

Absence 缺席

Providing opportunities for others to slander against you

提供机会让别人诋毁你

Abstract art 抽象艺术

1) *A form of modern art where the artist shows great skill in his inability to paint*

表现画家不会作画的高超技巧的一种现代艺术形式

2) *The art enabling the critic to admire what he can't appreciate, and to appreciate what he doesn't like*

使批评家赞叹他不欣赏的东西，欣赏他不喜欢的东西的一种艺术

3) *A product of the untalented, sold by the unprincipled to the utterly bewildered*

由没有天才的人创作的，没有原则的人卖给完全

晕头转向的人的一种作品

Achievement 成就

The end of efforts and the beginning of boredom
努力的结束，厌倦的开始

Acquaintance 熟人

1) A degree of friendship called slight when the object is poor or obscure, and intimate when he is rich or famous

某种程度的友谊，如果对方穷困或无名，称之为无足轻重；如果对方有钱或知名，称之为亲密无间

2) A person whom we know well enough to borrow money from but not well enough to lend to

一个我们熟悉到可以向他借钱，但没有熟悉到可以借钱给他的人

Action 行动

1) Antidote of despair
失望的解毒剂

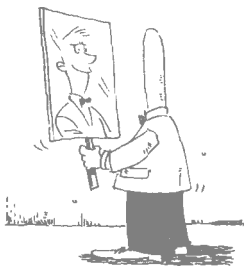
2) The last resource of those who don't know how to dream

不知道如何梦想的人的最后手段

Actor 演员

1) Someone who tries to be everyone but himself

一个试图成为所有人，唯独不成为自己的人



2) A man who often staggers home full of boos

一个经常跌跌撞撞回家心里充满厌恶的人

3) A sculptor who carves in snow

一个用雪雕塑的人

Admiration 钦佩

Our polite recognition of another's resemblance to ourselves

有礼貌地承认另一个人很像我们自己

Adolescence 青春期

1) The period in a youngster's life when he asks questions that parents can answer

年轻人生活中的一段时期，这时他问的是父母亲能答得出来的问题

2) The age when a child feels his parents should be told the facts of life

孩子觉得应该告诉父母生活中的事实的年龄

3) The period when children stop asking questions and begin to question the answers

孩子们不再问问题而开始对答案提出疑问的时期

Adult 成年人

1) A person who stopped growing at both ends and started to grow in the middle

一个上下两端不再生长而中间开始生长的人

2) Someone who avoids puddles even when he is wearing a pair of boots

穿着长筒靴仍然绕开水坑走的人

Adversity 逆境

The trial of principle and a man's honesty

对原则和一个人的诚实的考验

Advertisement 广告

1) The only lie that is acceptable when it is exposed

唯一在揭穿后仍能被接受的谎言

2) Hymn offered to God by Judas. Content: My

God, please grant me the opportunity to empty your wallet.

犹太献给上帝的赞美诗，内容：我的上帝啊，请赐给我掏空你钱包的机会吧。

3) Something that has put an end to the power of

most powerful adjectives

使最有力的形容词失去力量的某种东西

Advertising 做广告

1) The art of making you think you've longed all your

life for something you never heard of before

让你觉得你一生中都在想望你以前从来没有听说过的某样东西的艺术

2) The science of arresting the human intelligence

long enough to get money from it

让你有足够的时间辨不了是非，从而可以趁机赚钱的科学

3) A trick to get you spend money by telling you how

much you can save

通过告诉你你能省多少钱从而使你花钱的一种计

谋

4) The only kind of news found in the daily papers
that's always on the bright side

每天的报纸上唯一总是令人鼓舞的一种消息

5) The art of making whole lies out of half truth

从一半事实编出全部谎言的艺术

6) Legalized lying

合法化了的说谎

Advice 忠告

1) A method used by fools to lose their friends

傻瓜用来失去朋友的办法

2) The one thing which is "more blessed to give than
to receive"

“给比拿要快乐”的一样东西

3) Never give anyone frank advice until you're out of
reach.

在走出对方够得到你的范围之前，千万不要给人以率直的忠告。

Age 年龄

Something possessed by everyone that goes up all the
time and never comes down

每个人都拥有的只会上升不会下降的某种东西

Aging 上年纪

The process of growing old, hastened chiefly by the
eternal struggle to remain young

变老的过程，主要由于人们不断地想法子保持年

轻而加快

Aim 目标

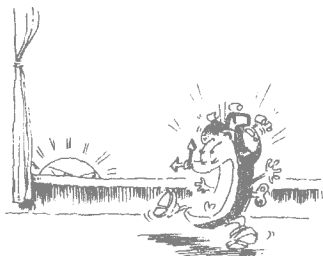
Fulfilling our tasks with desires

用愿望去完成任务

Alarm clock 闹钟

1) Something built with a mechanism to scare the daylight into you

吓你一跳，然后把白天塞给你的一种机械结构



2) A mechanical device to wake people up who don't have children

用于叫醒没有孩子的人的一种机械设施

3) A frightened timepiece

一个受惊的记时器

Alcohol 酒精

A wonderful liquid that can preserve everything except secret

能保存任何东西，但却不能保存秘密的一种神秘液体

Alcoholic 嗜酒者

1) Anyone who will drink with anyone, to anyone
愿同所有人为任何人干一杯的人

2) A man who never puts off till tomorrow the drinking he can do today

从不把今天能喝的酒放到明天喝的人

3) Someone who always drinks to forget, but never forgets to drink

为了忘却而喝酒，但从来不忘记喝酒的人

Alimony (离婚后付给妻子的 赡养费)

When two people make a mistake and one of them continues to pay for it

两个人犯错误，其中一个人却得为之继续付出代价

Alliance 同盟



In international politics, the union of two thieves who have their hands so deeply inserted in each other's pocket that they cannot separately plunder a third

两个小偷在国际政治上的团结，他们的手深深地插在对方口袋里，因而无法单独抽出手来去抢夺第三者

Allowance 零用钱

The name given to the bribe that the older generation gives the younger generation to live with

给长辈为能同晚辈一起生活而付给晚辈的贿赂所起的名称

Amateur 业余选手

A young man who, when flattering women, is afraid of overdoing it

奉承女人时怕做过头的年轻人

Ambition 雄心

1) A person's strong desire to work so that he can live later without work

一个人要工作的强烈意愿，为的是将来可以不必工作

2) An overmastering desire to be vilified by enemies while living and made ridiculous by friends when dead

一种想要活着为敌人所诋毁，死后为朋友所嘲笑的强烈愿望

3) Avarice on silts and masked

坐在泥沙上，戴着面具的贪欲

4) The only disease that laziness can cure

唯一可用懒惰治疗的疾病

Amnesia 健忘症

The decline of your memory after you borrow money from others

向别人借钱后你的记忆力的衰退

Anger 生气

1) An uncontrolled feeling that betrays what you are when you are not yourself.

一种控制不住的感情，在你忘乎所以的时候会显露你的为人

2) A brief madness

短暂的疯狂

3) A wind which blows out the lamp of the mind

吹灭心中之灯的风

4) Punishing yourself by other's mistakes

用别人的错误来惩罚自己

Antique 古董

1) Anything that's too old for the poor, but not too old for the rich

穷人认为太旧，而富人认为还不够旧的任何东西

2) Something one generation buys, the next generation gets rid of, and the following generation buys again
一代人买回来，下一代人扔掉，而再下一代人又买回来的东西

3) Merchandise sold for old time's sake

为了往昔而出售的商品

4) A fugitive from the junk shop with a price on its head

从废品店买回来的、有身价的逃亡者

Antique shop 古董店

A place where there are thousands of treasures you can do without

一个拥有成千上万的你有没有都无所谓宝贝的地方

Aphorism 格言

1) Salted and not sugared almonds at reason's feast
道理的宴会上盐腌的而不是糖渍的杏仁

2) Something pricking with the sharp point of truth, but with the sting removed

用真理的尖端刺你但不会刺疼你的东西

Apology 道歉

1) Saying the right thing after doing the wrong thing
做了错事后说正确的话

2) An expression of regret where the voice seldom
matches the words

遗憾的一种表示，但常常言不由衷

3) A lump in the throat caused by having to eat your
own words

因为要吞回自己说过的话而堵在喉咙里的一团
东西

4) A hint foreshadowing a second offense in the fu-
ture

将来要再次冒犯的伏笔

Appeal 上诉

1) Ask one court to show its contempt for another
court

请求一个法庭对另一个法庭表示蔑视

2) To put the dice into the box for another throw
把骰子放进盒子里再掷一遍

Appeaser 姑息者

1) One who feeds a crocodile, hoping it will eat him
later

一个投喂鳄鱼、希望鳄鱼将来会吃掉他的人

2) Someone who believes that if you keep on
throwing steaks to a tiger, the tiger will become a vege-

tarian

一个相信只要不断向老虎投牛排，老虎就会变成素食者的人

Appetizers 开胃食品

Those little bits you eat until you lose your appetite
一直吃到你失去胃口的那些零食

Applause 鼓掌

1) Two hands slapping each other's face
两只手互相打耳光

2) A reminder to those who sleep in the theater that
the performance has come to an end
提醒在剧场睡觉的人演出已经结束

Appreciation 欣赏

1) A wonderful feeling which makes what is excellent
in others belong to us as well
一种奇妙的感觉，它使我们也能分享他人优秀的东西

2) Something that comes to a man after death, and to
a woman after divorce
男人死后、女人离婚后得到的东西

Arbitrator 仲裁人

1) The only man who is completely satisfied with the
final settlement
唯一对最后解决方案完全满意的人

2) A man who listens to both sides, studies the ev-
idence, and then mispronounces judgment

聆听双方陈说，研究证据，最后误读判决的人

Archaeologist 考古学家

1) A man whose career lies in ruins

事业在废墟中的人

2) A scientist who seeks to discover past civilizations

while the present one is still around

目前的文明尚存在而去探寻过去文明的一位科学家

Archaeology 考古学

The science of digging in the earth to try and find a civilization worse than ours

在地里进行挖掘，试图找到比我们的文明更糟糕的某个文明的科学

Architecture 建筑

Frozen music

凝固的音乐

Argument 争论

1) An event that leaves each party convinced that the other has a closed mind

一个使双方都相信对方不虚心事件

2) An event that leaves either party convinced that he is more correct

一个使双方都觉得自己更正确的事件

3) An angry dispute in which two persons keep talking without throwing anything

两个人不停地说不向对方扔东西的一场愤怒争

辩

4) The proof of someone's ignorance

某个人无知的证明

5) Something with two sides until you take one

在你表态支持一方前总有两个方面的东西

Army 军队

A body of men assembled to rectify the mistakes of the diplomats

集合起来以改正外交家所犯的错误的一队人

Arrogance 傲慢

1) A pose assumed by the body to hide the fault of the mind

身体为掩盖思想的错误而摆出的一种姿态

2) A kind of unsupported dignity

一种得不到支持的尊严

Art 艺术

1) A lie that enables us to realize the truth

使我们能认识真理的一种谎言

2) The stored honey of the human soul, gathered on wings of misery and travel

通过痛苦和旅行的翅膀收集起来的
储藏在人们灵魂中的蜜

3) The cure for many a disease which has not yet been discovered



治疗尚未发现的许多疾病的良药

4) The difference between seeing and just identifying

真正看到和只是辨认出来之间的差别

5) The reasoned derangement of the senses

感官有道理的错乱

6) Art is either revolutionist or plagiarist.

艺术不是革命家就是剽窃者。

7) Art is not a thing; it is a way.

艺术不是一样东西，而是一种方法。

Artist 艺术家

1) Anyone who glorifies his occupation

任何美化自己职业的人

2) Nature's lover, slave, and master

大自然的情人、奴隶和主人

3) An artist who theorizes about his art is no longer

an artist but a critic.

一个使自己的艺术理论化的艺术家不再是艺术家
而是批评家。

Ashtray 烟灰缸

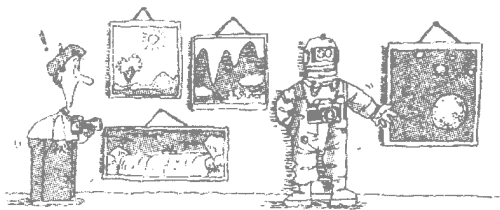
A place to put cigarette ashes if you haven't got a
floor

在你没有地板时用来放烟灰的地方

Astronaut 宇航员

The only man who can see the shape of the world as
it really is

唯一能看到世界真实面貌的人



Astronomer 天文学家

A night watchman

守夜人

Atheist 无神论者

A person whose faith is his lack of faith

其信仰为没有信仰的人

Atom 原子

1) The smallest thing in the world which, when split, becomes the biggest

世界上最小，但一旦分裂开来就变得最大的东西

2) Another proof that it's the little things that count

小东西起大作用的又一证明

Auction 拍卖

A process to raise the value of anything by using a small hammer

用一把小锤子使任何东西增值的过程

Auctioneer 拍卖师

The man who proclaims with a hammer that he has picked a pocket with his tongue

用锤子声称他用舌头掏人家口袋的人

Audience 听众

The best audience a lecturer can have is one that's polite enough to cover their mouths when they yawn.

演说家能拥有的最好的听众，是打哈欠时捂住嘴的文明听众。

Autobiography 自传

1) The story of how a man thinks he lived
一个人以为自己过去是如何生活的的故事

2) An obituary in serial form with the last installment

missing

缺少最后一部分的连载讣告

3) A popular form of fiction in which the writer is always the hero

作者总是主人公的一种流行的小说的形式

4) The story of a famous individual describing personal experiences in his life that never happened

名人描述从未发生过的个人亲身经历的故事

5) Autobiography usually reveals nothing bad about the writer except his memory.

自从传中通常看不到作者有任何不好的地方，只是记忆除外。

Automation 自动化

1) An electronic process in which more machinery provides more people with more time to be bored

用更多的机械让更多的人有更多的时间感到无聊的一种电子化过程

2) An electronic process of producing cheaply and quickly more of the things we already have too much of

一种电子化的过程，
能廉价快速生产出我们已经嫌太多的东西

Autumn 秋天

A second spring when every leaf is a flower

第二个春天，这时候所有的叶子都是花朵

Average man 普通人

One who thinks he isn't
认为自己不是普通人的人

Avoidance 回避

A dance for people who hate each other
互相痛恨的人跳的一种舞

Awe 敬畏

Wow of silence
无声地说：“哇，太好了！”

