



Lesson 36 The cost of government

correspondingly [7kɒrə'spændɪŋli]

adv. 相应地, 从而, 因此

corresponding adj. similar, or resulting from something else 类似的, 相应的

Company losses were 50 per cent worse than in the corresponding period last year.

As the course becomes more difficult, there's usually a corresponding drop in attendance.

correspondingly adv. 相应地, 从而, 因此

The cost of living in the city is more expensive, but salaries are supposed to be correspondingly higher.

correspond v. 1. to be the same as or match sth. 相一致, 相符合

Your account and hers correspond.

correspond with / to ...

Your account of events corresponds with / to hers.

correspond v. 2. to be similar to or the same as sth else 相当于

correspond to ...

The American Congress corresponds to the British Parliament.

The British job of Lecturer corresponds roughly to the US Associate Professor.

correspond v. 3. exchange letters 通信



They have corresponded regularly for years.

correspond with ...

I've been corresponding with several experts in the field.

correspondence n. 1. [C] a strong connection between two things 紧密联系

There is a definite correspondence between infant mortality and poverty.

correspondence n. 2. [U or singular] the process of writing and receiving letters 通信

I refused to enter into any correspondence with him about it.

We kept up a correspondence for many years.

correspondence n. [U] the letters that someone sends and receives 某人的信件

A secretary came in twice a week to deal with his correspondence.

There is nothing secretive about the Ombudsman's work, for his correspondence is open to public inspection.

incur [In'kʊ:(r)]

v. 蒙受经济损失，不得不支付； 招致，招惹

incur v. 1. if you incur costs, you have to pay them 蒙受经济损失，不得不支付

incur costs / losses / debts etc.

The company has incurred huge losses over the past three years.



An enterprise has to incur certain costs and expenses in order to stay in business.

incur v. 2. if you incur sth. unpleasant, it happens to you because of sth. you have done 招致, 招惹

Each stage of the process incurs an additional risk.

incur sb's displeasure / wrath etc.

She wondered what she'd done to incur his displeasure this time.

She had incurred the wrath of her father by marrying without his consent.

occur v. 发生

When exactly did the incident occur?

Something unexpected occurred.

concur v. 同意; 同时发生

We strongly concur with the recommendations of this report.

Everything concurred to produce the desired effect.

recur v. 再次发生, 反复发生

We must make sure that the problem does not recur.

a recurring illness / nightmare

The same old favourites recur year in year out with monotonous regularity.

administer [əd'mɪnɪstə(r)]

v. 管理; 给予, 施以



administer v. 1. to manage the work or money of a company or organization 管理

to administer a charity / fund / school

The pension funds are administered by commercial banks.

The plan calls for the UN to administer the country until elections can be held.

administer v. 2. (fml.) to cause sb. to receive sth. 给予, 施以

to administer medicine / punishment / relief

The test was administered to all 11-year-olds.

administrator n. [C] 管理人员, 行政人员

administrative adj. 管理的, 行政的

administrative staff / duties / job / costs

administration n. 1. [U] 管理

She has little experience in administration.

administration n. 2. [C] (尤指美国) 政府

This happened frequently during the Nixon Administration.

administration n. 3. [U] 给予, 施以

the administration of justice

the administration of sedatives

analogous [ə'næləgəs]

adj. 类似的



analogous adj. (fml.) similar in some way to another thing or situation
and therefore able to be compared with it 类似的

The two processes are not analogous.

be analogous to / with ...

Sleep has often been thought of as being in some way analogous to death.

The present crisis is analogous with the situation immediately before the war.

analogy n. sth. that seems similar between two situations, processes etc.
类似

draw / make an analogy = make
a comparison

He drew an analogy between the brain and a vast computer.

initiative [ɪ'nɪʃətv]

n. 积极性, 主动性; 主动权

initiative n. [U] the ability to make decisions and take action without
waiting for someone to tell you what to do 积极性, 主动性

a man who lacks the initiative to be a leader

I wish my son would show more initiative.

the initiative [sing] power or right to take action 主动权

The initiative has passed to us.

Because of the general's indecisiveness, our armies have lost the initiative



to the enemy.

It was up to the US to take the initiative in repairing relations.

“it” = to go

initial “in” = into adj. 最初的; n. 姓名首字母; v. 签姓名首字母

initiate v. 发起, 创始; 接纳.....为新成员

initiation n. 发起, 创始; 入会

initiator n. 发起人, 创始者

initiative n. 积极性, 主动性; 主动权

itinerary n. 行程, 旅行计划

circuit “circu” = round n. 环行线, 周线; 电路

circuitous adj. 迂回的, 曲折的

transit “trans” = across n. 运输

transition n. 过渡

transitional adj. 过渡性的

unduly [ʌn'dju:li]

adv. 过度地

unduly adv. more than is normal or reasonable = excessively 过度地

The levels of pollution in this area are unduly high.

He did not sound unduly worried at the prospect.

We realized that they must have become unduly frightened by the rising flood, for their house, which had sound foundations, would have stood stoutly even if it had been almost submerged.



undue = excessive adj. 过度的

The work should be carried out without undue delay.

We did not want to put any undue pressure on them.

And if this something else is rightly chosen, if it really attended by the illumination of another field of interest, gradually, and often quite swiftly, the old undue grip relaxes and the process of recuperation and repair begins.

due adj. 1. proper, suitable 适当的

After due consideration, we have decided to appoint Mr. Davis to the job.

due adj. 2. expected to happen or arrive at a particular time 预期的, 到时间的

When's the baby due?

The next train is due in five minutes.

be due to do sth.

The strike is due to begin on Tuesday.

His new book is due to be published next year.

If a nation is essentially disunited, it is left to the government to hold it together.

essentially adv. 1. used for emphasizing what is the most important aspect of sth. or fact about sth. 本质上, 根本上

There are three essentially different ways of tackling the problem.

essentially adv. 2. used for saying that sth. is mostly true, but not



completely true 大体上, 基本

The list is essentially complete.

His analysis of urban use of agricultural land has been proved essentially correct.

leave v. to let someone else decide sth. or be responsible for sth. 让某人决定或负责某事

leave sth. to sb.

You can leave the cooking to me.

I'll leave it to you to buy the tickets.

hold sth. together: cause sth. to remain together, unite sth. 使.....团结一致

The country needs a leader who will hold the nation together.

In those days the Church held the community together.

This increases the expense of government, and reduces correspondingly the amount of economic resources that could be used for developing the country.

Number is regularly used with count nouns <a large number of mistakes> while amount is mainly used with mass nouns <annual amount of rainfall>. The use of amount with count nouns has been frequently criticized; it usually occurs when the number of things is thought of as a mass or collection <glad to furnish any amount of black pebbles> or when money is involved <a substantial amount of loans>.



use sth. for (doing) sth.

They were using animals for scientific experiments.

And it should not be forgotten how small those resources are in a poor and backward country.

backward adj. developing slowly and less successfully than most others
落后的

a backward child

It will take decades to bring this backward country into the modern age.

Where the cost of government is high, resources for development are correspondingly low.

This may be illustrated *by comparing the position of a nation with that of a private business enterprise.*

illustrate v. to make the meaning of sth. clearer by using examples, pictures, etc. (用例子、图表等) 说明, 阐明

To illustrate my point, let me tell you a little story.

The lecturer illustrated his point with a diagram on the blackboard.

be illustrated by ...

Their properties could be illustrated by simple experiments.

The general restlessness and hurry of life are always illustrated by the practice of fast eating.

amply / clearly / dramatically / graphically / vividly illustrate ...



One example may amply illustrate this point.

The example of the United States graphically illustrates this point.

The story of a poor family that acquired fame and fortune overnight, dramatically illustrates the power of the press.

illustration n. 1. 插图; 2. 例证, 例子

A recent article in a weekly newspaper, for instance, was headed with a striking illustration of a lady in a state of considerable distress, with the caption 'She was yet another victim, reduced to a screaming wreck'.

compare ... with / and ...

to examine people or things to see how they are similar and how they are different

contrast ... with / and ...

to compare two things, ideas, people etc. to show how different they are from each other

position n. the situation that someone is in, especially when this affects what they can and cannot do 地位, 处境, 状况

in a / an delicate / dominating / favorable / adverse position

She's in the enviable position of being able to choose who she works with.

When two of your best friends argue it puts you in a very awkward position.

Future historians will be in a unique position when they come to record



the history of our own times.

If you are younger, and in a solid financial position, you may decide to take an aggressive approach but only if you're blessed with a sanguine disposition and won't suffer sleepless nights over share prices.

Her tone was that of a parent to a disobedient child.

Some commentators compared his work with that of James Joyce.

His style could scarcely be further removed from that of his predecessor.

Cockburn's arrival coincided with that of Sir Iain and Lady Noble.

An enterprise has to incur certain costs and expenses in order to stay in business.

in business: A company that is in business is operating and trading. (公司) 经营, 运转

The company has been in business for over thirty years.

You can't stay in business without cash.

For our purposes, we are concerned only with one kind of cost — the cost of managing and administering the business.

purposes n. [pl.] what is needed in a particular situation 需要

for ... purposes 出于.....的需要

These gifts count as income for tax purposes.

For the purposes of this study, the three groups have been combined.

For the purposes of this book, America is taken to include the continent north of Mexico.



be concerned with sth.: be about sth. 与某事物有关，涉及某事物

Her latest documentary is concerned with youth unemployment.

be concerned about / for sth.: be worried about sth. 为某事担忧

We're all concerned about / for her safety.

Such administrative overheads in a business are analogous to the cost of government in a nation.

overheads n. [pl] regular expenses involved in running a business, e.g. rent, light, heating, salaries （企业运转所需要的）经费（如房租、电费、取暖费、薪金）

Heavy overheads reduced his profits.

be analogous to / with ...

But these are not analogous to what happens when man ages.

The administrative overheads of a business are low to the extent that everyone working in the business can be trusted to behave in a way that best promotes the interests of the firm.

to the extent that ... 1. 以至于.....

Sales have fallen badly this year, to the extent that we will have to close some of our shops.

Violence increased to the extent that residents were afraid to leave their homes.

to the extent that ... 2. 只要.....，只有.....

To the extent that the people can be relied upon to behave in a loyal and



responsible manner, the government does not require armies of police and civil servants to keep them in order.

Expenses are deductible only to the extent that in aggregate they exceed 7 percent of gross income.

interest n. [C usually pl, U] benefit, advantage 好处, 利益

protect / safeguard / look after sb's interest(s)

All he cares about is protecting his own interests.

As long ago as 1809, the Swedish Parliament introduced a scheme to safeguard the interest of the individual.

in sb.'s interest(s): for or to sb.'s advantage 为某人的利益, 对某人有好处

Lesson 53 In the public interest

But if a nation is disunited, the government cannot be sure that the actions of the people will be in the interests of the nation; and it will have to watch, check, and control the people accordingly.

If they can each be trusted to take such responsibilities, and to exercise such initiative as falls within their sphere, then administrative overheads will be low.

take (on / over) / accept / assume / bear / shoulder responsibility for (doing) sth.

Who do you trust to take responsibility for Britain's defence?

Be careful you don't take on too much responsibility.



The bank refuses to accept responsibility for the mistake.

Serrano immediately assumed temporary responsibility for foreign affairs.

exercise v. (fml.) to use your power, rights or personal qualities in order to achieve sth. 使用, 运用, 利用

When she appeared in court she exercised her right to remain silent.

He was a man who exercised considerable influence over people.

Always exercise caution when handling radioactive substances.

fall v. to belong to or be part of a particular group, area of responsibility, range of things, or type of things 属于.....

fall within / into / under ...

The judge said that this matter did not fall within the scope of the auditor's duties.

Many illnesses fall into the category of stress-related illnesses.

Meat and poultry production fall under the control of the Agriculture Department.

sphere n. an area of responsibility or a type of situation over which a person or group has influence or power 范围

They knew not to interfere in matters outside their sphere of operation.

The economic boom has greatly expanded the U.S.'s sphere of influence.

such / the same / as / so ... as ...

I need the same tool as you are using.



I need such a tool as you are using.

I need as useful a tool as you are using.

Such inns as there were were generally dirty and flea-ridden

If they can each be trusted to take such responsibilities and to exercise such initiative as falls within their sphere, then administrative overheads will be low.

It will be low because it will be necessary to have only one man looking after each job, without having another man to check upon what he is doing, keep him in line, and report on him to someone else.

have sb. doing sth.

I am sorry to have you waiting so long.

She had us working day after day.

look after 1. to take care of someone by helping them, giving them what they need, or keeping them safe = take care of 照顾, 照料

Don't worry, I'll look after the kids tomorrow.

look after 2. to be responsible for dealing with something = take care of 负责处理.....

I'm leaving you here to look after the business until I get back.

have sb. (to) do

I won't have you say such things.

I will have someone to translate the story for me.

check on / upon ...: to make sure that someone or something is safe, is in



a satisfactory state, or is doing what they should be doing 检查, 核查,
监督

Honey, can you go upstairs and check on the kids?

My neighbour comes in once a week to check on things and feed the fish.

in line: 得到控制, 有秩序

The coach kept the excited team in line.

The government passed a new law to keep prices in line.

When the teacher came back into the room, she quickly brought the class
back in line.

report on ... (to sb.) (向某人) 汇报关于.....的情况

I've asked him to come back next week and report on his progress (to
me).

He reported on the whole event (to the minister).

But if no one can be trusted to act in a loyal and responsible manner
towards his job, then the business will require armies of administrators,
checkers, and foremen, and administrative overheads will rise
correspondingly.

manner n. [sing] person's way of behaving towards others 态度

She has a rather cold, unfriendly manner.

manner towards ...

Something in Beth's manner towards him had changed.

foreman n. (pl foremen) experienced worker who supervises and directs



other workers 领班; 工头

As administrative overheads rise, so the earnings of the business after meeting the expense of administration, will fall; and the business will have less money *to distribute as dividends or invest directly in its future progress and development*.

earnings n. [pl.] 1. the money that you earn for the work that you do 薪水

earnings n. [pl.] 2. the profit that a company makes 公司的利润

meet v. to make a payment that needs to be made 支付, 偿付 (某费用)

meet all the expenses / bills

The cost will be met by the company.

The government has promised to meet the cost of clearing up after the floods.

distribute v. to share things among a group of people, especially in a planned way = give out 分配, 分发

distribute sth. among / to sb.

Clothes and blankets have been distributed among the refugees.

The demonstrators distributed leaflets to passers-by.

dividend n. a part of a company's profit that is divided among the people with shares in the company (付给股票持有者的) 股息, 红利

It is precisely the same with a nation.

To the extent that the people can be relied upon to behave in a loyal and



responsible manner, the government does not require armies of police and civil servants to keep them in order.

army n. an organized group of people who are working together or helping someone 团体, 大军

army of ...

Armies of rescue workers are sorting through the rubble.

civil servant n. someone employed in the civil service 公务员, 政府的文职人员

The Swedes were the first to recognize that public officials like civil servants, police officers, health inspectors or tax-collectors can make mistakes or act over-zealously in the belief that they are serving the public.

order n. [U] (condition brought about by) obedience to laws, rules, authority 治安, 秩序, 规矩

keep sb. in order 使.....守规矩

Some teachers find it difficult to keep their classes in order.

But if a nation is disunited, the government cannot be sure that the actions of the people will be in the interests of the nation; and it will have to watch, check, and control the people accordingly.

accordingly adv. 1. as a result of sth. = therefore 因此

Some of the laws were contradictory. Accordingly, measures were taken to clarify them.



The cost of materials rose sharply last year. Accordingly, we were forced to increase our prices.

accordingly adv. 2. in a way that is appropriate to what has been done or said in a particular situation 相应地

They have broken the rules and will be punished accordingly.

It is a difficult job and they should be paid accordingly.

A disunited nation therefore has to incur unduly high costs of government.

Lesson 37 The process of aging

likelihood ['laɪklihʊd]

n. 可能性

There is every likelihood that he will run for president next year.

There is little likelihood that he will run for president next year.

There is little likelihood of his attending the wedding.

There is every likelihood of the prophecy failing.

in all likelihood = very likely

in all probability = very probably

in all honesty = very honestly

in all frankness = very frankly

in all seriousness = very seriously



in all eagerness = very eagerly

in all sincerity = very sincerely

History does not relate whether his friend accepted his medical help, but in all probability he did.

John Dewey has said in all seriousness that the part played by custom in shaping the behaviour of the individual, as against any way in which he can affect traditional custom, is as the proportion of the total vocabulary of his mother tongue against those words of his own baby talk that are taken up into the vernacular of his family.

Liu Bei made three personal calls at the thatched cottage to solicit Zhuge Liang's help in all sincerity and eagerness.

Dear Edward: I've gone back and forth the last few days trying to decide whether or not I should even write this. In the end, I realized I would regret it if I didn't. So, here goes. I know, the last time we saw each other, we weren't exactly hitting the sweetest notes.

It certainly wasn't the way I wanted our trip to end. I suppose I'm responsible, and for that I'm sorry. But in all honesty, if I had the chance, I'd do it again.

Good afternoon. My name is Edward Cole. I do not know what most people say on these occasions, because in all honesty I've tried to avoid them.

vulnerable ['vʌlnərəbl]



adj. 脆弱的, 易受伤害的

vulnerable adj. weak or easy to hurt physically or mentally 脆弱的, 易受伤害的

We should help the vulnerable groups in society.

be vulnerable to sb. / sth.

Young birds are vulnerable to predators.

The wound is vulnerable to infection.

(A) Pesticides can cause an amphibian's skin to dry out.

(B) Pesticides kill the insects that amphibians depend on for food.

(C) Dissolved pesticides can easily enter amphibian's bodies.

(D) Amphibians may eat plants that have been treated with pesticides.

Many pesticides that farmers applied to their crops are eventually washed away by the rain and end up in ponds or other bodies of water where amphibians live.

Amphibians are especially vulnerable to pesticides dissolved in the water because of their moist skins. Water can pass through an amphibian's skin allowing toxins dissolved in the water to enter the amphibian's body.

Many pesticides that farmers applied to their crops are eventually washed away by the rain and end up in ponds or other bodies of water where amphibians live. Amphibians are especially vulnerable to pesticides dissolved in the water because of their moist skins. Water can pass



through an amphibian's skin allowing toxins dissolved in the water to enter the amphibian's body.

Q: According to the speaker, why do pesticides pose a threat to amphibians?

Answer: (C) Dissolved pesticides can easily enter amphibian's bodies.

be susceptible to sth.

Children are particularly susceptible to the disease.

Some officials are susceptible to corruption.

paper tiger

US imperialism is a paper tiger.

All reactionaries are paper tigers.

Achilles heel

Achilles: the hero of Homer's Iliad, the son of Peleus and Thetis, the slayer of Hector

John's Achilles heel is his vanity.

Official corruption remains the government's Achilles heel.

imperceptible

[7ɪmpə'septəbl]

adj. 感觉不到的, 难以觉察的

imperceptible

perceptible

tangible

intangible



visible / in sight

invisible / out of sight

audible / within earshot

inaudible / out of earshot

(A) John is too far away to hear.

(B) John is out of money.

(C) John hasn't left yet.

(D) John doesn't hear well.

M: Hey, John! John!

W: Save your breath. He's out of earshot.

Q: What does the woman mean?

Answer: (A) John is too far away to hear.

ageing ['eɪdʒɪŋ]

n. & adj.

老化 (的), 老龄化 (的)

aging / ageing

the process of aging

the aging process

the aging problem

China's aging population

graying / greying



the graying of the world

the graying problem

China's graying population

An idle youth, a needy age.

All that is in my mind when I meet a young person. He may be conceited, ill-mannered, presumptuous or fatuous, but I do not turn for protection to dreary clichés about respect of elders—as if mere age were a reason for respect.

I'll give you everything I can

I'll build your dreams with these two hands

We'll hang some memories on the wall

And when just the two of us are there

You won't have to ask if I still care

'Cause as time turns the page

My love won't age at all

As we age, our skin becomes less elastic.

She has aged well.

odds [ɒdz]

n. 可能性；困难，逆境

the odds are (that) ...



The odds are (that) you're going to fail.

the odds are in favor of ...

the odds are against ...

The odds are in favor of his winning.

The odds are against his winning.

There are heavy odds in favor of his being married this year.

There are overwhelming odds against an Argentinean victory.

against (all) the odds

Against (all) the odds she achieved her dream of becoming a ballerina.

beat / overcome the odds

fight / battle / struggle against the odds

If they had only had one more child, the fact would have passed unnoticed. They would have continued to struggle against economic odds and would have lived in obscurity.

fight / battle / struggle against the elements

Men accustomed to struggling for survival against the elements and Indians were bewildered by politicians, bankers and businessmen, and unhorsed by fences, laws and alien taboos.

thermodynamics [ˈθɜːməʊdaɪˈnæmɪks]

n. 热力学

thermodynamics n. a branch of physics dealing with the relations between



heat and other forms of energy 热力学

“therm(o)” = heat thermometer

thermos / Thermos

thermos / Thermos mug

thermal thermal energy

thermal spring

thermal underwear

“dynam” = power dynamic

dynamite dynamics

thermodynamics

hydrodynamics

at most at least

at best at worst

at one's + 形容词最高级

处于某人最.....的状态

When are you at your best?

When are you at your worst?

When are you at your most effective?

When are you at your most vulnerable?

The garden is at its most beautiful in June.

Caesar was at his most powerful when he conquered Gaul.

He was constantly on the move.



He is always on the go.

The patient is on the recovery.

The program is on the air at 7 o'clock.

Crimes are on the rise.

The dog is on the alert.

The workers are on strike.

Today I'm on duty.

The nurse is on call.

I'm here on business.

I'm here on vacation.

The car is under repair.

The castle is under attack.

The subject is under discussion.

The matter is under consideration.

You are under arrest.

The patient is under observation.

The case is under investigation.

The bridge is under construction.

The building is under renovation.

It has yet to reach its full size and strength, and its owner (has yet to reach)

his or her full intelligence; but at this age the likelihood of death is least.

have yet to do 还没有.....; 有待于.....



I have yet to make a decision.

The bank has yet to respond to our letter.

The Da Vinci Code, starring Tom Hanks, has yet to open next month.

... and we have only to turn to that extraordinary discovery of echo-location in bats to see a case in which the voice plays a strictly utilitarian role.

have only to do ... to do ...

只需.....就可以.....

You have only to press the button to call the nurse.

... and its owner (has yet to reach) his or her full intelligence.

Spiders are not insects, as many people think, nor even nearly related to them.

Spiders are not insects, as many people think, nor (are they) even nearly related to them.

Such inns as there were were generally dirty and flea-ridden; the food simply local cheese accompanied by bread often twelve months old, all washed down with coarse wine.

Such inns as there were were generally dirty and flea-ridden; the food (was) simply local cheese accompanied by bread often twelve months old, all washed down with coarse wine.

During these tests she was able to read a newspaper through an opaque screen and, stranger still, by moving her elbow over a child's game of



Lotto she was able to describe the figures and colours printed on it; and, in another instance, wearing stockings and slippers, to make out with her foot the outlines and colours of a picture hidden under a carpet.

During these tests she was able to read a newspaper through an opaque screen and, stranger still, by moving her elbow over a child's game of Lotto she was able to describe the figures and colours printed on it; and, in another instance, wearing stockings and slippers, (she was able) to make out with her foot the outlines and colours of a picture hidden under a carpet.

But, if this world is not merely a bad joke, life a vulgar flare amid the cool radiance of the stars, and existence an empty laugh braying across the mysteries; ...

But, if this world is not merely a bad joke, life (is not merely) a vulgar flare amid the cool radiance of the stars, and existence (is not merely) an empty laugh braying across the mysteries; ...

It is said that in England death is pressing, in Canada inevitable and in California optional. Small wonder. Americans' life expectancy has nearly doubled over the past century. Failing hips can be replaced, clinical depression controlled, cataracts removed in a 30-minutes surgical procedure.

It is said that in England death is pressing, in Canada (death is) inevitable and in California (death is) optional. Small wonder. Americans' life



expectancy has nearly doubled over the past century. Failing hips can be replaced, clinical depression (can be) controlled, cataracts (can be) removed in a 30-minutes surgical procedure.

Vegetables are best when they are fresh.

We are busiest on Mondays.

... but at this age the possibilities of death are fewest.

Earlier, we were infants and young children, and consequently more vulnerable; later, we shall undergo a progressive loss of our vigour and resistance which, though imperceptible at first, will finally become so steep that we can live no longer, however well we look after ourselves, and however well society, and our doctors, look after us.

Earlier, we were infants and young children, and (we were) consequently more vulnerable;

Although mankind has undergone no general improvement in intelligence or morality,

progressive

progressive ideas

a progressive party

progressive decline / reduction / increase / loss

One prominent symptom of the disease is progressive loss of memory.

... though (the loss is) imperceptible at first, ...

It is one of the most unpleasant discoveries which we all make that we



must decline in this way, that if we escape wars, accidents and diseases
we shall eventually 'die of old age', and that this happens at a rate *which*
differs little from person to person, so that there are heavy odds in favour
of our dying between the ages of sixty-five and eighty.

decline v. deteriorate

His health has been declining / deteriorating progressively for several months.

decline an invitation

“if”引导让步状语从句

1、= even if ...

If he noticed the fact, he didn't care.

... even their sagas, if they had any, are forgotten.

This result merely confirms earlier American and British studies: if there is any effect of noise upon mental health, it must be so small that present methods of psychiatric diagnosis cannot find it.

2、= although perhaps

Donald's essays are always interesting, if sometimes poorly written.

She understood his meaning, if not his words, and took his advice.

differ little

differ a little

differ greatly / significantly / enormously

vary from person to person



improve from day to day

read sth. from cover to cover

sell sth. from door to door

There are heavy / overwhelming odds in favor of / against ...

life expectancy

But the chances are against it, and there is a virtual limit on how long we can hope to remain alive, however lucky and robust we are.

The following day, however, the doctor consoled him by telling him that his chances of being able to leave hospital in time for new year celebrations were good.

As she is not rich, the chances that she will ever be able to afford such purchases are remote; but she is never sufficiently strong-minded to be able to stop the practice.

one's chances of doing ...

the chances that ...

are good / high.

are small / slight / remote.

造句: 他赢得这次比赛的可能性很小。

His chances of winning the game are remote.

The chances that he will win the game are remote.

there is a virtual limit / restriction on ...

There is a virtual limit on how fast we can run.



There is a virtual restriction on the rate of economic growth in a specific country.

There are strict limits / restrictions on presidential power.

Normal people tend to forget this process unless and until they are reminded of it.

No credits will be awarded unless and until we receive official notification from the testing service.

Some people believe that a society has to place its overall success before the well-being of its members to achieve prosperity, whereas others believe that the only benchmark of the well-being of a society is the general welfare of all its people. Admittedly, a society should pursue its overall success, but from my perspective this goal will never be attained unless and until the well-being of all its individual citizens is properly respected.

We are so familiar with the fact that man ages, that people have for years assumed *that the process of losing vigour with time, of becoming more likely to die the older we get, was something self-evident, like the cooling of a hot kettle or the wearing-out of a pair of shoes.*

I play the piano (the) better the more I practice.

The more I practice, the better I play the piano.

All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident.



— Arthur Schopenhauer

Declaration of Independence

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by the Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

— Thomas Jefferson

... as a hot kettle cools down or a pair of shoes wears out.

They have also assumed that all animals, and probably other organisms such as trees, or even the universe itself, must *in the nature of things* 'wear out'.

in the nature of things 必然，理所当然

It is in the nature of things that time wrecks all love.

in the nature of ... = similar to ...

His speech is in the nature of an apology.

The statement is in the nature of an ultimatum.

of a ... nature 某一种类的

treaties of a political nature

questions of an academic nature

dangers of the most perilous nature

Most animals we commonly observe do in fact age as we do, *if given the chance to live long enough*; and mechanical systems *like a wound watch, or the sun*, do in fact run out of energy in accordance with the second law



of thermodynamics (*whether the whole universe does so is a moot point at present*).

run out of ... = use up = exhaust

in accordance with ...

in line with ...

Pensions will be increased in line with inflation.

in compliance with ..

In compliance with your wishes, we have withdrawn our suggestion.

in (the) light of ...

It has been said that everyone lives by selling something. In the light of this statement, teachers live by selling knowledge, philosophers by selling wisdom and priests by selling spiritual comfort.

Reading is thought to be a kind of conversation between the reader and the text. The reader puts questions, as it were, to the text and gets answers. In the light of these he puts further questions, and so on.

He explores such problem consciously, articulately, and frankly, first by asking factual questions, then by asking moral questions, finally by suggesting action which seems appropriate in the light of the factual and moral information which he has obtained.

I am afraid that you have to alter your _____ views in light of the tragic news that has just arrived.

(A) indifferent (B) distressing



(C) optimistic (D) pessimistic

the first law of thermodynamics

the law of the conservation of energy

a moot point

悬而未决的问题；有争议的问题

It's a moot point whether building more roads reduces traffic congestion.

be open to question / debate

.....尚有争议

It's open to question / debate whether the new government is any better than the old one.

But these are not analogous to what happens when man ages.

be analogous to ...

= be similar to ...

Hypnotism is in a sense analogous to drunkenness.

His function is analogous to that of a judge, who must accept the obligation of revealing in as obvious a manner as possible the course of reasoning which led him to his decision.

be comparable to / with ...

The threat it poses is comparable to / with smoking just one cigarette every year.

be akin to ...

What he felt was more akin to pity than love.



be equivalent to ...

The volcanic eruption had an explosive power equivalent to 20,000 tons of TNT.

An old watch, by contrast, becomes so worn and unreliable that it eventually is not worth mending.

by / in contrast

by / in comparison

be worth doing

require / need / want doing / to be done

The watch requires / needs / wants mending / to be mended.

If it is not a question of resting the body, then perhaps it is the brain that needs resting?

But a watch could never repair itself—it does not consist of living parts, only of metal, which wears away by friction.

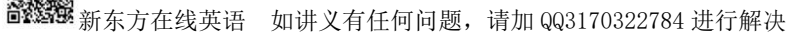
We could, at one time, repair ourselves—well enough, at least, to overcome all but the most instantly fatal illnesses and accidents.

all but adv. = almost

The research was all but forgotten.

His left arm is all but useless.

Between twelve and eighty years we gradually lose this power; an illness which at twelve would knock us over, at eighty can knock us out, and into our grave.



be reduced by ...



be reduced by half / 20%

be reduced to ...

be reduced to 20%

Lesson 38 Water and the traveller

contamination [kən'tæmɪ'neɪʃən]

n. 污染

contaminate v. to make a substance or place dirty or no longer pure by adding a substance that is dangerous or carries disease 污染

a river contaminated by chemicals

We continually wages war on them, for they contaminate our food, carry diseases, or devour our crops.

They were accused of contaminating the minds of our young people.

Children are becoming contaminated by the prevailing cynicism of the age.

contaminant n. [C] (fml.) substance that contaminates things 污染物

contamination n. [U] contaminating or being contaminated 污染

radioactive contamination

contamination of the water supply

sanitation [ˌsæni'teɪʃən]



n. 卫生系统或设备

sanitation n. [U] the protection of public health by removing and treating waste, dirty water etc. 卫生系统或设备

inadequate / poor sanitation

disease resulting from poor sanitation

Contamination of water supplies is usually due to poor sanitation close to water sources, ...

Many illnesses in these temporary refugee camps are the result of inadequate sanitation.

sanitary adj. connected with keeping places clean and healthy to live in, especially by removing human waste = hygienic 清洁卫生的

Overcrowding and poor sanitary conditions led to disease in the refugee camps.

The hut had no cooking or sanitary facilities.

“san” = whole (健全的)

sane adj. 神智正常的; 明智的

sanity n. 神智正常; 明智

insane “in” = not adj. 精神失常的, 疯狂的, 愚蠢的

insanity n. 精神失常, 疯狂, 愚蠢

sanitary adj. 清洁卫生的

insanitary adj. 不卫生的

sanitation n. 卫生系统或设备



sanitarian n. 公共健康专家

sanatorium “ium” = 场所 n. 疗养院

sewage ['su:ɪdʒ]

n. (下水道里的) 污水, 污物

sewage n. [U] the mixture of waste from the human body and used water that is carried away from houses by pipes under the ground (下水道里的) 污水, 污物

sewage disposal / treatment

sewer n. [C] a pipe or passage under the ground that carries away waste material and used water from houses, factories etc. 下水道

drain n. 1. (Br. E.) [C] 下水道, 地沟; 2. (Am.E.) [C] (卫生间或水池的) 排水口

On his way to the sweet shop, he dropped his fifty pence and it bounced along the pavement and then disappeared down a drain.

George took off his jacket, rolled up his sleeves and pushed his right arm through the drain cover.

drainage n. [U] 排水

The city was even equipped with a drainage system, for a great many clay pipes were found beneath the narrow streets.

intermittent [ɪntə'mɪtənt]



adj. 断续的, 间歇的

intermittent adj. stopping and starting often over a period of time, but not

regularly 断续的, 间歇的

intermittent bursts of applause

intermittent flashes of light from a lighthouse

“mit” / “miss” = send

intermit “inter” = between v. 暂停

intermittent adj. 断续的; 间歇的

intermission n. 暂停; 幕间休息

admit “ad” = to v. 准许进入; 承认

admission n. 准许进入; 承认

emit “e” = out v. 发射, 发出

emission n. 发射, 发出

omit “o” / “ob” = away v. 省略, 删除; 忽略, 疏忽

omission n. 省略, 删除; 忽略, 疏忽

permit “per” = through v. 允许

permission n. 允许

submit “sub” = under v. 提交, 上交; 服从, 屈服

submission n. 提交, 上交; 服从, 屈服

submissive adj. 服从的, 顺从的

transmit “trans” = across v. 传输, 传染

transmission n. 传输, 传染



remit “re” = back v. 赦免, 宽恕; 汇款

remission n. 赦免, 宽恕

remittance n. 汇款

manumit “manu” = hand v. 解放 (奴隶)

manumission n. (奴隶的) 解放

disinfectant [7dɪsɪn'fektənt]

n. 消毒剂, 杀菌剂

disinfectant n. a chemical or a cleaning product that destroys bacteria 消毒剂, 杀菌剂

infect v. to give someone a disease 传染

infect sb. with sth.

He has been infected with HIV.

infection n. 1. [U] 传染; 2. [C] 传染病

disinfect v. 杀菌, 消毒

disinfect a wound / surgical instrument / hospital ward

infectious / contagious / communicable

be highly ~

~ diseases

catching

a catching disease X

I hope his cold isn't catching.√



bactericidal

[bæk'tɪərɪ'saɪdl]

adj. 杀菌的

bactericidal adj. destroying bacteria 杀菌的

“cid” / “cis” = cut

bactericidal adj. 杀菌的

concise “con” = together adj. 言简意赅的

concision n. 言简意赅

excise “ex” = out v. 切除; 删除

excision n. 切除; 删除

incise “in” = into v. 切开; 雕刻

incision n. 切开; 切口

incisive adj. 敏锐的, 有洞见的

precise “pre” = before adj. 精确的

precision n. 精确

patricide “patr” / “pater” = father n. 弑父

matricide “matr” / “mater” = mother n. 弑母

suicide “su” = self n. 自杀

suicidal adj. 自杀的

pesticide “pest” = 害虫 n. 杀虫剂, 农药

herbicide “herb” = grass n. 除草剂



Contamination of water supplies is usually due to poor sanitation close to water sources, sewage disposal into the sources themselves, leakage of sewage into distribution systems or contamination with industrial or farm waste.

leakage n. [U and C] when gas, water etc. leaks in or out, or the amount of it that has leaked 泄露

As administrative overheads rise, so the earnings of the business after meeting the expense of administration, will fall; and the business will have less money to distribute as dividends or invest directly in its future progress and development.

distribution system n. 配水系统, 配水管网 ; 配电系统

with prep. because of 因为

She was shivering with cold.

My hands are rough with work.

Anna was scarcely able to stand with exhaustion.

waste n. [U] unwanted materials or substances that are left after you have used something 垃圾, 废料

household / industrial / chemical waste

Even if a piped water supply is safe at its source, it is not always safe *by the time it reaches the tap*.

pipe v. to send a liquid or gas through a pipe to another place 用管道输送



villages with no piped water

Eighty per cent of sewage is piped directly into the sea.

... by the time when / that / at which it reaches the tap.

Intermittent tap-water supplies should be regarded as particularly suspect.

..., or the sheriff made suspect by vicious gossip; ...

Travellers *on short trips* to areas with water supplies of uncertain quality should avoid drinking tap-water, or untreated water from any other source.

of ... quality

goods of the highest quality

Much of the land was of poor quality.

The photos are of variable quality.

untreated adj. 1. describes a substance that is not cleaned and has not had special substances added to protect it or make it safe to use 未处理的

untreated water / sewage / waste

untreated adj. 2. not receiving medical treatment 未治疗的

untreated illness / disease / depression

This condition may become permanent if left untreated.

It is best to keep to hot drinks, bottled or canned drinks of well-known brand names — *international standards of water treatment are usually followed at bottling plants.*



it is best (= It is wise) to do sth.

It's best to go by bus.

It's best to go later in the season.

It's best to get to the supermarket early.

keep to = stick to 坚持, 遵守, 不放弃, 不偏离

Keep to the speed limits.

It's best to keep to the track—the land is very boggy around here.

bottled adj. sold in a bottle 瓶装售卖的

bottled beer / water

canned adj. (Br.E .also tinned) (of food) preserved in a can 罐装的

canned food / soup

brand name n. [C] the name given to a product by the company that makes it = trade name 商标名称

The EU should set minimum standards of employee rights.

We aim to maintain high standards of customer care.

follow ... standard(s)

have / boast / enjoy ... standard(s)

define / establish / set ... standard(s)

achieve / meet / reach ... standard(s)

fall short of ... standard(s)

raise / lower ... standard(s)

maintain / sustain ... standard(s)



bottling plant: a plant where beverages are put into bottles with caps (饮料) 灌瓶厂

Carbonated drinks are acidic, and slightly safer.

carbonated adj. (of a drink) containing small bubbles of carbon dioxide
含二氧化碳的, 起泡的

carbonated drinks

carbonated mineral water

carbonate v. to charge (a beverage, for example) with carbon dioxide gas
给 (例如饮料) 充二氧化碳气体

carbon n. 碳

carbon dioxide 二氧化碳

carbon monoxide 一氧化碳

acidic adj. contain acid 酸性的

acidic soil

Dissolved carbon dioxide makes the water more acidic.

Make sure that all bottles are opened in your presence, and that their rims are clean and dry.

presence n. [U] being present in a place 出席, 在场

We enjoy staring at them entranced as they go about their business, unaware (we hope) of our presence.

Everything around him was full of her presence, continually reopening the wound.



in sb.'s presence

in the presence of sb.

She asked them not to discuss the matter in her presence.

The document was signed in the presence of two witnesses.

absence n. being away 缺席, 不在场

His frequent and prolonged absences were making his wife suspicious.

in / during sb.'s absence

in / during the absence of sb.

It was as clear as daylight then that burglars had forced an entry during her absence.

In the absence of any evidence, the police had to let Myers go.

As the heads of next-generation start-ups, these Asian innovators can draw on customs and languages to forge righter links with crucial Pacific Rim markets.

Boiling is always a good way of treating water.

way of doing sth.

Is there any way of contacting you while you're in Africa?

way to do sth.

What's the best way to learn a language?

Some hotels supply boiled water on request and this can be used for drinking, or for brushing teeth.

boiling water n. 滚开的水



boiled water n. 开水

on request: when asked for 一经要求

Further details will be sent on request.

at sb.'s request / at the request of sb. because of sb.'s wish 应某人之请求

I came at your request.

The study was done at the request of the Chairman.

use sth. for (doing) sth.

They were using animals for scientific experiments.

Bob uses the van for picking up groceries.

use sth. as sth.

May I use your name as a reference?

use sth. to do sth.

Most people now use their cars to go shopping.

Portable boiling elements that can boil small quantities of water are useful *when the right voltage of electricity is available*.

portable adj. able to be carried or moved easily 便携式的

a portable radio / computer

portability n. [U] 便携性

The advantage of the smaller model is its greater portability.

element n. [C] part of an electric kettle, etc. that gives out heat 电阻丝
(电壶等供热的部分)



boiling elements

Refuse politely any cold drink from an unknown source.

Ice is only as safe as the water from which it is made, and should not be put in drinks unless it is known to be safe.

know ... to do sth.

We know her to be honest.

What the child cannot forgive is the parents' refusal to admit these charges if the child knows them to be true.

be known to do sth.

Two women are known to have died.

Smoking is known to increase a person's risk of developing lung cancer.

Drinks can be cooled by placing them on ice rather than adding ice to them.

rather than 常译为“而不是”, 其词性比较灵活, 在后面跟动名词短语时, 一般视为介词。

She was angry rather than being pleased.

We ought to check up, rather than just accepting what he says.

rather than 后不加动名词时一般将其视为“准并列连词”, 用于连接词性相同的词项。

She telephoned rather than wrote.

John ought to go rather than Jean.

He is to be pitied rather than to be disliked.



I'm going to forget the whole affair, rather than cause trouble.

Alcohol may be a medical disinfectant, but should not be relied upon to sterilize water.

alcohol n. 1. [U] the colorless liquid that is found in drinks such as beer, wine, etc. and is used in medicines, cleaning products, etc. = ethanol 酒精, 乙醇

Wine usually contains about 10% alcohol.

levels of alcohol in the blood

Choose an alcohol-free skin toner if you have dry skin.

alcohol n. 2. [U] drinks containing this 含酒精的饮料, 酒
prohibit the sale of alcohol.

I never touch alcohol.

For many young people drinking alcohol is a sign of 'growing up'.

sterilize v. 1. to make sth. completely clean by killing any bacteria in it
消毒

Sterilize the bottles with boiling water.

sterilized milk

sterilize v. 2. if a person or animal is sterilized, they have an operation to stop them producing babies 使绝育

My wife was sterilized after the birth of her fourth child.

Ethanol is more effective at a concentration of 50-70 per cent; below 20 per cent, its bactericidal action is negligible.



concentration n. [C] the amount of a substance contained in a liquid 浓度

allowable concentrations of pesticides in drinking water

High concentrations of toxic elements were found in the polluted areas of the sea.

bactericidal action 杀菌作用, 杀菌效果

action n. the effect that a substance, esp. a chemical, has on sth. 作用, 效果, 影响

the action of ... on ...

the action of alcohol on the liver

the action of certain chemicals on the brain

negligible adj. of very little importance or size and not worth considering
= insignificant 微不足道的

a negligible amount

The cost was negligible.

Spirits *labelled 95 proof* contain only about 47 per cent alcohol.

spirit n. [C usually plural] a strong alcoholic drink such as whisky or brandy 烈性酒

I don't drink spirits.

Whisky, brandy and rum are all spirits.

label v. to attach a label onto sth. or write information on sth. 给(某事物)加标签或标记

The file was labelled 'Top Secret'.



proof n. a measurement of the strength of some types of alcoholic drink,
esp. spirits 酒的度数

(Br.E.) 70% proof vodka (= that contains 70% pure alcohol)

(Am.E.) 70 proof vodka (= that contains 35% pure alcohol)

Beware of methylated alcohol, which is very poisonous, and should never
be added to drinking water.

beware adj. (used only in the infinitive and imperative 仅用于不定式及
祈使句) used to warn someone to be careful because sth. is dangerous 当
心, 提防

beware of (doing) sth.

Motorists have been warned to beware of icy roads.

Beware of saying anything that might reveal where you live.

If no other safe supply can be obtained, tap water that is too hot to touch
can be left to cool and is generally safe to drink.

leave sth. to do sth.

Leave the rice to cook for 20 minutes.

Those planning a trip to remote areas, or intending to live in countries
where drinking water is not readily available, should know about the
various possible methods *for making water safe*.

remote adj. far from towns or other places where people live = isolated
偏远的, 与世隔绝的

a remote border town



We always assume that villagers in remote places are friendly and hospitable.

easily / readily available / obtainable

Parking is readily available near the station entrance.

The information is easily available on the Internet.

The Moon is likely to become the industrial hub of the Solar System, supplying the rocket fuels for its ships, easily obtainable from the lunar rocks in the form of liquid oxygen.

knows about sth.: If you know about a subject, you have studied it or taken an interest in it, and understand part or all of it. 对于.....熟悉，通晓，懂行

I have a friend who knows about antiques.

Hire someone with experience, someone who knows about real estate.

method for / of (doing) sth.

effective methods for the storage and retrieval of information

Vaccination is one of the most effective methods for preventing disease.

There is no quicker method of disposing of patients than by giving them what they are asking for, ...

Apart from moral considerations this is a stupid method of training, ...

Lesson 39 What every writer wants

confess [kən'fes]



v. 向神父忏悔;

坦白罪行; 承认糗事

He knelt and confessed his sin.

The prisoner confessed his crime.

confess that ... / to doing

He confessed that he did not understand financial matters at all.

He confessed to being a drug addict.

admit / acknowledge

sth.

doing sth.

that ...

concede

I conceded that I had made a number of errors.

avow

Homosexuality is rarely avowed.

profess

Many corrupt officials profess not to be interested in money.

assert

She asserted her innocence.

allege

The defense alleges that Jones was beaten up while in police custody.



Was the philosopher who refused to look through Galileo's telescope more culpable than those who alleged that the spiral nebulae observed with Lord Rosse's great telescope in the eighteen-forties were scratches left by the grinder?

One allegation often made is that noise produces mental illness.

inspiration

[7ɪnspə'reɪʃn]

n. 灵感

Poets often get their inspiration from nature.

inspire

The Muse does not inspire all poets equally.

perspiration

Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration.

— Thomas Edison

perspire

He was perspiring profusely after the game.

aspiration

I have no aspiration for fame.

aspire

aspire to success



aspire to succeed

respiration

artificial respiration

respire

respire deeply

interweave [7ɪntə'wi:v]

v. 交织

interweave

interwove

interwoven

Your destiny is interwoven with mine.

The two themes are inextricably interwoven in the book.

weave

the Herd-boy and

the Weaving-girl

“inter” = between, among

intervene

intercede

intercept

interpose

intersperse



interstellar

interstellar travel

interpersonal

interpersonal relationships / skills

interactive

interactive teaching

interdependent

the increasingly interdependent global economy

afresh [ə'freʃ]

adv. 重新, 重来一遍

She tore up the letter and started afresh.

once again

once more

over again

anew

They made people look at familiar objects as if for the first time, savoring

afresh their dimensions, pondering anew their significance.

So let us begin anew—remembering on both sides that civility is not a sign of weakness, and sincerity is always subject to proof. Let us never negotiate out of fear, but let us never fear to negotiate.

— John F. Kennedy



blur [blɜ:(r)]

v. (使) 模糊不清

Tears blurred her eyes.

Her eyes blurred with tears.

The new commercial blurs the line between art and advertising.

blurred

a blurred photograph

slur

slurred

indistinct

an indistinct shape / sound / recollection

vague

a vague figure

a vague answer

hazy

the hazy sky

a hazy view of the mountains

hazy recollections

fuzzy

Is the picture always fuzzy on your TV?

You can pick up a lot of stations on the car radio, but the sound is usually



a bit fuzzy.

ambiguous

The wording of the agreement is ambiguous.

yeast [ji:st]

n. 酵母 (菌); 激动, 骚动

Political agitators are the yeast of revolution.

ferment

The whole country was in a state of political ferment.

catalyst

They hope his election will act as a catalyst for reform.

pertinent ['pɜ:tɪnənt]

adj. 中肯的, 切题的

pertinent adj. directly relating to sth. that is considered or discussed

He made some pertinent comments.

He asked some pertinent questions.

be pertinent to sth.

That is not pertinent to the topic we are discussing.

relevant

be relevant to sth.

Relevant work experience is required for the position.



the relevant authorities

I don't think his remarks are relevant to our discussion.

irrelevant

irrelevant details

be irrelevant to sth.

The testimony is irrelevant to the case.

permanent

a permanent job

prominent

a prominent political figure

provident

He is provident of his money.

flirt [flɜ:t]

v. 调情; 不经意地对待

flirt with sb.

She accused him of flirting with other women.

flirt with sth.

I've been flirting with the idea of buying a house.

The bullfighters are flirting with death.

Climbers enjoy flirting with danger.

He enjoys flirting with fame.



inmost ['ɪnməʊst]

adj. 最秘密的, 最核心的

inmost = innermost

express one's innermost feelings

reveal a company's innermost secrets

outermost

Pluto is the outermost known planet.

uppermost

The rain spattered on the uppermost leaves.

be uppermost in one's mind

Although I'm here in Beijing, my family back in my hometown is always

uppermost in my mind.

nethermost

foremost

hindmost

leftmost

rightmost

easternmost

southernmost

westernmost

northernmost

internal

internal organs

internal affairs



external

for external use only

external relations

interior

the interior walls

exterior

the exterior walls

intrinsic

intrinsic nature

intrinsic value

extrinsic

a combination of intrinsic and extrinsic factors

incoming

incoming calls

an incoming passenger train

outgoing

an outgoing train

an outgoing ship

an outgoing personality

I have known very few writers, but those I have known, and whom I respect, confess at once that they have little idea where they are going *when they first set pen to paper*.

I have no idea / don't know what to do next.



Do you have any idea / Do you know how fast you drive?

set pen to paper

set fire to sth.

set foot in / on some place

She swore she would never set foot in his house again.

I've never set foot on Taiwan.

set eyes on sb./sth.

I loved that house from the moment I set eyes on it.

set one's heart on sth.

His father bought him the bike he had set his heart on.

lose one's heart to sb.

They have a character, perhaps two; they are in that condition of eager discomfort which passes for inspiration; all admit radical changes of destination once the journey has begun; one, *to my certain knowledge*, spent nine months on a novel about Kashmir, then reset the whole thing in the Scottish Highlands.

pass for / as ...: wrongly accepted as being a particular type of person or thing

She is nearly fifty, but she could pass for thirty.

With her hair cut so short, she often passes for a boy.

mistake ... for ...

I often mistake her for her mother on the phone.



You mistook friendship for love.

radical / fundamental changes

a radical / fundamental error

We also make the fundamental error of announcing our resolutions to everybody so that we look even more foolish when we slip back into our bad old ways.

radical political views

a radical left-wing group

conservative

reactionary

destiny

We're masters of our own destiny.

destined

He is destined to be a musician.

to my (certain) knowledge

to the best of my knowledge

as far as I know / am aware

as far as I'm concerned

As far as I'm concerned, feng shui is a load of rubbish.

with / without one's knowledge

He did it without my knowledge.

I had no knowledge of the incident.



He denied all knowledge of the robbery.

be set in ...

The novel / movie is set in 18th century New England.

I never heard of anyone making a 'skeleton', *as we were taught at school*.

In the breaking and remaking, in the timing, interweaving, beginning afresh, the writer comes to discern things in his material which were not consciously in his mind when he began.

come to so sth: to do sth. by chance, without planning or intending to do it

A body came to be found under the bridge.

Future historians will be in a unique position when they come to record the history of our own times.

He soon made a name for himself and came to be known to the Italians as Giovanni Acuto.

This organic process, often leading to moments of extraordinary self-discovery, is of an indescribable fascination.

organic adj. made of related parts; arranged as a system 有机的有组织的, 有系统的

City planning treats the city as an organic whole.

self-discovery n. the process of achieving understanding or knowledge of oneself

The process of writing a novel is a process of searching the writer's



innermost soul.

... is of an indescribable fascination

= ... is indescribably fascinating

A blurred image appears; he adds a brushstroke and another, and it is gone; but something was there, and he will not rest till he has captured it.

Sometimes the yeast within a writer outlives a book he has written.

outlive

I'm sure he will outlive many of us.

outwit / outfox

The burglar outwitted / outfoxed the police and got away.

outrun

He easily outran all of us.

His ambition outran his ability.

outnumber

The boys outnumber the girls.

outweigh

He outweighs me by 40 pounds.

The advantages outweigh disadvantages.

I have heard of writers who read nothing but their own books; like adolescents they stand before the mirror, and still cannot fathom the exact outline of the vision before them.

William S. Hart was, perhaps, the greatest of all Western stars, for unlike



Gary Cooper and John Wayne he appeared in nothing but Westerns.

Narcissus: In Greek mythology, Narcissus is a handsome youth, who pined away in love for his own image in a pool of water and was transformed into the flower that bears his name.

narcissus

daffodil

narcissist

narcissism

For the same reason, writers talk interminably about their own books, *winkling out hidden meanings*, *super-imposing new ones*, *begging response from those around them*.

superimpose sth. on / upon ...

Since the sea covers the greater part of the earth's surface, it is quite reasonable to regard the sea floor as the basic form of the crust of the earth, with, superimposed upon it, the continents, together with the islands and other features of the oceans.

Of course a writer doing this is misunderstood: he might as well try to explain a crime or a love affair.

might as well / may as well do sth. used for saying that it might be a good idea to do something although it is not essential 不妨, 倒不如.....

You might as well take the job if you can't find a better one at the moment.



love affair: a romantic sexual relationship especially one between people who are not married to each other

lowbrow

lowbrow literature / novels

highbrow

highbrow classical music

incidentally adv. by the way; by the bye

incidental

incidental expenses

incidental music for the movie

accidental

the accidental-noble outlaw

unforgivable

inexcusable

unpardonable

bore n. someone who is boring, esp. because they talk too much about themselves or about things that do not interest you 唠叨乏味的人

The bore bores me to death.

This temptation to cover the distance *between himself and the reader*, to study his image *in the sight of those who do not know him*, can be his undoing: he has begun to write to please.

the temptation to please the reader / cater to the reader



Lowbrow journals cater to people's love of scandal.

in sb's sight

in the sight of sb

in sb's eyes

in the eyes of sb

... to study his image from the perspective of those who do not know him.

be sb's undoing

be the undoing of sb.

Conceit was his undoing.

Greed is the undoing of many a businessman.

One night, however, feeling cold and lonely, I went downstairs and sat in front of the television pretending to read. That proved to be my undoing, for I soon got back to my old bad habit of dozing off in front of the screen.

A young English writer made the pertinent observation a year or two back that the talent goes into the first draft, and the art into the drafts that follow.

make an observation: make a comment / remark

His wife died a couple of years back.

The house was built back in 1949.



For this reason also the writer, like any other artist, has no resting place, no crowd or movement in which he may take comfort, no judgment from outside which can replace the judgment from within.

take comfort in ...

take pleasure in ...

The boys take pleasure in practical jokes.

take pride in ...

take interest in ...

Even people who take no interest in art cannot have failed to notice examples of modern sculpture on display in public places.

Kidnappers are rarely interested in animals, but they recently took considerable interest in Mrs. Eleanor Ramsay's cat.

take refuge in ...

Residents took refuge in the local church.

take notice of ...

take pity on ...

I took pity on the beggar and gave him some change.

replace sth.

Before they were replaced by steamships, sailing vessels like the Cutty Sark were used to carry tea from China and wool from Australia.

substitute A for B

You can substitute chicken for beef if you don't like red meat.



It is only in the study of man himself that the major social sciences have substituted the study of one local variation, that of Western civilization, (for the study of custom of all human beings).

A fortress can be easily broken from within.

A writer makes order out of the anarchy of his heart; he submits himself to a more ruthless discipline than any critic dreamed of, and *when he flirts with fame*, he is taking time off from living with himself, from the search for what his world contains at its inmost point.

in ascending / descending / chronological / alphabetical / reverse order

in order of priority / precedence

submit (oneself) to ...

They are constantly after the turtles, who peacefully submit to all sorts of indignities.

He submitted himself to a search by the guards.

bow / yield / succumb to ...

ruthless adj. merciless 无情的, 无怜悯心的

take time off from ...

I have to take time off from work / school to go to the dentist.

Do you still live there?

Oh yes, yes. My husband's there now. He couldn't take time off to come to New York with me.



take a day off

take the afternoon off

take time off from daily routine

annual leave

paid leave

She is on leave.

She is on sick leave.

She is on maternity leave.

He is on paternity leave.

get away: have a holiday

get away from it all: have a thoroughly relaxing holiday

That the equipment of modern camping becomes yearly more sophisticated is an entertaining paradox for the cynic, a brighter promise for the hopeful traveler who has sworn to get away from it all.

Lesson 40 Waves

infinity [ɪnˈfɪnəti]

n. 无限的时间或空间, 无穷远

infinity n. [U] a space, time, or distance that continues without end or limits 无限的时间或空间, 无穷远

the infinity of space

a barren landscape stretching into infinity



“fin” = to end

finale n. 终曲, 结局

finalize v. 使完成, 使结束

finite adj. 有限的

infinite “in” = not adj. 无限的

infinity n. 无限的时间或空间, 无穷远

infinitive n. (动词) 原形, 不定式

confine “con” = together v. 限制; 拘禁

confinement n. 限制; 拘禁

define “de” = down v. 下定义

definition n. 定义

definite adj. 明确的

indefinite adj. 不明确的

definitive adj. 最终的; 最好的; 确定无疑的

refine “re” = again v. 提炼; 改良

refined adj. 精炼的; 文雅的

refinement n. 精炼; 文雅

transmit [træns'mɪt]

v. 传输; 传播

transmit v. 1. to send an electronic signal, radio or television broadcast,

etc. 传输 (信号, 节目等)



The ceremony was transmitted live by satellite to over fifty countries.

transmit v. 2. to pass sth. from one person to another 将某事物传送、传递、传达或传染给对方

sexually transmitted diseases

transmit knowledge from one generation to another

The tension soon transmitted itself to all the members of the crowd.

“mit” / “miss” = send

intermit “inter” = between v. 暂停

intermittent adj. 断续的; 间歇的

intermission n. 暂停; 幕间休息

admit “ad” = to v. 准许进入; 承认

admission n. 准许进入; 承认

emit “e” = out v. 发射, 发出

emission n. 发射, 发出

omit “o” / “ob” = away v. 省略, 删除; 忽略, 疏忽

omission n. 省略, 删除; 忽略, 疏忽

permit “per” = through v. 允许

permission n. 允许

submit “sub” = under v. 提交, 上交; 服从, 屈服

submission n. 提交, 上交; 服从, 屈服

submissive adj. 服从的, 顺从的

transmit “trans” = across v. 传输; 传染



transmission n. 传输; 传染

remit “re” = back v. 赦免, 宽恕; 汇款

remission n. 赦免, 宽恕

remittance n. 汇款

manumit “manu” = hand v. 解放 (奴隶)

manumission n. (奴隶的) 解放

exquisite

[ɪk'skwɪzɪt] ['ɛkskwɪzɪt]

adj. 精致的; 高雅的

exquisite adj. 1. extremely beautiful and very delicately made 精致的

exquisite craftsmanship

Her wedding dress was absolutely exquisite.

exquisite adj. 2. very sensitive and delicate in the way you behave or do things 高雅的

She has exquisite taste in art.

“quire” / “quisit” / “quest” = to seek

exquisite “ex” = out adj. 精致的; 高雅的

inquire “in” = into v. 询问, 打听

inquest n. (对死因的) 调查

inquisition n. 盘问; 宗教法庭

inquisitive adj. 好奇的; 爱打听的



acquire “ac” = to v. 获得, 取得

acquisition n. 获得; 获得物

acquisitive adj. 贪婪的

perquisite “per” = thoroughly n. 特权; 额外收入

requisite “re” = again n. 必需品; adj. 必须的

prerequisite “pre” = before n. 先决条件, 前提; adj. 必备的, 作为先决条件的

requisition n. 征用; v. 征用

disquisition “dis” = apart n. 专题论文; 专题演讲

phenomena [fə'nomɪnə]

n. 现象 (复数)

phenomenon n. (pl phenomena) a fact or an event in nature or society, especially one that is not fully understood 现象

natural / social / historical phenomena

An eclipse of the moon is a rare phenomenon.

Early retirement is a relatively new phenomenon in Britain.

phenomenon → phenomena

criterion → criteria

medium → media

datum → data

stratum → strata



bacterium → bacteria

curriculum → curricula

catastrophic [ˈkætəˈstrɒfɪk]

adj. 灾难性的

catastrophic adj. causing a lot of damage or making a lot of people suffer

= disastrous 灾难性的

catastrophic floods

a catastrophic fall in the price of rice

The failure of the talks could have catastrophic consequences .

catastrophe n. 特大灾难

The telephone rings and this marks the prelude to an unforeseen series of catastrophes.

mishap

accident

contingency

disaster

calamity

catastrophe

maturity [məˈtʃʊərəti]

n. (心理或生理) 成熟

maturity n. 1. [U] the quality of behaving in a sensible way like an adult

(心理) 成熟



He has maturity beyond his years.

One day you will have the maturity to understand.

maturity n. 2. [U] (of a person, an animal, or a plant) the state of being fully grown or developed (生理) 成熟

The forest will take 100 years to reach maturity.

How long does it take for the chicks to grow to maturity?

mature adj. (心理或生理) 成熟的

Laura is very mature for her age .

Mature apple trees are typically 20 feet tall.

adult / full-grown adj. (生理) 成熟的_

an adult cat

A full-grown giraffe is 5.5 m tall.

ripe adj. 水果或庄稼成熟的; 时机成熟的

Soon ripe, soon rotten.

I'm waiting till the time is ripe before I tell my parents that I failed my exams.

well-done adj. 全熟的

medium well adj. 七八分熟的

medium adj. 五分熟的

medium rare adj. 四分熟的 a

rare adj. 三分熟的

How would you like your steak cooked?



I'd like my steak well-done / medium well / medium / medium rare / rare.

Monica: Okay, now this one is rare, this one is medium well! Now go-go-go! Hey Phoebe!

Phoebe: Hey!

Monica: Hey how was dinner?!

Phoebe: Dinner was good!

raw adj. 全生的

I like to eat fish raw.

Waves are the children of the struggle between ocean and atmosphere, the ongoing signatures of infinity.

child of的产物

The atomic bomb is the child of 20th century scientific developments.

The romantic movement was the child of the Great Revolution.

the struggle between good and evil

ongoing adj. continuing to exist or develop 持续（存在或发展）的

an ongoing debate / discussion / process

The police investigation is ongoing.

Training is part of our ongoing career development program.

Rays from the sun excite and energize the atmosphere of the earth, awakening it to flow, to movement, to rhythm, to life.

ray n. [C] a straight narrow beam of light from the sun or moon 光线

X-rays



ultraviolet rays

The room darkened as a cloud hid the sun's rays.

energize v. to make someone feel full of energy or enthusiasm 使某人充满能量或热情

a refreshing and energizing fruit drink

awaken sb. to sth.: cause sb. to become aware of sth. 使某人意识到某事

awaken society to the dangers of drugs

During the 1930s Churchill tried to awaken the British people to the need for rearmament.

It has awakened millions to political consciousness and recognition of the danger of fascism.

rhythm n. [U and C] 节奏

the steady rhythm *of* her heartbeat

She started moving *to* the rhythm *of* the music.

The wind then speaks the message of the sun to the sea and the sea transmits it on through waves — an ancient, exquisite, powerful message.

speak v. to say or state sth.

She was clearly speaking the truth.

He spoke the final words of the play.

He spoke only two words the whole evening.

These ocean waves are among the earth's most complicated natural phenomena.



be among ... 是.....之一; 包括在.....之中

He was among the last to leave.

Among those present were the Prime Minister and her husband.

The basic features include a crest (*the highest point of the wave*), a trough (*the lowest point*), a height (*the vertical distance from the trough to the crest*), a wave length (*the horizontal distance between two wave crests*), and a period (*which is the time it takes a wave crest to travel one wave length*).

crest n. the top or highest point of something such as a hill or a wave 山峰, 浪尖

crest of ...

It took us over an hour to reach the crest of the hill.

surfers riding the crest of the wave

trough n. the hollow area between two waves 波谷

..., and a period (*which is the time (which) it takes a wave crest to travel one wave length*).

Although an ocean wave gives the impression *of a wall of water moving in your direction*, in actuality waves move through the water leaving the water about where it was.

give (sb.) the impression (that) ...: 使(某)人觉得....., 给(某)人的印象是.....

He gives the impression that he really doesn't care.



The sudden movement of the door made it sway slightly and it gave me the impression that it was about to leap out at me.

be under the impression (that) ...: to believe that sth. is true when it is not
误以为.....

I'm sorry, I was under the impression that you were the manager.

Though the crew were at first under the impression that the lost ship had been found, the contents of the sea-chest proved them wrong.

wall n. thing similar to a wall in its appearance or effect (样子或作用)
似墙之物

wall of fire / water ...

Firefighters battled the walls of flames.

The investigators were confronted by a wall of silence.

The tidal wave formed a terrifying wall of water.

The Titanic turned just in time, narrowly missing the immense wall of ice which rose over 100 feet out of the water beside her.

a boy of a girl

an angel of a wife

a palace of a house

a garden of Switzerland

Jane is a submissive lamb of a girl.

There is always hope that in its labyrinth of musty, dark, disordered rooms a real rarity will be found amongst the piles of assorted junk that



litter the floors.

in sb.'s direction

Fortunately for me, as I was wondering what to do next, there appeared on the horizon a man on horseback, riding in my direction.

in the direction of ...

Tom went off in the direction of the post office.

in every direction / in all directions

It is a harmless habit, but it litters up her desk to such an extent that every time she opens it, loose bits of paper fall out in every direction.

The elephant is not immediately susceptible to such blandishments, however, and usually lashes fiercely with its trunk in all directions.

in actuality = in reality / actually 事实上

In actuality, it's much more complex than that.

The woman he had seen performing on stage was in actuality quite older than she had seemed.

If the water was moving with the wave, the ocean and everything on it would be racing in to the shore with obviously catastrophic results.

If she was here, she could speak on my behalf.

If I was rich, I would buy you anything.

If it was to rain, the ropes would snap.

if I were you

were I you



as it were

if it were not for

were it not for

An ocean wave passing through deep water causes a particle on the surface to move in a roughly circular orbit, drawing the particle first towards the advancing wave, then up into the wave, then forward with it and then — as the wave leaves the particles behind — back to its starting point again.

particle n. [C] a very small piece of sth. 微粒

dust particles

tiny particles of soil

From both maturity to death, a wave is subject to the same laws as any other 'living' thing.

be subject to ...: 1. if you are subject to a rule, law, penalty etc, you must obey the rule or pay an amount of money 必须服从或支付

As a diplomat, he is not subject to local laws.

Violators are subject to a \$100 fine.

Cars are subject to a high domestic tax.

be subject to ...: 2. often having, suffering or undergoing sth 常有、常患或常遭某事物

Are you subject to colds?

Trains are subject to delays after the heavy snowfalls.



The timetable is subject to alteration.

be subject to ...: 3. depending on sth. as a condition 需要某事物（为先决条件），取决于.....

The plan is subject to the director's approval.

Goods will be sent out within 14 days, subject to availability.

So let us begin anew—remembering on both sides that civility is not a sign of weakness, and sincerity is always subject to proof. Let us never negotiate out of fear, but let us never fear to negotiate.

— John F. Kennedy

From both maturity to death, a wave is subject to the same laws as any other 'living' thing (is).

From both maturity to death, a wave is subject to the same laws as (is) any other 'living' thing.

For a time it assumes a miraculous individuality that, *in the end*, is reabsorbed into the great ocean of life.

for a time: temporarily, for a certain period 暂时，一时，一度

This method was used for a time, but it is no use now.

He was for a time a professor at Cambridge.

assume v. (fml.) to start to have a particular quality or appearance = take on 开始拥有（某种特征或外表）

These relationships assume great importance in times of crisis.



In the story the god assumes the form of an eagle.

individuality n. [U] the qualities that make sb. or sth. different from other things or people 个性, 个人特征

We like our staff to show their individuality rather than wear a uniform.

The plot is credible but the characters lack individuality.

reabsorb v. to absorb again 再次吸收, 使再次融入

reabsorb ... into ...

The economy cannot reabsorb all of the refugees into the workforce.

The undulating waves of the open sea are generated by three natural causes: wind, earth movements or tremors, and the gravitational pull of the moon and the sun.

undulate v. (fml.) to move or be shaped like waves that are rising and falling 波动, 呈波浪状起伏

undulating hills

a field of wheat undulating in the breeze

tremor n. 1. a small earthquake in which the ground shakes slightly 轻微地震

an earth tremor

tremor n. 2. a slight shaking movement in your body that you cannot control, especially because you are ill, weak, or upset 颤抖

There was a slight tremor in his voice.

She felt a tremor of fear run through her.



gravitational adj. related to or resulting from the force of gravity 重力的

gravitational field 重力场

gravitational pull 引力

Once waves have been generated, gravity is the force *that drives them in a continual attempt to restore the ocean surface to a flat plain.*

restore sth. to sth.

The government promises to restore the economy to full strength.

She was hoping that the Mediterranean climate would restore her to full health.