

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)

**earthly** ['e:θli]

*adj.* 世俗的, 尘世的

He wants to show that Richter had transcended all earthly concerns.

(The New York Time 17/06/01)

Weber claimed that Protestantism divested work of its earthly delight, making it purely a religious duty, while capitalism destroyed that delight forever.

(The New York Time 16/01/05)

*adj.* [用于否定句或疑问句]可能的, 想得出的

However, if you cannot beat Federer when he is serving poorly, what earthly chance do you have when the flow is with him?

(The Guardian 02/07/05)

理解提示: serve 和 flow 这里分别作“发球”和“得分的势头”解。

Finally, he admitted what every other forecaster has been saying for months: Britain has no earthly hope of growing by 3% – 3.5%.

(The Guardian 24/09/05)

**ease** [i:z]

*vt.* 减轻, 缓和

She knew his words were intended to ease her misgivings, and yet they pained her.

(All My Love P43)

He pressed a hand to the base of his spine to ease out the crick produced by bending for hours.

(Betray Me Not P129)

*vt.* 放宽, 放松

Cade refused to ease his grip on her.

(The Duke's Covert Mission P62)

U.S. cattlemen opposed to easing a ban on Canadian cattle and beef intensified lobby efforts yesterday by accusing Canada of not weeding out tainted animal feed and of inadequate testing for mad-cow disease.

(The Globe and Mail 04/01/05 A8)

理解提示: 本句主干为 U.S. cattlemen intensified lobby efforts.

*vt.* 小心搬动, 小心移动

He gently eased back strands of hair falling over her face and tucked them behind her ears.

(Lost Identity P61)

Pressing a hand to his aching back, Armand grimaced as he eased his shoulders up and stretched out the kinks by rotating his arms.

(Betray Me Not P53)

**echo** [ˈekəʊ]

*vt.* 反映, 重复, 随声附和

His words echoed the thoughts of each man in the car.

(Stalking Horse P235)

The quiet but determined insubordination that marked his public life is echoed in his poetry, which is lucid, low-pitched and saturated with irony.

(The New York Time 29/07/07)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 mark 词条。

**eclipse** [iˈklips]

*vt.* 使蒙上阴影, 使黯然失色

Once dominant among search engines, Yahoo! has been eclipsed by Google's popularity in recent years.

(The Guardian 01/05/07)

Overall, the picture of United States trade last year was one of surging import growth that eclipsed rising exports.

(The New York Time 14/02/07)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 surge 词条。

**edge** [edʒ]

*n.* 优势

Sales reps from well-known companies have an edge in getting the sale if their sales presentations are adequate.

(Marketing Management P626)

We will discuss how firms can make strategic moves that give them an advantage over their competitors or the edge in a bargaining situation.

(Microeconomics P 453)

理解提示：参见本书收录的 *move* 词条。

*n.* (言语等的) 尖刻

"I would appreciate it," he said, the edge coming back to his voice.

(Baby of Shame P114)

There was a decided edge to his voice, but she returned his gaze evenly as the car raced through the traffic.

(Summer's End P134)

理解提示：*decided* 这里作“清楚的，明确的，明显的”解。另请参见本书收录的 *race* 词条。

*v.* 缓缓移动，挤，侧身挤

The door began closing, but he edged his foot into the gap.

(Stalking Horse p338)

We edged closer to the couple standing by their tepee, but our horses kept their distance because of a snarling guard dog.

(The New York Times 06/08/06)

**effect** [i'fekt]

*vt.* 实现，达到（目的等）

She intended to effect a reconciliation, but on her own terms.

(A Rage to Love P165)

理解提示：参见本书收录的 *term* 词条。

New Labour's leaders have adapted enthusiastically to the changes corporate-driven globalisation has effected, bringing new ideas and practices of the market into everyday life.

(The Guardian 30/04/07)

理解提示：*Labour* 这里指英国的 Labour Party（工党）。

**element** [ˈelɪmənt]

*n.* (*pl*) 天气 (指风吹雨打日晒)

Not many braved the elements to watch.

(The Guardian 22/07/02)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 *brave* 词条。

During this time, the grapes are naturally dehydrated by the elements, adding to the concentration of flavors, aromas, sugars and acids in the juice.

(摘自加拿大 Immiskillin 冰酒说明书)

**elude** [i'lju:d]

*vt.* 使记不起, 使不能进行, 使困惑

The more determinedly she strove to identify this core odor, the more its slippery name eluded her.

(The Taking P22)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 *slippery* 词条。

The hammer, which by now was widely assumed to be the murder weapon, had so far eluded identification.

(Missing Beauty P286)

**embrace** [im'breis]

*vt.* 采用, 接受

Paleontologists, too, embrace the idea and even the term.

(Introduction to Environmental Studies P87)

Sustainability as an environmental policy objective has been embraced by a growing number of governments and organizations.

(Environmental Performance Report P12)

**embroider** [im'broidə]

*vt.* 给...添油加醋, 润色

The tale, she believes, is embroidered for ulterior ends.

(本书作者)

Rumors, embroidered with detail, live on for years, neither denied nor confirmed, until they become accepted as fact among people not known for their credulity.