

理解提示: Sprint Nextel 为一个公司的名字。

average ['ævərɪdʒ]

adj. 普通的, 一般的

Sainsbury's Bank found that the cost of running an average home has soared by more than 12% since 2004-05.

(The Guardian 04/04/07)

理解提示: Sainsbury's Bank 为一银行名。另请参见本书收录的 soar 词条。

The average American, by several estimates, generates more than 20 tons of carbon dioxide or related gases a year; the average resident of the planet about 4.5 tons.

(The New York Times 29/04/07)

B

back [bæk]

vt. 资助, 支持, 援助

Their leader says the government backs them, although the government denies this.

(The Globe and Mail 19/03/05 A13)

Personally, I was immensely grateful when Cap unhesitatingly backed my two attempts at the presidency, long shots though they were.

(Forbes 24/04/06 P27)

理解提示: presidency 这里指“公司总裁职位”; long shot 意为“不太可能成功的努力”。

badly ['bædli]

adv. 非常, 极度, 大大地

The trucks are badly in need of repair.

(Kingsoft 2003)

But there is concern among some archaeologists that the elements have badly eroded the statue.

(The Guardian 15/04/07)

理解提示：参见本书收录的 *element* 词条。

bait [beɪt]

vt. 作弄，欺负

When he turned and she saw his expression again, Liza immediately regretted baiting him.

(Welcome to Tyler P148)

Once, it was said, when he and a couple of drinking cronies were being baited by a carload of thugs, he fired a pistol into the street.

(Missing Beauty P220)

bag [bæg]

vt. 猎获，获得，把…弄到手

It seems as if she wanted everybody to know she bagged herself a multimillionaire.

(本书作者)

Initially, she bagged a job as a sales-room model in a fashion house; a few months later she moved to Italy, set up a glass and ceramics export agency and was quick to persuade high-end shops such as Harvey Nichols to stock the products.

(The Guardian 28/08/06)

理解提示：*high-end* 意为“高端的，高级的”。

ball [bɔ:l]

vt. 使成球形，使呈球状

His hands, balled into fists at his sides, ached with tension.

(The Spanish Millionaire's Mistress P116)

Then, without saying another word, he balled up his fists and, accusing her of infidelity, pummeled her so viciously that her eyes nearly swelled shut and her blood fell in nickel-shaped drops to the ground.

(The New York Times 09/10/96)

balloon [bə'lu:n]

vi. 激增, 飞涨迅速增长或上升

In the last two decades, American waistlines have ballooned at a startling rate.

(The New York Times 17/07/06)

Eastman Kodak Co. captured the No. 1 slot in the ballooning U.S. digital camera market for a second straight year, extending its lead over Japanese rivals Canon Inc. and Sony Corp.

(The Calgary Herald 10/02/06 D1)

理解提示: slot 这里作“位置”解。另请参见本书收录的 lead 词条。

bank [bæŋk]

vi. (车或飞机) 倾斜转弯

Accelerating west for a quarter of a mile, Sophie banked to the right around a wide rotary.

(The Da Vinci Code P149)

“Witnesses said the plane appeared to stall, banked to the right and then nosed down into a field from about 400 feet,” he said.

(The New York Times 19/09/99)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 stall 和 nose 词条。

barge [bɑ:dʒ]

vt. 闯入

The woman simply barged past the male attendant into the men's room.

(The New York Times 28/02/99)

理解提示: the men's room 指“厕所”。

“Hi, Stanley,” Kenny Lee said, and barged through the men standing in the hallway as if they were not even there.

(本书作者)

barrel ['bærəl]

v. 快速行走, 高速行驶, 迅速行动

A middle-aged couple barreled past him, laughing and waving to a man on the other side of the room.

(Believe P714)

The following evening, she was sitting in the lobby, chatting with Miss Thawlay, when Douglas barreled through the front door in a huff.

(Missing Beauty P390)

bask [bɑ:sk]

vi. 感觉很爽, 得意洋洋

For the rest of the afternoon, he basked in the girl's compliments.

(本书作者)

Gifts for their new home were piled to overflowing on the porch, and Glory basked in the joy of knowing she was loved.

(Believe P502)

bat [bæt]

vi. 眨眼睛

Evan Racine batted his eyes and pursed his lips in annoyance, but managed to hold his tongue.

(Panic Room P15)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 *purse* 词条。

With the actor's image enlarged on the screen, even a trembling of the lips or batting the eyelids would be magnified.

(英语考试高级阅读文选 P147)

beam [bi:m]

v. 微笑, 开颜, 微笑示意

She turned to Dani, beaming.

(Parting Shots P373)

Camilla was in there with Dr. Michael Dooley, a well-known fertility expert, for 4 1/2 hours, but when she finally came out, she was beaming from ear to ear.

(National Examiner 10/10/05 P24)

理解提示: Camilla 这里指的是英国王室里的 Camilla。

bear [beə]

vt. 值得

Yesterday's exhibition identified some art patterns that may bear watching.

(本书作者)

It bears repeating that the UK already has around 3 million people living in fuel poverty, paying more than 10 per cent of their income on energy.

(The Guardian 29/08/04)

vt. 经受得住

The elegance of this theory bears comparison with that of anyone else.

(本书作者)

His claim, moreover, that the Giggs-Bellamy-Davies-Hartson quartet is as cutting an attack he has managed also did not bear scrutiny on Saturday.

(The Guardian 28/03/05)

理解提示: the Giggs-Bellamy-Davies-Hartson quartet 指的是这四个足球队员组成的队形。另请参见本书收录的 cutting 词条。

vt. 具有, 带有

Many of our journeys, especially to underdeveloped areas, bear an odd resemblance to theater productions.

(The New York Times 18/03/07)

理解提示: production 这里指“作品”。

The “one percent doctrine” is his, a mandate that any threat that bears even a 1 percent chance of being real must be treated as real.

(The New York Times 23/07/06)

bearing [ˈbeərɪŋ]

n. 举止, 行为, 仪态

After a few moments of what seemed like uneasy consideration, she