

ace *v.* 在考试中获得 A 等分数, 考试成绩优秀

"I aced it," he said, staring at his test paper in disbelief.

adminisphere *n.* (构词方式: *administration* + *sphere*) 行政管理圈子, 管理层

The rarefied organizational layers beginning just above the rank and file. Decisions that fall from the adminisphere are often profoundly inappropriate or irrelevant to the problems they were designed to solve.

administrivia *n.* (构词方式: *administration* + *trivia*) 行政管理的琐事, 细节

After Sutherland spoke to kick off the day and department heads talked about changes in their fields, Magoon took over, cautioning attendees to look first to the distant future. "If you don't look at the long-term first, you tend not to be very inventive," she said, adding that she didn't want participants caught up in "administrivia".

ADP *n.* (构词方式: *automatic data processing*) 自动数据处理

We have installed an ADP center at our company's headquarters to facilitate the office work.

ad police *n.* 审查和监督政治广告是否失实的人员或机构

In the aftermath of 1988, newspapers have taken on the job of "ad police"—analyzing the content of ads, separating fact from fiction.

advocacy ad, advocacy advertising *n.* 支持赞同某一种政治观点的由电台播出的广告

There is no way to quantify the amount of advocacy advertising on the air. Advertising is not an expense that lobbying groups are required to report, and most of the advocacy advertising appears on local stations rather than on the networks. The broadcast networks, in fact, generally do not accept advocacy ads, arguing that debates over public policy should be handled by their news departments, which can give a fair hearing to both sides.

aerial walkway *n.* 人行天桥

The death toll in the disastrous collapse of two aerial walkways at Hyatt Regency Hotel was rolled back to 111 Monday by authorities who said two bodies had been counted twice at the city morgue.

Afrocentrist *n.* 非洲中心主义者, 关心非洲问题的人

Africentrists teach school-children that Egyptians pilots were flying gliders around Africa in ancient times.

agent *n.* 代理, 智能代理(一种计算机软件, 它能够搜索因特网并从中获取信息, 或者不在用户直接控制时远距离处理事务)(参见 **intelligent agent** 和 **cyberservant**)

Software suppliers could be in the driver's seat. Without guides and navigation programs, consumers will have trouble finding their way through myriad entertainment choices. So-called agent programs are expected to learn their preferences and highlight offerings.

agri-tourism *n.* (构词方式: *agriculture* + *tourism*) 旅游农业, 观光农业, 田园旅游

Rising costs and stagnant commodity prices have hit farmers hard, forcing them to come up with ideas like the maze, said Zane Helsel, director of Rutgers Cooperative Extension... The other activities Helsel describes as "agri-tourism" include hayrides, haunted houses, egg hunts and bed and

breakfast.

agrobusiness *n.* 农业综合经营, 大农业经营

Although agrobusiness is controlled by climate conditions, many corporations have made a killing in it.

agro-tourism *n.* 旅游农业, 观光农业, 田园旅游

Currently an eco-tourism consultant in Japan, Laurie Lubeck has also developed a related curriculum and lectures at Rikkyo University's Department of Tourism. Lubeck is now researching "ago-tourism", as she calls it, which is aimed at encouraging young families to get out of the cities and into the countryside for quality leisure time. There are a lot of economic incentives to launch such programs, and they will help stop young people from leaving rural areas, she believes.

airhead *n.* 笨蛋, 无头脑的人

Vince proved too much of a airhead to be a first class treasurer when he lost all the money.

air piracy *n.* 空中劫机, 劫持飞机

David is held on a charge of air piracy in the plot to hijack the plane for \$ 500,000 ransom.

albatross *n.* 经常光顾医院的老病号, 难以治愈的病人

It was discouraging to the internist to realize that many patients could not be cured and would be albatrosses returning again and again for treatment.

alcohol arcade *n.* 酒廊

This was a fascinating glimpse into the brash new world of "alcohol arcades", where the under-age law seems to have suffered a de facto deregulation—where 16-year-olds declined to enter certain pubs because these have been given over to 14-year-olds.

Alcometer *n.* (构词方式 *alcohol* + *meter*)酒精含量测量仪

But we are empowered to stop any motorist for routine reasons, and we can ask them to blow into the Alcometer if we think they might be over the limit.

all-ticket *adj.* 凭已购买的票入场的

The police chiefs believe that crowds can be better controlled if the games are not all-ticket because the ban meant frustrated fans caused trouble in town centers after being turned away from grounds.

alpha geek *n.* 在一个办公室或者一个工作小组里最有知识, 最懂技术的人

"Ask Larry, he's the alpha geek around here."

alternative medicine *n.* 与西方传统医药不同的其它治疗方法

Even the American Medical Association ... grudgingly passed a resolution last year suggesting that its 300,000 members "become better informed regarding the practices and techniques of alternative or unconventional medicine".

amateur diner *n.* 很少在餐馆吃饭因而不熟悉如何点菜的人

I had to explain ranch dressing to him—he's an amateur diner.

amenities creep *n.* 旅店客房里逐渐增多的“便利品”, 如牙刷, 香皂, 洗发剂等

It is called amenities creep. ... From Tokyo to Tampa, guests are being showered with perks, some silly, some truly sublime.

ancient astronaut *n.* (被认为给早期人类带来智慧和技术的) 远古时代的星外来客, 外星人

Such "missing link" puzzles have prompted some outlandish speculations, ranging from Von Daniken's proposal that ancient as-

tronauts arrived from the stars to bredman from ape, to Sir Fred Hoyle's Directed Panspermia theory that primitive life and even insects arrived from outer space along trails of cosmic dust.

animator *n.* 活动的组织者, 安排者或促成者

Thank you for your letter of 8 June 1987, enquiring about our use of the word "animator". I think our use in our brochure owes something to the French word "animateur", that is someone who inspires or organizes a function rather than actually does the lecturing or consultancy himself.

anti-art *n.* 反传统艺术

He allowed for the death of art but was not prescient enough to foresee the rise of anti-art—all those forms of organized aesthetic violence, achieved with the latest mechanical and electronic devices, that are hastening the whole process.

antifit *n. & adj.* 宽松的裤子, 灯笼裤 (的)

At Gitaño, jeans will go beyond relaxed to an ultra loose fitting style called "anti-fit", which will be offered belted probably to

keep the new line of Gitano men's underwear hidden from public view.

anti-pot *adj.* 反对毒品的, 反对吸毒的

The anti-pot adults are the same ones who can't get through the day or face the night without the most dangerous drug of all, alcohol.

anxious class *n.* 对于社会经济方面缺乏安全感而忧愁焦虑的中产阶级, 忧虑阶层

Millions of employed Americans face the same realities and feel as vulnerable as Jones. There are so many, they have a name; the "anxious class". That's the phrase coined by Robert B. Reich, U. S. secretary of labor, to describe a majority of very worried American workers who have jobs but are rightfully concerned about downsizing, de-jobbing, smart machines, outsourcing, part-time and temporary workers, salary freezes, loss of benefit, stalled career paths, foreign competition and corporate bankruptcy.

architectural barrier *n.* 不利于残疾人进入建筑物的任何障碍 (物) (参见 barrier-free)

Are communities doing anything about removing those troublesome architectural barriers that needlessly complicate the lives of the physically handicapped?

artsy fartsy *adj.* 刻意打扮得似有艺术气质的

Her clothes are a little artsy fartsy, but underneath she's just a girl from the countryside.

assortive mating *n.* 同与自己文化水平和志向相同的人结婚

People tend to take marriage partners of similar educational backgrounds and aspirations (social scientists label this "assortive mating").

ass-ackwards, ass-backwards *adv.* 胡乱地, 颠三倒四地

You're doing it ass-ackwards again. How many times do I have to tell you you've gotta put the paper underneath the kindling?

asterisk *n.* 无足轻重、无关紧要的人或事物

Bell Canada, Toronto Dominion Bank, and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce were excluded from the column because they have been relegated to an asterisk of financial history.

astronaut *n.* 从太平洋沿岸亚洲国

家迁往北美的某些移民, 他们常往来于两大洲

Thomas Chan is an "astronaut". He is a continual traveller between Hong Kong and Toronto, tending to business in British Crown while he tries to sink roots in Canada.

atomic veteran *n.* 有可能受到过原子武器辐射的老兵

In 1979, the Kellys formed the National Association of Atomic Veterans, to lobby on behalf of the estimated 250,000 American servicemen who were exposed to radiation during the occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

attachment parenting *n.* 在一个强调个人价值的社会里提倡父母与子女之间更亲密的关系

So what, precisely, is attachment parenting? Its goal is to promote a close relationship between parents and children. One key tool is child-led breastfeeding, which stops only when mother or baby is ready, not at some arbitrary age imposed by medical experts or the discomfort of family or friends. Others include co-sleeping, otherwise known as the family bed; daytime contact through "wearing" the

baby in a sling or carrier; and sensitive responses to the baby's cues.
attack ad, attack commercial *n.* 竞选时批评或攻击对手的政治性广告, 攻击竞争对手的商业广告

In one widely held view, the dismaying distortions of so-called attack ads — negative advertising aimed at a political opponent's perceived weaknesses — have contributed a spreading cynicism and apathy among American voters.

audiovideo *n.* 视听设备和装置

Laserdisk players, seen as key audiovideo link product, multiplied in Chicago. At least 15 brands now are on — or headed for — market within year and street prices are expected to hit \$399 soon.

audit *n.* 对建筑设施 (某一方面) 的检查, 验收

Some utilities provide a home “energy audit” for free; others charge a few dollars. It can be a valuable service, so call your utility company if they haven't inform you about how to get your audit.

author *vt.* 在计算机网络上编制 (一篇网页)

Just a year ago you had to know how to program in HTML (HyperText Markup Language) to

create or, to use the professionals' term, “author” your own pages. Now software programs do the grunt work for you.

authoring *n.* 在计算机网络上编制网页

Once you've installed the software, you're ready to go online. NaviPress is both a browser and an authoring program, so establish your Internet connection and launch NaviPress.

autoscan *n.* 无线电收音机的自动搜索电台的功能

Panasonic's RFB65 features a numeric keypad for tapping in the frequency of the desired station and autoscan for “fishing expeditions” across the dial.

autosound *n.* 汽车的立体声收音设备

I was amused to read that the black-hearted, narrow-minded legislators of California are moving to create restriction on auto sound levels in street vehicles. Sponsors also want to penalize motorists who impede emergency vehicles because they cannot hear approaching sirens above the loud playing of autosound equipment.

avoidance *n.* (构词方式: avoidance

+ *evasion*) 虽然不大光明磊落却是合法的行为举止

Ken Brochman reports about Krusty's tax "avoidance" (with a little argument with his staff) and mentions that it would have never come to light if it weren't for Bart. **baby boomer** *n.* 生育高峰期出生的一代人 (尤指第二次世界大战后的1946年至1961年期间出生的一代美国人)

Some Baby Boomer bosses have labeled my generation self-oriented, cynical and non-committal. In reality, many of us Gen Xers are simply finding our own entrepreneurial solutions to a dramatic reconstructing of corporate America.

baby bust *n.* (美国的) 婴儿出生率骤降的时期 (1965年至1974年)

The grown-up babies of the post-World War II baby boom should be producing a baby boom of their own these days, but aren't. Instead, as front pages around the country have noted in recent months, the number of new babies actually has been decreasing, prompting talk of a "baby bust".

baby buster *n.* (美国的) 婴儿出生

率骤降时期出生的人

Enough already about baby boomers. Marketers have analyzed them to death. Now get ready for the baby busters. They are the consumers born after the baby boom subsided—from about 1965 to 1974—and they are shaping up to be the next hot demographic group.

baby farming *n.* 为了器官移植而克隆和培养人类胚胎

Once it was out, the news that human embryos had been cloned flew around the world with the speed of sound bites bouncing off satellites, ... It was the start of the fiercest scientific debates about medical ethics since the birth of the first test-tube baby 15 years ago. ... A Brave New World of cookie-cutter humans, baked and bred to order, seemed, if not just around the corner, then just over the horizon. Ethicists called up nightmare visions of a baby farming, of clones cannibalized for spare parts.

babysit *v.* 替人临时照看东西

"He wanted me to sit in the shop for a couple of hours to babysit the place, really," Mr. Charteris said last night.

back burner, back-burner *n.* & *adj.* 次要(的), 附属(的), 不重要的(的)

Ford and his people had taken a hands-off view of New York's problems from the first, and had in fact begun back-burner studies of the bankruptcy option as early as last July.

back down *v.* 1. 屈服, 服从

George backed down from supporting the plan when he saw that everyone else was against it.

2. 因为受到威胁而放弃

Richard had boasted that he would fight anyone who opposed him, but he backed down when he realized he couldn't win.

backlogged *adj.* 负担沉重的, 烦扰的

In 1982-1983, for example, business spending fell off and inventories soared as businesses found themselves backlogged with goods nobody wanted.

back-pedal *v.* 见风驶舵

As soon as the audience's strong silence was apparent, the candidate began to back-pedal on the subject of military base closing.

backroom deal *n.* 幕后交易, 秘密

交易

One thing the public doesn't like about politics is backroom deals. People resent the way politicians get together behind closed doors to come to an agreement the voters don't know about.

bad cholesterol *n.* (通俗说法) 低密度脂蛋白 (low-density lipoprotein, 缩写为 LDL), 该项指标高则有可能表明心脏病的危险相对较高 (参见 **good cholesterol**)

Some, but not all, human metabolic studies have shown that trans fatty acids increase the total level of cholesterol levels and, even worse, raise the level of "bad" cholesterol while lowering the level of "good" cholesterol. So the impact on cholesterol levels looks potentially scary.

banditocracy *n.* (构词方式: *bandit* + *-ocracy*) 不法之徒的统治

The Clinton administration, by stripping Colombian President Ernesto Samper of his right to visit America, made a bold, even historic, statement that banditocracy has come to power in this hemisphere.

ball game *n.* 事态, 情况, 局面

Since our competitors have

come out with this new product, it is a whole new ball game.

banana *n.* 古怪的人, 疯子, 疯狂的人

If that banana doesn't stop screaming like that, she's gonna scare away all my customers.

bandwidth *n.* 智力

Part of Slate's apparent hostility toward Web culture comes from a concerted effort to keep cyberjargon, and especially Microsoft-speak, out of the magazine. Banned are references to intelligence as "bandwidth" or characterization of detail-oriented people as "granular," Shafer says.

barrel *v.* 高速行驶

Mickey barreled around the corner on her bike and ran right into a stop again.

barrier-free *adj.* (建筑物设施)方便残疾人的, 没有障碍的 (参见 **architectural barrier**)

Among the barrier-free design features of the new building are wider doors, ramps for wheelchairs, and bar-type door-handles to permit easy navigation for handicapped persons.

BASE jumping *n.* 从悬崖,大厦,桥梁等高处带降落伞自由落下, 高处

跳伞

They have recently taken to jumping off cliffs and other high places. It's called BASE jumping, an acronym for the things the people jump off of: Buildings, Antennas, Spans [meaning bridges] and Earth. In Barbara, California, I met Jan Davis, the first woman to jump off Angel Falls, in Venezuela, which drops 3,212 feet.

basic brown *n.* 对于环境问题不关心, 不负责任的人

The basic browns will resist the higher price caused by the need to make products environmentally sound.

basket case *n.* 不会获胜的人, 毫无希望的人 (或事)

Mr. Green looked like a sure winner this summer. But he's simply made too many mistakes with his campaign and now he is a basket case with no chance to get elected.

bassing *adj.* 立体音响的低音量太大的, 太响的, 太嘈杂的

It's really bassing here. Let's go outside so we can talk.

begathon *n.* (构词形式: *beg* + *marathon*) 电台或电视台播出的呼吁听众或观众踊跃捐款的专题节目

(节目时间多半较长),旨在为慈善,宗教或公益事业筹集必要的资金

A begathon is a TV or radio fund-raiser for a charity, religious organization, or PBS station that employs every known form of guilt, sweet talking, and outright begging to get people to fork over the dough.

beige *adj.* 令人乏味的

The characters in the film were too beige to keep our interest up for three hours.

bereavement fare *n.* 航空公司给为近亲奔丧而临时购票的旅客提供的折扣机票

Bereavement fares are back. Most major U. S. airlines again are offering discounted fares to passengers who must travel at the last minute to attend a close relative's funeral.

big-bang theory *n.* 宇宙大爆炸理论

After the lecture, the students discussed big-bang theory endlessly.

big box *n. & adj.* 专门销售某一类商品的大型连锁商店

Waiting to pounce are chain superstores, outlet centers and "big box" warehouse-type stores

that specialize in one category of merchandise and are often grouped in power centers. Big box stores also are known as "category killers", because they can destroy the competition.

big C *n.* 1. (构词方式:C为 cancer 的缩写)癌症

The doctors were saddened to hear that one of their colleagues had been diagnosed with the big C. 2. (构词方式:C代表 cocaine)可卡因

I'm more valued than diamonds, more treasured than gold. Use me just once and you too will be sold. Remember, my friend, my name is "Big C". If you try me one time you may never be free.

big kahuna *n.* 有影响的,重要的人或事

St. Petersburg's roll of the dice is especially dramatic. But it isn't the only city betting on what might be called the Big Kahuna approach to economic development: building big projects and hoping that, like some Hawaiian witch doctor, they'll magically bring cash and prestige.

big tent *n.* 包容各种不同政治和社会观点的政策或做法

Before he died last year, Republican National Committee Chairman Lee Atwater was advocating a "big tent" approach to abortion, within which both strict anti-abortionists and committed abortion-rights advocates would feel at home.

biliteracy *n.* 可以用两种语言进行阅读及写作的能力

The developmental bilingual program at the school has the goal of bilingualism and biliteracy for all students including native speakers of English.

bio business *n.* 先进的生物制品的开发, 生产与销售

If all these maneuverings suggest high-powered industrial warfare rather than molecular biology, it is because gene splicing and the bio business in general are fast becoming the go-go darlings of Wall Street.

biofuture *n.* 生物前景, 个人健康状况的潜在趋势

In only the last decade some 80 diseases have been traced to predisposing genetic factors, and the hereditary components of dozens more disorders are being identified each year. These insights

into our personal biofutures may range from knowledge of our likelihood of developing cancer to our vulnerability to pollutants and certain mental diseases.

biopic *n.* (构词方式: *biographic* moving picture) 关于名人生活的电影

The beloved singer's life is movingly depicted in the new television biopic.

bio-robot *n.* 生物机器人

A new Japanese "bio-robot", due to be introduced commercially next year, promises to revolutionize genetic engineering by automating cumbersome DNA analyses and manipulation.

birth *adj.* 亲生的, 直接血缘关系的

Between adopted persons and their "birth parents", a term he prefers to "natural parents" because he feels the latter implies adopted parents are somewhat less important.

bite *n.* 电视节目或者广播节目中插入的政治性或商业性短广告、简短的妙语, 时间一般不超过 30 秒 (参见 *sound bite*)

"You're the one that was making the comparison, Senator," Be-

ntsen retorted. "Well, there's the bite," his debate coach, Michael Sheehan, said, watching in a room offstage.

black spot *n.* 贫困的焦点, 危险地点 困难的地方, 事件或局面

The marchers have been collecting thousands of signatures for a petition urging help for unemployment black spots. It will be handed into the House of Commons next Wednesday.

blender tender *n.* (餐馆, 酒吧里) 用电动调制器调配饮料及酒品的调酒师

On Fridays, during happy hour, so many people order margaritas and daquiris that we need an extra blender tender.

blandspeak *n.* 索然无味的语言, 平淡的语言风格

The book is written in dead blandspek that seems unique to science fiction experts, with a strictly functional use of the English language whose vocabulary is limited to a choice of the dullest and least evocative words, and the syntax is brain-crunching.

bloatware *n.* 占用大量磁盘空间和存储的电脑软件

Many of the most popular pro-

grams today are immense, top-heavy bloatwares that do what they're supposed to do very well, but at cost of enormous resource requirement.

bloodhead *n.* (中国的) 血头, 非法组织贩卖血液并从中牟取暴利的人

Then there are career donors such as old Mr. Sun, a Beijing fruit peddler who has sold blood 22 times since 1984. Working through a blood broker, or "bloodhead", he stands in illegally for people drafted as donors by their work units and makes \$50 a visit.

blow off *vt.* 忽略 放弃 拒绝参与; 断绝 (关系)

I'm not surprised at this week's divorce between IBM and Microsoft, but I couldn't predict it last week. While IBM blows off Microsoft, its Patriot Partners development project with Metaphor has been carefully crated to protect Big Blue from legal problems with Apple Computer.

blowout *n.* 清仓大减价、大甩卖时出售的物品。

A Toronto specialty store recently advertised a "blowout sale" on a desktop computer called the Tomcat for \$895, 75 percent off

the regular price of \$ 3,995.

bluehair *n.* 上了年纪的人, 老年人

I've been mowing lawns for the bluehairs on my block all the summer. It's a good deal—one tips big and the other one makes me a good glass of iced tea when I'm done.

boat people *n.* 海上难民, 通过乘坐船只从海上进入他国的难民

In recent months, more and more Vietnamese boat people arrived in Hong Kong, causing new problems in the already crowded refugee camps.

body-con *n. & adj.* (构词方式: *body* *conscious*) 身体曲线的紧身裤, 紧身装

These days many Japanese women are trying to expose their way out of society's confining female models. Decked out in "body-con", or skin tight "body conscious" dresses, ordinary women are appearing on TV shows to compete in "sexiness" contests—even elementary-school girls and "sexy mommies" in their forties join in.

bomb thrower *n.* 搞分裂的或破坏的过激分子

People who dismissed Gingrich as a cartoonish bomb thrower

underestimated him.

bonanza baby *n.* 发横财的幸运儿

That is why notch babies' checks look small compared with those of people born before them, who are sometimes known as "bonanza babies".

bookmark *n.* 电子书签, 为了迅速进入因特网而在网址上所作的标记

Whatever site you visit to get local information will require you to browse through a few levels of choice, such as region, state, city. The trick to making it useful is to save whatever page has the information you need as a "bookmark" or "hot spot" on your Web browser or Gopher tool. Then you can hop back to it instantly.

boomer generation *n.* (美国) 婴儿激增时期 (指 40 年代中期至 60 年代初期) 出生的人

The Boomer generation is going to be an enormous generation for women in politics. Look at the wives of candidates of Silent generation vs. Boomer generation.

boomerang baby, boomerang kid *n.* 完成学业后又回到家里与父母同住的年轻人

Boomerang babies are those who are expensively educated, em-

played and still living at home. The return home of the “boomerang kids” as some call them, is a sign that young people in Toronto are having a tough time breaching into the middle class, or at least in acquiring its usual accoutrements.

bottom of the world *n. phr.* 南极

Pollution and volcanic dust are carried by the atmosphere toward the bottom of the world where they come to earth with falling snow.

breath-test *vt.* 呼吸酒精浓度检测

Police breath-tested 300 anonymous volunteers in London in an experiment to show them the effects of drinking—and half of them failed.

brewhound *n.* 酗酒者

His father was a hopeless brewhound in the small town.

bribe bank *n.* 将用于行贿的钱暂时存放的地点, 受贿的警察可随时到此处收取

A bodega within the precinct's borders is said to have served as a veritable bribe bank where dealers left weekly deposits with the owner and the officers showed up to make withdrawals.

Britcom *n.* (构词方式: *British* + *comedy*) 英国电视喜剧

These British comedies—they call them Britcoms—they really do cost money.

brochureware *n.* 因特网上的广告

Web surfers tend to be self-directed. They typically have little patience for “brochureware”, advertisements that are thrown up like so many billboards.

brownie *n.* 交通警察

Shiela moaned when she saw the brownie placing a ticket on her car.

brown off *vt.* 使沮丧, 使悲痛; 厌烦, 激怒

Our experience of English beaches in the wet August of 1985 had so browned us off that I determined to head south for a real sun-tan.

brownout *n.* (构词方式: 由 *black-out* 类比而成) 部分灯火管制, 部分停止供电

Experts predicted that brownouts would be a common occurrence if energy consumption continues to rise.

browse *v.* (在互联网上) 浏览

I browsed through the various on-line journals to find the latest comment on the novel written by the black woman writer.

browser *n.* 浏览器,浏览软件(能与因特网的不同层面连接以帮助用户在互联网上进行浏览的计算机软件)

These browsers are the key to what's happening today, though what role they will play a few years down the line is anyone's guess. By using a mouse and on-screen icons, browser users get easy access to the Internet—whether through newsgroups, gopher searches, e-mail or any of the other network tools.

budget motel *n.* 廉价汽车旅馆

The budget motel's rooms are fully furnished, carpeted and air-conditioned. Some have individual phones in the rooms. Budget motels do not have luxurious lobbies, or spacious grounds, and many do not have swimming pools or restaurants.

bugbot *n.* (构词形式: *bug* + *robot*)
小型可移动自动装置

Earlier in his career, MIT professor Rodney Brooks helped put this approach on the AI map by building insectlike robots—"bugbots"—that wandered around his laboratory without the benefit of any single guiding program.

bugg off *v.* 离开,走开,排斥

The body's immune system is nature's way of telling foreign substance to bugg off.

bug juice *n.* 抗菌素

Let's get this patient fixed up with some bug juice to knock out that infection.

bulk up *v.* 通过器械锻炼使肌肉变得发达

Tory had really bulked up since she started working out with a personal trainer.

bum rap *n.* 不公平的惩罚

Denise felt she got a bum rap when she was the only one punished for painting the fence with graffiti.

bundling gerund 在同一座房子里设立两家或两家以上的快餐连锁店

In much earlier times, "bundling" referred to the custom of a unmarried couple occupying the same bed without undressing while they were courting...The word has taken on a new meaning. Bundling, '90s style, means two or more fast-food chains taking up residence under the same roof.

bungee jumping, bungi jumping, bungee cord jumping *n.* 蹦极跳

The stunt, witnessed by hundreds of morning commuters, is

called “bun-gee jumping” and is somethinglike parachute jumping without a parachute...Seconds after the five Britons leaped from the Golden Gate Bridge at 8 a.m. , the elastic cords broke their free fall and snapped them almost back up to the bridge walkway, 220 feet above the bay.

bunker atmosphere *n.* (即将失去政治权利等之前的)最后挣扎,孤注一掷

Until late in the week Abe Beame was struggling to prevent the loss of the power that he had exercised so inadequately during the months of mounting crisis. In the bunker atmosphere of city hall , one die-hard loyalist muttered that Carey and his aides were out to “destroy” the mayor.

bunker mentality *n.* 即将失去政治权利之前或者面对批评时孤注一掷的反应或做法

Amid signs of a bunker mentality in the White House, Attorney General Edwin Meese and Treasury Secretary James Baker are considering a set of “new initiative” to divert public attention from the Iran arms scandal.

buppie *n.* (构词方式: *black* + *yup-*

pie)黑人雅皮士

Like affluent whites, many affluent blacks have drifted to the suburbs. According to Georgia Trend, in 1979, black families in Atlanta's central city earned less than half of what white families earned. But in the suburbs , black families earned two-thirds as much. The gap was narrowest for suburban black families where wage earners were 25 to 34 — the buppies.

burgernomics *n.* (构词方式: *hamburger* + *economics*) 用汉堡包的价格来类推购买力的一种简单化的经济理论

PPPs can be viewed as an equilibrium only in the very long run. In the shorter term, exchange rates are influenced by other factors, such as interest rates. Yet investors would be foolish to ignore burgernomics altogether.

burn in *vt.* 试用检查 (计算机软件)看是否有毛病和缺陷

When the software arrives, you should “burn it in”. Boot it up on your computer and check to make sure that it “talks” to your printer. Make sure you can save and retrieve data as you expect. If

the disks are defective, you'll know almost immediately.

buscapade *n.* (构词方式: *bus* + *campaign* + *-ade*) 乘坐公共汽车的政治竞选旅行

I got hooked last winter during the pre-primary scandals, then stayed tuned for the groundswell for Ross Perot, the summer conventions, the buscapade.

bust *n.* 警察的突然搜查

The night the club was raided, he was rushed into the kitchen, fitted with a white jacket, and disguised as a waiter until the bust was completed.

buster *n.* (美国的) 婴儿出生率骤降时期出生的人 (参见 **baby buster**)

Busters are also characterized as driven people, preoccupied with success in school and in careers. "They are definitely a materialistic group, but unlike yuppies, they are more into being entrepreneurs — starting their own health club or disco," says Larry Graham, a marketing consultant who advises companies on the attitudes and spending habits of consumers 13-to-25 years old.

buyer's market *n.* 买方市场

This buyer's market allows the admissions staff to consider a delectable question: if nearly every applicant is qualified, then who is most desirable?

buzz crusher *n.* 使他人扫兴的人

We were just fooling around when the coach came in and yelled at us. What a buzz crusher.

cablevision *n.* (构词方式: *cable* + *television*) 有线电视, 有线电视

Maybe the cablevision isn't working because only Channel 4 has a good picture.

cafeteria *n.* & *adj.* 有多种选择的

The idea for a "cafeteriastyle" wage plan stemmed from a study of 2000 unionized workers on the West Coast. This showed "wide variation" in the psychological value of pensions, hospital insurance and other fringe benefits to hourly paid workers. These packages, called "cafeteria plans", are only in operation in a dozen major corporations, but they are being considered by many others.

caffeinated water *n.* 含有咖啡因的水

Sold under brand names such as Water Joe and Java Johnny, this