。我随他来到店堂后部,少年从一个个货架上拖下一只只盒子,把里面的袜子展览在我的面前,让我赏鉴。



❧ amazement [ə'meizmənt]

名 ①吃惊

例: To my *amazement* I came first. 令我吃惊的是, 我居然得了第一名。

动 amaze 使大为吃惊, 使吃惊

例: Your knowledge *amazes* me. 你丰富的知识令我吃惊。

形 amazed 吃惊的, 惊异的

例: I was *amazed* at/by his calmness. 我对他的镇定感到吃惊。

形 amazing (质量或数量等) 惊人的; 了不起的

例: The new car goes at an *amazing* speed. 这辆新车开起来速度惊人。

❧ article ['ɑ:tɪkl]

名 ③(-s) ①一件物品

例: The burglars took no *articles* of value. 这些盗贼没有拿走值钱的东西

②(非虚构性的) 文章, 论文, 专论

例: Have you read the leading *article* (= the one given the most important place) in today's paper? 你读过今天报纸上的社论了吗?

③(合同、协议、宪法等的) 条目, 条款 ④冠词(如英语的定冠词为 the, 不定冠词为 a 或 an)



A — 1 : amazement ~ article

box after box, displaying their contents for my delectation.

“Hold on, lad, I am going to buy only one pair!” “I know that,” said he, “but I want you to see how marvellously beautiful these are. Aren’ t they wonderful!” There was on his face an expression of solemn and holy rapture, as if he were revealing to me the mysteries of his religion. I became far more interested in him than in the socks. I looked at him in **amazement**. “My friend,” said I, “if you can keep this up, if this is not merely the enthusiasm that comes from novelty, from having a new job, if your can keep up this zeal and excitement day after day, in ten years you will own every sock in the United States”. My amazement at his pride and joy in salesmanship will be easily understood by all who read this **article**. In many shops the customer has to wait for someone to wait upon him. And when finally some clerk does deign to notice you, you are made to

“等等,小伙子,我只要买一双!” “这我知道,”他说,“不过,我想让您看看这些袜子有多美,多漂亮,真是好看极了!”他脸上洋溢着庄严和神圣的狂喜,像是在向我启示他所信奉的宗教的玄理。我对他的兴趣远远超过了对袜子的兴趣。我诧异地望着他。“我的朋友,”我说,“如果你能一直这样热情,如果这热情不只是因为 you 感到新奇,或因为得到了一个新的工作——如果你能天天如此,把这种热心和激情保持下去,不消十年,你会成为全美国的短袜大王。”我对这少年做买卖的自豪感和喜悦的心情觉得惊异,读者对此当不难理解。因为在许多商店,顾客得静候店员的招呼。



absorb [əb'sɔ:b]

①吸收(尤指液体)

例: Salt *absorbs* moisture from the air. 盐吸收空气中的水分。

②吸引(注意);使专心,使全神贯注

例: I was *absorbed* in a book and didn't hear your call. 我(当时)正专心读一本书,没有听见你的电话。

◇ -s, -ed, -ing

apathetic [ˌæpə'θetik]

无兴趣的,无感情的,冷淡的,无动于衷的

例: A few of the students got involved in the campaign but most of them were fairly *apathetic*. 少数学生参与这项活动,但大多数学生都相当冷淡。

apathy ①漠然,冷淡;无兴趣,无动于衷

apologize [ə'pɒlədʒaɪz]

道歉,谢罪

例: I *apologized* (to her) for stepping on her foot. 我因踩了她的脚而(向她)道歉。

◇ -s, -d, -zing

apology ②(-gies) ①道歉,谢罪,认错

例: I make no *apology* for what I said—it was a fair comment. 我不打算为自己说过的话道歉——我的评论是公正的。

②(对信仰、思想等的)辩解,辩护 ③权充代替物



A — 1: absorb ~ apologize

feel as if you were interrupting him. Either he is **absorbed** in profound thought in which he hates to be disturbed or he is skylarking with a girl clerk and you feel like **apologizing** for thrusting yourself into such intimacy.

He displays no interest either in you or in the goods he is paid to sell. Yet possibly that very clerk who is now so **apathetic** began his career with hope and enthusiasm. The daily grind was too much for him; the novelty wore off; his only pleasures were found outside of working hours. He became a mechanical, he became incompetent; then he saw younger clerks who had more zest in their work, promoted over him. He became sour. That was the last stage. His usefulness was over.

当一个店员终于屈尊注意到你,他那种模样会使你感到是在打扰他。他不是沉浸^{absorb}在沉思中,恼恨别人打断他的思路,就是在同一个女店员嬉笑聊天,叫你感到不该打断了如此亲昵的谈话,反要向他道歉^{apologize}似的。

无论对你,或是对他领了工资专门来出售的货物,他都毫无兴趣。然而就是这么个冷漠无情的店员,可能当初也是怀着希望和热情开始他的职业的。年复一年枯燥乏味的苦差使叫他无法忍受;新奇感也被磨掉了,只在工作之余,他才能找到一点欢乐。他成了一个傀儡,变得无能;他看到那些工作热情比他高的年轻店员晋了级,超过了他,他感到愤怒。他已走到最后一站。他不再管用了。



adult [ˈædʌlthud]

名 ① 成年时期, 成年人

名 adult ② (-s) 成年人; 发育成熟的人或动物

形 ① 发育成熟的, 成年的 ② (适合) 成年人的, 成熟的

alienation [ˌeɪliəˈneɪʃən]

名 ① ① 离间, 疏远 ② (觉得周围环境与自己格格不入的) 疏离感; 离心离德

动 alienate ① 离间, 使疏远(不和) ② 转让, 让渡(土地、财产等的所有权)

antidote [ˈæntɪdəʊt]

名 ① 解毒剂

artificial [ˌɑːtiˈfiʃəl]

形 ① 人造的, 人工的, 假的(尤指仿照自然品而作的)

② 虚假的; 不真挚的, 矫揉造作的 ③ 人为的

awe [ɔː]

名 ① 敬畏, 惊惧

动 使敬畏, 使畏惧 ◇ -s, -d, -wing

形 awesome ① 令人敬畏的, 令人惊惧的 ② 很好的, 了不起的



A — 2: adulthood ~ awe

A TRUE INSTINCT FOR THE BEAUTIFUL

A child's world is fresh and new and beautiful, full of wonder and excitement. It is our misfortune that for most of us that clear-eyed vision, that true instinct for what is beautiful and awe-inspiring, is dimmed and even lost before we reach adulthood. If I had influence with the good fairy who is supposed to preside over the christening of children, I should ask that her gift to each child in the world be a sense of wonder so indestructible that it would last throughout life, as an unfailing antidote against the boredom and disenchantments of later years, the sterile preoccupation with things that are artificial, the alienation from the sources of our strength.

让爱美的天性常在

儿童的世界新奇而美丽,充满了惊异和兴奋。可是,对我们多数人来说,等不到成年,这种锐利的目光,爱一切美丽的和令人敬畏的事物的天性,就已经迟钝,甚至丧失殆尽,这真是我们的不幸。据说有一位善心的仙女主持所有儿童的洗礼。假如我能对她有所影响的话,我倒想向她提个要求:请她赋予世间的儿童以新奇感——无可摧毁的、能伴随他们终身的新奇感——并使它成为万灵的解药,有了它,他们在以后的岁月中就会永远陶醉在新奇之中,不致产生



adult ['ædʌlt]

名 ①(-s)成年人;发育成熟的人或动物

例: This film is for *adults* only. 此电影只供成人观看。

形 ①发育成熟的, 成年的

例: an *adult* lion 成年的狮子

②(适合)成年人的, 成熟的

例: They've dealt with the situation in a very *adult* way. 他们以老成持重的态度应付局势。

alive [ə'laɪv]

形 ①活(着)的, 活生生的

例: Are your grandparents still *alive*? 你的祖父母还在世吗?

②活跃的, 充满活力的

例: Although he's old, he's still very much *alive*. 他虽然年事已高, 但仍然充满活力。

③充满活物的

例: The dead tree is *alive* with insects. 那棵枯树上爬满了各种昆虫。

④完全知晓的, 充分注意到……的

any ['eni]

代 ①任何一个; 不论哪个 ②一点, 一些, 少许 ③尽可能多的, 所有的

副 丝毫, 一点

at least

最少, 至少

A — 2: **adult ~ at least**

If a child is to keep **alive** his inborn sense of wonder without **any** such gift from the fairies, he needs the companionship of **at least one adult** who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement and mystery of the world we live in. Parents often have a sense of inadequacy when confronted on the one hand with the eager, sensitive mind of a child and on the other with a world of complex physical nature, inhabited by a life so various and unfamiliar that it seems hopeless to reduce it to order and knowledge. In a mood of self-defeat, they exclaim, "How can I possibly teach my child about nature—why, I don't even know one bird from another!"

I sincerely believe that for the child, and for the

厌倦感,不致徒劳地全神贯注于人为虚假的事物,不致脱离力量的源泉。

假如一个儿童没有仙女的赏赐而要保持他的天生的新奇感常新,他至少需要有一个能同他共享新奇感的成年人和他做伴,并且跟他一起不断再发现我们生活的这个世界的一切欢乐、刺激和神秘。做父母的常有力不从心之感,他们一方面要满足孩子的感觉灵敏而又急于求知的心灵,可是另一方面复杂的物质世界却使他们感到难于应付。这个世界的生活形形色色,他们自己都感到生疏,好像没有理出头绪、弄个明白的希望。他们自己就泄了气,喊道:“我哪能教我的孩子认识大自然!啊,我连两只鸟都分不清哩!”

我真诚地相信,对于儿童,以后对力求引导儿童的



10 admiration [ˌædmə'reɪʃən]

名 ①① 钦佩, 赞美; 羡慕

例: I was filled with *admiration* for her courage. 我钦佩她的勇敢。

②① 受人钦佩(羡慕)的人(或物)

例: His new bike made him the *admiration* of his friends. 他那辆新自行车使他成为朋友们羡慕的对象。

动 admire 钦佩; 赞美; 羡慕

例: You may not like him, but you've got to *admire* his persistence. 你可以不喜欢他, 但是 you 不得不佩服他那种坚韧的精神。

11 arouse [ə'raʊz]

动 ①叫醒, 唤醒

例: We *aroused* him from his deep sleep. 我们把他从熟睡中叫醒。

②引起, 激起

例: Her behaviour *aroused* the suspicions of the police. 她的行为引起了警方的猜疑。

◇ -s, -d, -sing

12 assimilate [ə'simileɪt]

动 ①吸收, 消化; (食物)被吸收, 被消化 ②充分理解,

掌握 ③(使)同化 ◇ -s, -d, -ting

名 assimilation ①①融合, 同化 ②消化, 吸收; 语音的同化

A — 2: **admiration ~ assimilate**

parent seeking to guide him, it is not half so important to know as to feel. If facts are the seeds that later produce knowledge and wisdom, then the emotions and the impressions of the senses are the fertile soil in which the seeds must grow. The years of early childhood are the time to prepare the soil. Once the emotions have been **aroused**—a sense of the beautiful, the excitement of the new and the unknown, a feeling of sympathy, pity, **admiration** or love—then we wish for knowledge about the object of our emotional response. Once found, it has lasting meaning. It is more important to pave the way for the child to want to know than to put him on a diet of facts he is not ready to **assimilate**

父母来说,感觉远比知识更为重要。如果说事实等于种子,以后会萌发知识和智慧,那么,激情以及感官得到的印象就等于肥沃的土壤,种子离开它无法生长。童年早期是准备土壤的时期。一旦唤起了种种感情——美感、对新鲜事物和未知事物的兴奋感、同情心、恻隐之心、钦羡之情、爱慕之心——那么,我们就希望获得引起感情反应的事物的知识。而这种知识一旦获得,就有深远的意义。为孩子的求知欲铺路,比像饮食似地规定孩子吞下他还吸收不了的事实更为重要。



🔊 **accustom** [ə'kʌstəm]

动 使习惯 ▽ -s, -ed, -ing

例: to *accustom* oneself to a new job 使自己习惯于新的工作

形 accustomed ①习惯于……的

例: I'm not *accustomed* to getting up so early. 我不习惯于这样早起床。

②惯常的

例: sitting in her *accustomed* place at the head of the table 坐在她惯常坐的桌子横头上首的位置上

🔊 **acknowledge** [ək'nɒlɪdʒ]

动 ①承认; 供认 ②对(某人所作的事)表示感谢 ③告知收到(某物) ④对(某人)打招呼 ▽ -s, -d, -ging

名 acknowledgment ① ① 承认; 感谢 ② ② (-s) 收到通知; 回执, 谢函

🔊 **address** [ə'dres]

名 ① ① (-es) 地址 ② ② (-es) (电脑的) 位置, 地址 ③ ③ (-es) 演说, 讲话 ④ ④ (对话或处理问题的) 灵巧; 熟练

🔊 **attendance** [ə'tendəns]

名 ① ① (-s) ① (尤指经常或定时定期的) 出席, 到场 ② ② 出席人数; 出席者 ③ ③ 伴随, 随行; 侍候, 照顾, 料理

动 attend ①参加, 出席, 到场 ②看护, 照料 ③注意, 专心; 倾听 ④(正式)陪伴; 伴随……而至