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**fail** [feɪl]

*vt.* 使失望, 辜负

Her fear of failing her mother's dream had blinded her to what was important in her life.

(Almost Naked, Inc. P234)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 blind 词条。

Disappointed that she had nobody to share her excitement with, Liza had to settle for racing around the rooms with her sketchbook, making notes and rapidly drawing when words failed her.

(Welcome to Tyler P101)

**failing** [ˈfeɪlɪŋ]

*prep.* 如果没有, 如果…失败的话

Failing specific instructions, you may use your own judgment.

(Kingsoft 2003)

Mr. Payne, the hotel consultant, said hotel staff should call to see if a guest is ready to have the tray picked up – and failing that, travelers should call to ask for a pick-up, rather than just pushing the tray into the hall.

(The New York Times 30/01/07)

*adj.* 减弱中的, 衰退中的

He was 40 and in despair: he was fat, his health was failing, he was always tired and he had indigestion.

(The New York Times 14/02/06)

Because of his near-deafness and failing vision, Mr. Hale could answer questions only if they were written out in large block letters.

(The New York Times 02/12/03)

理解提示: block letter 指“印刷体字母”。

**falter** [ˈfɔ:lteɪ]

vi. 疲软, 踌躇, 迟疑

But history shows that even great companies falter.

(Reframing Organizations P230)

The temperature seemed to drop all day, but the determination of the crowd to wring every last drop of enjoyment from the occasion never faltered.

(The Guardian 13/11/06)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 wring 词条。

**fan** [fæn]

vt. 刺激, 激起

Reports of infighting among the legislation's backers fanned hopes it could fall through.

(The Guardian 27/07/06)

The pound hit a 26-year high against the dollar this morning as news of stronger than expected pay growth fanned already high expectations of interest rate rises.

(The Guardian 18/04/07)

理解提示: 一种货币的利率升高会引起这种货币对其他货币的升值。另请参见本书收录的 hit 词条。

**fancy** ['fænsi]

vt. (无根据地) 相信, 认为, 自以为

Soon enough, the nephew is involved with a local girl who fancies herself a Goth.

(The New York Times 11/06/06)

This was a bit lowbrow for Barnes, who fancies himself as the most intellectual of the sports commentators and usually prefers to quote Camus.

(The Guardian 29/10/06)

理解提示: Albert Camus 是一位作家和哲学家, 也是诺贝尔文学奖获得者。

adj. [美] 高档的, 高级的

But the fancy fabrics and casual styles were often at odds.

(The New York Times 11/09/06)

His office is on a trendy street in Damascus, a street filled with fancy clothing shops, upscale restaurants with valet parking and nice apartments.

(The New York Times 09/08/06)

**fare** [fɛə]

*vi.* 进展, 过日子

Many immigrants in Canada do not fare as well as they had expected.

(本书作者)

Dams that flood their upstream areas displace local populations, who seldom fare as well in new locations, and destroy natural habitat.

(Economics of Development P176)

**fashion** [ˈfæʃən]

*vt.* 形成, 制作, 制订, 把…做成

They fashioned an ersatz vinegar from tamarind, and threw in lots of spices, especially chilis.

(The New York Times 01/02/06)

Having ignored the advice of its own scientists and fashioned its goal unwisely, the United Nations today studiously avoids having an opinion on whether the malaria crisis – the disease is the No. 1 killer of children in sub-Saharan Africa – is getting better or worse.

(The New York Times 13/09/05)

*n.* 姿态, 方式

The WHO intends to tell governments to ensure that circumcision is carried out in a similar fashion.

(The Guardian 22/12/06)

理解提示: WHO 指 “World Health Organization (世界卫生组织)”。

“Having heard the testimonies of hundreds of Porton Down veterans, I consider it simply outrageous that they were treated in

such a cavalier fashion,” she said.

(The Guardian 13/05/06)

理解提示: cavalier 这里的含义是“随便的, 事不关己高高挂起的 (adj.)。”

**father** [ˈfɑːðə]

vt. 培养, 养育

He fathered four children, two by each of his last two wives.

(The Duke's Covert Mission P243)

And the idea of fathering a child at this stage in his life was more frightening than facing a platoon of soldiers with automatic weapons.

(Welcome to Tyler P237)

**fathom** [ˈfæðəm]

vt. 看穿, 彻底了解

“Why, Caleb, then?” asked Deborah, hardly able to fathom how a woman could be attracted to such a man.

(Frontier Lady P51)

Punctually at one o'clock, drawn by an impulse she could neither fathom nor master, Cassandra arrived at the Pan hotel and sat waiting for him in the lobby.

(A Rage to Love P60)

理解提示: master 这里的是动词, 意为“使驯服, 使平息”。

**fault** [fɔːlt]

v. 挑剔, 找…的岔子

Mr. Blankenship has also been faulted for his company's environmental record.

(The New York Times 22/10/06)

While her playing could not be faulted, it paled in comparison with that of violist Laurence Power.

(The Guardian 15/05/07)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 pale 词条。

**feather** [ˈfeðə]

vt. 轻轻地给, 轻轻地移动

Impulsively, Wyatt hugged her, and feathered a kiss near her eyebrow.

(Believe P335)

"I've got everything under control now, hon." Cade turned into her, brushing his fingertips across her cheek and feathering them into her hair.

(The Duke's Covert Mission P82)

理解提示: hon. 为 "honey" 的缩写。

v. (使) 像羽毛般地飘动 (或展开、生长等)

Tears came to his daughter's eyes as he feathered his fingers across her forehead.

(本书作者)

"I thought you would appreciate somewhere you knew," he suggested softly, his breath feathering across her cheek.

(Marriage at His Convenience P92)

**feature** ['fi:tʃə]

vi. 地位显著, 占主要位置

The event had garnered television coverage and had featured in several prominent magazines.

(The High-Society Wife P9)

理解提示: 参见本书收录的 garner 词条。

As you might expect in a movie about a hotel room, alcohol and sex feature prominently, though mainly as a cover for deeper issues.

(The New York Times 31/01/07)

vt. 给...以显著地位, 特写, 特别报道

The book, released last month, features about 150 photographs, some dating back to the late 1800s.

(The Chronicle Herald 02/01/05 P15)

The search box, featured in the new Internet Explorer 7, is set up by default to deliver users to Microsoft MSN search service.