

adj. 尖刻的, 尖锐的, 严厉的

But the criticism was current and cutting.

(The Guardian 13/11/05)

理解提示: current 这里作“顺应时势的”解。

This is a significant flaw that undermines the novel's clever plot, but that cannot, in the end, detract from the author's achievement in making her other characters – and their bright, self-absorbed bubble world, which will be shattered by 9/11 – so palpable and cutting.

(The New York Times 22/08/06)

理解提示: plot 这里指“情节, 结构”。另请参见本书收录的 significant 词条。

本句翻译: 这是一个非常大的错误, 它损害了这部小说的巧妙结构。但是, 到最后, 它并没有影响作者把她的其他人物, 把他们辉煌的、自我陶醉的、并将被“9·11”击碎的幻想世界, 刻画得如此淋漓尽致。

D

dampen ['dæmpən]

vt. 抑制, 使沮丧, 使受挫折

His enthusiasm, however quixotic it may have seemed to those who did not share it, refused to be dampened.

(The New York Times 07/07/05)

Today, we need to be equally concerned about the ways in which environmental degradation can dampen or reverse economic development.

(Our Common Future P35)

dart [dɔ:t]

vt. 投射

The woman darted a curious glance at Maia before leading them to

the table.

(A Rage to Love P92)

Her eyes darted back and forth as she was interviewed and she held her arms tightly in her lap as she was questioned.

(The Guardian 24/03/03)

理解提示: interview 和 question 这里分别作动词“采访”和“质问”解。

vi. 飞奔, 急驶

The Ferrari driver darted left and right but could not find a way through over the last few laps.

(The Guardian 27/08/06)

理解提示: Ferrari 为“法拉利赛车”; lap 这里作“赛道的一圈”解。

He watched as a man walked into the driveway, glanced across the fence and then darted into the back door.

(The New York Times 14/11/04)

dash [dæʃ]

vt. 粉碎, 使灰心, 使受挫折

“I’m sorry,” she said, knowing that she had dashed his hopes by her lack of response.

(Lost Identity P72)

Wary, perhaps, of dashed expectations, Sony has introduced its new version of the e-book, the Sony Reader, with surprisingly little fanfare.

(The New York Times 24/11/06)

理解提示: e-book 指“电子书”; Sony 为日本“索尼电器公司”。

dashing [ˈdæʃɪŋ]

adj. 活泼的, 有锐气的, 勇敢的

He was a smallish thickset man with thick wavy hair that gave him a rather dashing appearance.

(The Guardian 16/03/06)

As a student at the Sorbonne, she fell for a dashing artist she took to be a Russian, but soon discovered was a German of Slovak descent.

(The New York Times 06/09/06)

理解提示: Sorbonne 指“索邦神学院(巴黎大学的前身)”。

adj. 浮华的

And I was smitten by the dashing setting, a nexus of old-fashioned elegance and contemporary whimsy.

(The New York Times 07/06/06)

理解提示: smite 和 setting 这里分别作“迷住”和“环境”解。

In the Oceanus oil sketch, the easy, virtuoso handling of oil paint takes on the dashing characteristics of watercolor.

(The New York Times 23/10/05)

理解提示: Oceanus (海洋之神) 为一幅画的名字; sketch 这里指“素描”。

dawn [dɔ:n]

vi. 出现, 初现

By November the truth finally dawned: the comet was a planet at twice the distance of Saturn!

(The New York Times 13/11/05)

As she considered here grandfather's message, only one possibility made sense, and his true intent dawned.

(The Da Vinci Code P83)

deal [di:l]

vt. 给以(打击)

But the war and embargo have dealt a severe blow to the country's economy.

(The Guardian 07/09/06)

But recently, the party was dealt a personal slap when one of its legislators jumped ship to the Democrats.

(The New York Times 03/12/06)

vt. 分配, 分给

The five cards dealt to me were all club and in sequence.

(本书作者)

理解提示: club 这里作“(扑克牌)梅花”解。

Instead of looking upon their suburban life as a terrible compromise, they accepted the cards that had been dealt them.

(Select Editions P179)

理解提示: accepted the cards that had been dealt them 可理解为“听天由命或听从命运的摆布”。

decent ['di:snt]

adj. 尚可的, 过得去的, 还不错的

Even with a decent salary, she could not afford the rent of such an apartment.

(本书作者)

Also, the number of people signing up for unemployment benefits climbed last week but still pointed to decent conditions in the nation's job market.

(The New York Times 04/08/06)

dedicate ['dedikeit]

vt. 把...专门用于

So why do I dedicate an entire class to an issue that you likely already know?

(本书作者)

Antonia van der Meer, the editor in chief of Modern Bride, said she was aware of one bride who dedicated up to 20 hours a week to creating the wedding she wanted.

(The New York Times 11/06/06)

define [di'fain]

vt. 使轮廓或形状清楚, 使轮廓或形状明显

The clinging wet clothing defined the swell of her firm breasts, narrow waist and shapely legs.

(Lost Identity P10)

His collar was open, displaying a tantalizing glimpse of light tan skin, and his mouth was an intriguing blend of firmness and

softness, the masculine shape of it well defined.

(The Brunellesci Baby P62)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 *intrigue* 词条。

vt. 显示…的特色

Santa Digna wines are born in vineyards surrounded by the majestic landscape that defines Chile.

(摘自智利 Santa Digna 解百纳红酒标签)

Fans of Muscadet Sèvre-et-Maine, a Loire white wine that is defined by brisk acidity and a virtually unmatched kinship with oysters, are likely to find the Channing Perrine sauvignon equally winning.

(The New York Times 23/06/02, 经作者改写)

理解提示: Muscadet Sèvre-et-Maine 和 Channing Perrine 都为葡萄酒的品牌。Loire (卢瓦尔河) 为法国著名葡萄酒产区之一。Sauvignon 为一葡萄(酒)品种。winning 这里作“吸引人的”解。另请参见本书收录的 *brisk* 词条。

defy [dɪ'fai]

vt. 使不能, 使难于, 使不可能做到

Andrew kept staring at Trish's picture with emotions that defied definition.

(Lost Identity P70)

"The carnage is of a scale that defies comprehension," Bush said in his weekly radio address, announcing a proclamation calling for U.S. flags to be flown at half-mast this week in honor of the dead.

(The Chronicle Herald 02/01/05 A2)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 *address* 词条。

deliver [dɪ'lɪvə]

vt. 提供, 交出

"We truly feel we are delivering a quality education," the president, George Shu, said in an interview yesterday.

(The New York Times 29/09/06)

理解提示: quality 可作形容词, 意为“优质的”。

The bank is currently implementing a transformation program with an aim to deliver improved results for its client companies.

(本书作者)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 program 词条。

vt. 发表 (演讲)

All the others delivered speeches and subjected themselves to questions by the delegates.

(The Guardian 30/08/06)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 subject 词条。

On Tuesday, at Regensburg University in Germany, Benedict delivered a long, scholarly address on reason and faith in the West.

(The New York Times 17/09/06)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 address 词条。

vt. (使) 分娩

She had delivered Betsy's first child and helped her through two subsequent miscarriages.

(The New York Times 18/02/07)

Because of pre-existing health problems, the surrogate was found to have a life-threatening condition at 25 weeks of gestation, and the baby boy was delivered through a Caesarean section, 100 days early.

(The New York Times 02/12/05)

理解提示: surrogate 这里指“代人受孕者”; Caesarean section 意为“剖腹产”。

vt. 给予, 予以

The owner's face creased suddenly, as though she was about to deliver an equally caustic reply.

(A Game of Bones P124)

The Bank of England today delivered a blow to homeowners as it raised interest rates for the first time in two years in a pre-emptive

strike against inflation.

(The Guardian 03/08/06)

demand [di'mɑ:nd]

vt. 询问

“Can I stop the wind?” Cassandra demanded dramatically.

(A Rage to Love P108)

“Why have I been kidnapped?” she demanded, tilting her chin up with an authority she didn't really feel.

(The Duke's Covert Mission P24)

dent [dent]

vt. 削弱, 损害

Such criticism is unlikely to dent Mr. Bush's confidence in his decision to go to war.

(The Guardian 30/09/06)

Even the prevalent view that soccer can never have mass appeal in the United States was dented.

(The New York Times 09/07/06)

理解提示: appeal 这里作名词, 意为“吸引力”。

n. 损伤, 影响

The price of gasoline at the pump has jumped from record to record, but apparently has made little dent in Americans' desire to drive.

(The Calgary Herald 19/05/07 C5)

理解提示: pump 这里作“加油站”解。

Although the setback is unlikely to do permanent damage to an improving airline industry, company executives want to make sure that the dent to their business is small and short-lived.

(The New York Times 08/07/05)

deny [di'nai]

vt. 拒绝给予, 不给

When any project in the public or private sector uses goods and services, it denies these to other possible projects.

(Economics of Development P149)

A local society cannot be sustainable if the basic human rights or means to fulfill basic human needs are denied to certain members of that society.

(The Natural Step P99)

理解提示: certain 这里作“有些, 一些”解。

depress [di'pres]

vt. 使萧条, 使不活泼

Some had harbored the concern the terrorist attacks in London would depress global economic activity.

(本书作者)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 harbor 词条。

They damage salivary tissue, make the mosquitoes fly less vigorously and lay fewer eggs and, to gain a toehold in the insect, may depress its immune system.

(The New York Times 28/04/06)

理解提示: egg 这里指“卵”。另请参见本书收录的 lay 词条。

vt. 降低

Many native Canadians complain that mass immigration has depressed wages.

(本书作者)

A high dependency ratio depresses per capita income by requiring the output of a given number of producers to be shared among a large number of consumers.

(Economics of Development P200)

理解提示: dependency 这里指“一些人依靠另一些人养活”。

derail [di'reil]

vt. 使终止, 使停止

The question derailed the fantasy he'd been about to embark upon and brought him back to the present.

(No Regrets P67)

Theoretically, the whole plan could still be derailed if the settlement is not as generous as the BBC wants.

(The Guardian 03/07/06)

理解提示: BBC 指 “British Broadcasting Corporation (英国广播公司)”。

desert [dizə:t]

vt. 遗弃, 抛弃, 舍弃, 背弃, 离弃

Reporters were no longer a problem for her; they had deserted her.

(A Rage to Love P280)

Then, drawing a deep breath, she squared her shoulders and marched defiantly into the living room, only to halt, disconcerted, when she found it deserted.

(The Marchese's Love-Child P52)

理解提示: square 这里作动词, 意为 “挺直”。

detached [di'tæʃt]

adj. 超然的, 公允的, 不带个人感情或色彩的

We do not want to be too assertive, but, at the same time, we do want to be clear, objective, detached and scientific.

(The Guardian 11/04/06)

He talked about carcinomas and circled her bed like a presenter at a lawnmower trade show, while his audience, a half-dozen medical students in their 20's, stared at Ms. Duffy's naked body with detached curiosity, she said.

(The New York Times 16/08/05)

理解提示: trade show 意为 “贸易展览会”。

detect [di'tekt]

vt. 发现, 察觉, 注意到

“That's marvelous,” Maia commented, but Cassandra detected a note of sadness.

(A Rage to Love P151)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 note 词条。

When her new husband kissed her lightly on the cheek, she detected

a pride in his eyes, if not love, and she thought she could accept that.

(Frontier Lady P39)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 if 词条。

develop [dɪ'veləp]

vt. 逐渐拥有, 感染

The girl developed a crush on her Mathematics teacher.

(本书作者)

理解提示: crush 这里作“(短暂的、少不更事的)迷恋”解。

Over the past three years, I developed headaches and, convinced it was a brain tumour, I went for an MRI scan, which didn't show anything.

(The Guardian 30/11/06)

理解提示: MRI 指“Magnetic Resonance Imaging (核磁共振检查)”。

devote [dɪ'vəʊt]

vt. 作…专用, 为一个特定的目的或用途而拨出

Half of Will Hutton's book is devoted to this question.

(The Guardian 11/04/06)

In his ubiquitous economics text Paul Samuelson and his coauthor William Nordhaus devoted a few pages to possible revisions to the GDP to reflect environmental and other concerns.

(Economics for Resource and the Environmental Management P104)

diametrically [daɪə'metɪkəli]

adv. 截然地, 全然地

The two authors, however, have come to diametrically opposing views of the current president.

(The New York Times 21/02/06)

For nearly nine months, doctors and researchers have been struggling with an intractable problem: how could two large high-quality studies come to diametrically different conclusions about menopause, hormone therapy and heart disease?

(The New York Times 22/04/03)

dictate [dik'teit]

vt. 控制, 支配, 决定, 指定

Doctors say the severity of the disease is often dictated by a patient's genetic makeup.

(The New York Times 13/05/06)

Climate has shaped the lifestyles of people throughout history, dictating where settlements are located, how homes are built and the way food is grown.

(The Chronicle Herald 12/02/05 A3)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 shape 词条。

dilute [dai'lju:t]

vt. 削弱, 减弱

His feeling of superiority was diluted when a super rich man, a billionaire, came into the get-together.

(本书作者)

If that is true, the flood of foreign money into the country could be diluting the Fed's effort to prevent inflation.

(The New York Times 27/06/05)

理解提示: the Fed 指美国“联邦储备银行”。

dim [dim]

vt. 减弱, 减少

Their curiosity wouldn't be dimmed, but the channel of information was no longer present.

(A Game of Bones P193)

Though several analysts and others with an interest in the bill characterized that review as routine, some argued that any delay in such a complicated and increasingly contentious piece of legislation could dim its chances.

(The Washington Post 19/07/05 D04)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 argue, characterize 和 review 词条。

本句翻译：尽管几个分析家和其他对此议案有兴趣的人士认为这种评估是例行公事，但有些人却认为对一条这么复杂且愈来愈有争议的立法问题，任何拖延都会影响到它通过的可能性。

dimension [di'menʃən]

n. 方面，层次，层面

Doesn't the moral dimension of the issue count at all with these people?

(The New York Times 19/06/06)

理解提示：参见本书收录的 count 词条。

The notion that there is a spiritual dimension underlying human-nature relations is not a new one, but it is one that is gaining momentum as various groups come to realize the magnitude of environmental problems.

(Environmental Law and Policy P25)

dip [dip]

v. (短时间) 降下一点，降低一些

The unemployment rate dipped another notch, to 5 percent, the lowest level in nearly four years.

(The New York Times 09/07/05)

The third sister sat down in another pew, dipped her head in prayer and occasionally caught my eye as I tried not to wonder what she was thinking and feeling.

(The Guardian 16/09/06)

理解提示：参见本书收录的 catch 词条。

direct [di'rekt]

vt. 把注意力指向

Special attention was directed toward the girl sitting beside the premier.

(本书作者)

It was the sound of Madeleine's voice, screaming his name, that directed Armand's attention to the top of the stairs.

(Betray Me Not P 339)

vt. 谈话针对…

All at once she realized that his response was directed at her.

(本书作者)

Almost all the recent criticism from the mass media is directed at the ever increasing rate of unemployment.

(Kingsoft 2003)

disarm [dis'a:m]

vt. 缓和, 消除 (敌意, 疑虑)

He flashed her what he hoped was a disarming smile.

(Welcome to Tyler P276)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 flash 词条。

Shaw, whose essential modesty is as disarming as his pose of vanity is disconcerting, assigns to himself the role, not of the master, but of the pioneer, the role of a Marlowe rather than of a Shakespeare.

(英语考试高级阅读文选 P127)

本句翻译: Shaw 本质上的谦虚让人感觉轻松, 而他自负的外表又让人感到不安; 他认为自己的地位不是一位大师而是一位先驱者, 是 Marlowe 而不是 Shakespeare 的角色。

discipline ['di:plɪn]

vt. 使有纪律, 用纪律惩罚

Despite systematic abuse in some British prisons, no senior staff member has ever been disciplined.

(The Guardian 07/02/07)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 abuse 词条。

Flintoff, and five other players, were disciplined following a drinking spree less than 48 hours before their second match.

(The Guardian 20/03/07)

discount ['diskaunt]

vt. 低估…的意义和效果, 轻视, 不重视, 不理睬

The possibility of the sides batting each other into a stupor cannot be

discounted.

(The Guardian 13/07/06)

A company has a business culture that speaks a business language and it tends to discount or exclude those who do not share similar attributes.

(Environmental Management and Business Strategy P14)

dismiss [dis'mis]

vt. (轻蔑地) 认为, 不理睬, 拒绝接受, 不考虑

Immediately, she dismissed the idea as folly.

(A Rage to Love P152)

Once dismissed as marketing gimmicks, promotional items are now embraced as a “pillar of the advertising industry,” along with entrenched media such as TV, radio, newspaper and billboard.

(The Chronicle Herald 18/04/05)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 embrace 词条。

distinct [dis'tɪŋkt]

adj. 明显的, 清晰的

During those two years, I have noticed a distinct and disturbing change in the language used by professionals.

(The Guardian 13/09/06)

The question for investors is this: Will the economy have a so-called soft landing, in which it slows but avoids recession, or a hard landing, with a painful recession a distinct possibility?

(The New York Times 08/10/06)

理解提示: soft landing 和 hard landing 分别指“软着陆”和“硬着陆”。recession 这里作“工商业萧条, 不景气”解。

distinguished [dis'tɪŋgwɪʃt]

adj. 卓越的, 杰出的, 超群的, 出众的

Had she lived, she would certainly have made her own distinguished contribution to this tradition.

(The Guardian 20/02/06)

He is also one of the few South African novelists to be published in the United States, in his case by the distinguished literary publisher Farrar, Straus & Giroux.

(The New York Times 03/12/06)

ditch [ditʃ]

vt. 抛弃, 逃避

The product flopped and was ditched within 18 months.

(The Guardian 31/10/06)

理解提示: flop 这里的含义是“彻底失败 (*vi.*)”。

Farther north, in a computer-game room, 20 or so boys, having ditched school, sit mesmerized before their screens, while, outside, an olive-skinned kid, wanting in, tries twice to sell us a watch.

(The New York Times 02/05/04)

理解提示: 本句的主干为 20 or so boys sit mesmerized before their screens, while an olive-skinned kid tries twice to sell us a watch.

dive [daiv]

vi. 猛冲

Driven by feminine curiosity, Milly dived to open the fridge door and survey the lavish contents.

(The Italian's Price P62)

理解提示: contents 指“(盒子等)里面的东西”。

The beep-beep which signaled an incoming text message had Tara dropping her book and diving for her cell phone.

(The Magnate's Mistress P5)

divided [di'vaɪdɪd]

adj. 意见分歧的

The country seems almost evenly divided on the matter, according to a recent report in Science.

(The New York Times 22/08/06)

理解提示: Science 这里指美国《科学》杂志。

In Morristown and Danbury, where residents are deeply divided

about whether local police officers should be enforcing federal immigration rules, protests have erupted.

(The New York Times 15/04/07)

divine [di'vain]

v. 预测, 预言, 神机妙算

As if she had divined Cassandra's thoughts, the baby opened her eyes and looked up at her.

(A Rage to Love P6)

He has divined the potential of companies reorganizing under bankruptcy protection, bought their stocks cheap and watched them soar.

(The New York Times 29/06/03)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 soar 词条。

divorce [di'vɔ:s]

vt. 使分离, 使脱离

They shouldn't be divorced from the world of education at such a young age.

(The Guardian 09/02/07)

Some attendants of the meeting dismissed his idea, which, in their opinion, is completely divorced from contemporary reality.

(本书作者)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 dismiss 词条。

dock [dɒk]

vt. 扣掉, 减除

The referee, Mickey Vann, docked Bika one point and could have taken sterner action.

(The Guardian 16/10/06)

She was reduced in rank to corporal or specialist, given a letter of reprimand and docked \$250 a month in pay for four months.

(The New York Times 05/08/05)

理解提示: reduce 这里作“降级”解; corporal 意为军队中的“下士”, specialist

指“美军未受过军衔的军人，相当于从下士到三级军士的军衔”。

vt. 连接，对接

The Tools toolbar is shown floating, while the Standard and Draw toolbar are docked to the ArcMap window.

(www.esri.com)

理解提示: ArcMap window 指“ArcMap 电脑界面”。

The space shuttle Discovery successfully docked with the International Space Station today, after carrying out an unprecedented back-flip to allow the crewmembers to photograph the shuttle's heat shield.

(The New York Times 28/07/05)

doctor ['dɒktə]

vt. 掺杂(酒等), 调制

It is difficult to find food that has not been doctored up with palate-pleasing food additives.

(Chemistry and Society P522)

He doctored two large mugs of coffee, dumped several files from his desk into his briefcase, and when the phone rang he was ready to roll.

(Show of Evil P13)

理解提示: roll 这里作“开车出发”解。

vt. 篡改, 假造

Rumors circulate that the video was doctored, or that the men committing the crimes were acting independently.

(The New York Times 11/07/05)

On Thursday, after more than two years of frustration in tracking the girl down, police released six doctored images from which she had been digitally removed, in hopes that some one would be able to identify the location.

(The Chronicle Herald 05/02/05 A3)

dog [dɒg]

vi. (灾难等) 紧紧缠住, 使苦恼

They'd become so used to bad luck dogging them that good news was difficult to accept.

(The Salvatore Marriage P172)

The Department of Trade and Industry's low carbon buildings programme, designed to boost the installation of solar panels and wind turbines on houses, has been dogged by insufficient funds and soaring demand.

(The Guardian 07/02/07)

理解提示: solar panel 和 wind turbine 分别指“太阳能电池”和“风力发电机”。另请参见本书收录的 program 和 soar 词条。

down [daʊn]

vi. 一口咽下, 一口闷

Placing the emptied bottle on the table, he egged her on to down the beer in the glass.

(本书作者)

Sebastien downed the drink in one and strode back over to her, the expression on his handsome face utterly forbidding.

(Sale or Return Bride P149)

n. 羽绒

Goose down is considered superior to duck down.

(本书作者)

This long down coat features snap button close, cozy front slit pockets, faux fur lined hood and duck down fill for an extra toasty effect.

(www.thisnext.com/item)

理解提示: close 这里作名词, 意为“闭(合), 合(拢)”。另请参见本书收录的 feature 词条。

drag [draɪg]

vi. 拖拖拉拉地进行, 进行得很慢

Though the waiters were nice, the meal dragged, with prolonged

pauses between courses.

(The New York Times 11/06/06)

理解提示: course 可作“道菜”解。

Nortel Networks Corp. shareholders punished weary executives of the big telecoms equipment supplier with relentless criticism yesterday in a marathon annual meeting that dragged on for more than six hours.

(Metro 30/06/05 07)

drain [dreɪn]

vt. 消耗, 损耗

She was obviously drained and weak, and her arms lay limply at her sides.

(Lost Identity P202)

Continuous losses drain assets from the business, consume owners' equity, and leave the company at the mercy of creditors.

(Financial Accounting P615)

理解提示: loss 可作“亏损”解。

vt. 喝光, 饮尽

Straightening up in the seat, she drained her glass and placed it on the floor at her feet.

(Marriage at His Convenience P16)

In fact, we did more than that – we sat about and drained two large, chilled bottles of Morrisons fino, and wondered why we didn't have it more often.

(The Guardian 15/10/05)

dramatic [drə'mætɪk]

adj. 急剧的, 剧烈的

A dramatic shift in our understanding of the solar galaxy came about last year.

(本书作者)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 shift 词条。

The price of oil today fell below \$60 a barrel for the first time in six months, continuing the dramatic decline over recent weeks.

(The Guardian 25/09/06)

adj. 激动人心的, 惹人注目的

He always wanted to grab bigger and more dramatic headlines.

(The Guardian 19/09/06)

Framed by Lord Rogers's tower to the north and Mr. Maki's to the south, the pedestrian corridor will form one of the most dramatic visual approaches to the memorial site.

(The New York Times 11/09/06)

理解提示: tower 指“大楼”。另请参见本书收录的 frame 词条。

drift [drift]

vi. 不知不觉地进入 (某种状态), 渐渐趋向

Gianna drifted awake to the realization she was alone in the large bed.

(The High-Society Wife P35)

So after he drifted into a neighbor's room the other day to visit a friend who is also a convicted child molester, he quickly reported to his landlady that he had spied a tiny photograph of a blond girl.

(The New York Times 18/06/06)

drip [drip]

v. 洋溢着, 充满着

"And you would never do that," Cassandra observed, her voice dripping sarcasm.

(A Rage to Love P 255)

An ominous voice, dripping with contempt, informs him that his mother and sisters have been kidnapped.

(The New York Times 26/03/06)

理解提示: 这是电影里的一个情节。描述电影情节通常用现在时态。

drive [draɪv]

vt. 驱动, 驱使

Cath resisted as long as she could, but his kisses always drove her mad.

(Snowbound Reunion P21)

The next 30-50 years will be a time of high economic growth, especially in the Third World, driven by extreme expectations and global capitalism.

(Ecological Economics 25/1998 P30)

n. 干劲, 动力

Kevin Sharer had plenty of this kind of drive, and so do most people who succeed.

(Winning P287)

In media-rich urban centers, the drive to stand out tends to be more oriented toward celebrity, and its hold on people appears similar across diverse cultures.

(The New York Times 20/08/06)

本句翻译: 在媒体丰富的都市中心, 人们想出人头地的动力往往更易被导向名望, 并且, 在不同的文化里, 名望对人们的吸引力似乎相似。

n. 有组织的努力, 运动

That is why the government's drive to eradicate child poverty by 2020 remains such an important ambition.

(The Guardian 15/02/07)

India's missile program, together with its nuclear program and drive for a permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council, is part of its ongoing efforts to establish itself as a world power.

(The Globe and Mail 10/07/06)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 program 词条。

drop [drɒp]

vt. 放弃, 停止考虑

Charges against him were subsequently dropped.

(The Guardian 05/05/07)

Bollywood star Shilpa Shetty appealed to India's Supreme Court

yesterday to drop obscenity charges brought against her for being kissed in public by Hollywood star Richard Gere.

(Metro 15/05/07 P14)

理解提示: Bollywood (宝莱坞) 为印度的影视基地。

drown [draʊn]

vt. 沉溺于, 埋头于

Avery stared at the empty road in silence, drowning in his sense of utter helplessness.

(Stalking Horse P20)

She slid her fingers into his hair and prolonged the kiss until she was drowning in erotic sensations.

(Welcome to Tyler P156)

vt. 用声音淹没 (声音)

The key moment was drowned by a passing train.

(本书作者)

Rain poured down; the sky was split by terrifying flashes of forked lightning while peals of thunder drowned the conversation.

(First Certificate P201)

duck [dʌk]

vt. 躲避

She laughed as he ducked the pillow she aimed at his head.

(Summer's End P141)

Lane grinned, and then ducked out of habit to keep from bumping his head as he maneuvered his own six feet six inches into the bulkhead of the plane.

(Believe P10 经作者改写)

理解提示: his own six feet six inches 指“他那六尺六的身躯”。

dull [dʌl]

vt. (兴趣、痛苦等) 减轻, 减少

Jack smiled in remembrance, and for the first time the pain of loss was dulled by memory.

(Redemption P107)

Disappointment flooded her, dulling the breathless anticipation that had buoyed her only moments before.

(Travellin's Man P108)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 flood 和 buoy 词条。

vt. 使不清楚, 使模糊

She immediately tried to dull the obvious.

(Frontier Lady P43)

When she awoke at last, the play of eerie nighttime shadows reflecting from the fire dulled the line between waking and sleeping.

(Frontier Lady P116)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 play 词条。

dump [dʌmp]

vt. 贱卖, 倾销

These hugely subsidised exports are dumped on developing countries.

(The Guardian 15/04/04)

The North not only balks at buying sugar and other crops from developing countries; it also dumps its excess agriculture commodities, especially grain, on them.

(Introduction to Environmental Studies P44)

理解提示: the North 指“发达国家”。

vt. 丢下, 抛弃

The cab driver dumped her, in her nightie, in the street, having first tried to rape her.

(The Guardian 03/09/06)

It could all be attributed to a man who'd been dumped by his wife, and not a man who'd tossed his wife in a dump.

(Believe P410)

dwarf [dwɔ:f]

vt. 使相形见绌

He towered over her, dwarfing her not inconsiderable height.

(Marriage at His Convenience P60)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 tower 词条。

Maduro and Schauerhammer discuss at great length the source of chlorine in the stratosphere, arguing that natural sources dwarf any contributions from CFCs.

(Earth Ethics P308)

理解提示: CFC (氯氟烃) 会导致臭氧层变薄。另请参见本书收录的 argue 词条。

E

earmark ['iəmə:k]

v. 指拨 (款项), 指定 (特殊用途)

The money will be earmarked for their counter-terrorism operations.

(The Guardian 22/03/07)

Clarence Little, the group's executive director, said 30 percent of the condos would be priced below market rates, and 5 percent would be earmarked for people with disabilities, also at lower rates.

(The New York Time 09/07/06)

earn [ə:n]

vt. 获得, 赢得

Politics is a dirty business and a reputation for probity is hard earned, not boasted.

(The Guardian 26/09/06)

理解提示: hard 这里作副词, 意为“努力地, 辛苦地”。

Since becoming president of the World Bank last year, he has earned the opposition of member governments and many among his staff for his zero-tolerance of corruption.

(The Guardian 17/09/06)