

3500 ACT Vocabulary (3)

cabal

(内阁) small group of persons secretly united to promote their own interests

cacophonous

(不和谐) discordant; inharmonious; sounding harshly; ill-sounding

cadaverous

(尸体似的,苍白的) like corpse; pale; Having appearance or color of dead human body

cadence

(平仄,重音) rhythmic rise and fall of words or sounds; beat

cajole

(哄骗,勾引) influence or urge by gentle urging or flattering

calamity

(灾难,不幸) event that brings terrible loss, lasting distress, or severe affliction; disaster; misery

caldron

(大锅) large kettle or boiler of copper, brass, or iron

calligraphy

(漂亮的书法) beautiful writing; excellent penmanship

callow

(年幼,稚嫩,无经验) youthful; immature; inexperienced; without feathers

calm

((天气,海洋等)静的,平静的) freedom from motion, agitation, or disturbance; tranquility; stillness; quiet; serenity

calorific

(产热的) capable of producing heat; causing heat; heating

calumny

(诽谤,中伤) false statement maliciously made to injure another's reputation; slander

camaraderie

(友情) good-fellowship; companionship; close friendship in friends or teammates

cameo

(贝壳上的浮雕,特写(演员)) piece of jewelry; a small scale used as a jewel for adornment; famous actor's special appearance in a minor role in film

camouflage

(伪装) exploit natural surroundings to disguise something; conceal

campaign

((政治或商业性)活动,竞选活动) battle ;a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end

canny

(谨慎的,节约的) having pleasing or useful qualities; gentle; knowing; cautious; cunning; shrewd

cantankerous

(脾气坏,易发怒) ill humored; irritable; marked by ill-tempered contradiction or opposition; ugly; malicious

cantata

(大合唱) story or poem set to music that can be sung by chorus

canter

(慢跑) slow gallop; moderate running pace of horse

canto

((长诗的) 分篇) part or division of poem of some length

canvas

(帆布,画布) heavy closely woven fabric; background against which events unfold, as in a historical narrative

canvass

(调查,投票) determine votes; examine carefully or discuss thoroughly; scrutinize

capable

(有能力的) having the ability required for a specific task

capacious

(宽敞的) capable of containing a large quantity; spacious or roomy

capitulate

(投降) surrender; end all resistance; give up; go along with or comply

capricious

(反复无常的) fickle; impulsive and unpredictable; apt to change opinions suddenly

caption

(标题) title; chapter heading; text under illustration

captious

(难以讨好的,吹毛求疵的,爱挑毛病的) intended to confuse in an argument

captivate

(迷住,迷惑) charm; enthrall; seize by force, as an enemy in war, or anything belonging to enemy

carapace

((蟹或龟的)甲壳) hard outer covering or case of certain organisms such as arthropods and turtles

carbohydrate

(碳水化合物) essential structural component of living cells and source of energy for animals

cardinal

(红衣主教) high church official, ranking just below the pope; dark to deep or vivid red

careen

(倾斜) lean to one side, as a ship under press of sail; sway from side to side

careful

(小心的,仔细地) full of care; anxious; solicitous; taking care; giving good heed; watchful; cautious

careworn

(饱经忧患的,忧心忡忡的) worn or burdened with care; showing the signs of long-term stresses

caricature

(歪曲,漫画,讽刺画) representation that is deliberately exaggerated to produce a comic effect

carnival

(狂欢节) festivity; traveling amusement show usually including rides, games, and sideshows

carnivorous

(食肉的) eating or feeding on flesh; predatory

carping

(不公正的不合理的批评) fault-finding; excessive complaining; of unreasonable criticism or censure

cartographer

(制图者,制地图的人) one who makes maps or charts

castigate

(严厉批评,惩罚) criticize severely; punish; revise or make corrections to publication

cast-iron

(铸铁的) extremely robust; rigid; inflexible; made of cast iron

casual

(非正式的,随便的,漫不经心的) informal; purposeless; occurring by chance

cataclysm

(巨变,剧变,灾难) an event resulting in great loss and misfortune; deluge or overflowing of water

catapult

(弹弓,弹射器) slingshot; hurling machine; military machine for hurling missiles, used in ancient and medieval times

cataract

(大瀑布,白内障) large or high waterfall; eye abnormality

catcall

(嘘声) shout of disapproval; shout or whistle expressing dislike, especially from crowd or audience

catechism

(教义问答手册) book for religious instruction; instruction by question and answer

categorical

(无条件,直截了当) absolute; having no exception; of using category or categories

category

(种类,类目,范畴) group; class; collection of things sharing a common attribute

cater

(迎合) supply what is needed or desired; provide food professionally for special occasion

catharsis

(导泻,通便,疏泄) purging or cleansing of any passage of body

caulk

(填,补漏) make watertight by filling in cracks

causal

(因果关系的) implying cause-and-effect relationship

caustic

(腐蚀,挖苦) capable of burning, corroding, dissolving, or eating away by chemical action

caution

(正式警告) formal warning in law; close attention to minimize risk

cautiously

(小心地,谨慎地) gingerly; carefully; in a conservative manner

cavalcade

(队伍) ceremonial procession or display; succession or series

cavil

(挑剔) criticise for petty or frivolous reasons; raise trivial objections

cavity

(洞,腔,蛀洞) hole; cavern; hollow area within the body

ceaseless

(不停的) incessant; endless; without stop or pause; constant.

cede

(放弃,屈服于,投降) yield or formally resign and surrender to another

celebrated

(名人的,著名的) famous; well-known; having illustrious past

celerity

(速度) swiftness of action or motion; speed

celestial

(天体的,天堂的) relating to the sky or the heavens; supremely good; god or angel

celibate

(未婚的,独身的) unmarried; abstaining from sexual intercourse

ensorious

(批判的) critical; addicted to censure; severe in making remarks on others, or on their writings or manners; implying or expressing censure

censure

(责怪,批评) expression of strong disapproval or harsh criticism; blame

centennial

(一百年的,百岁的) of hundredth anniversary; lasting or aged a hundred years

centigrade

(华氏) measure of temperature, used widely in Europe

centrifugal

(离心,放射) radiating; departing from the center

centripetal

(向心) tending toward center; moving or directed toward center or axis

centurion

(百夫长) officer of ancient Roman army, in command of a century of soldiers or minor division

cerebration

(思考) act of cerebrating; thinking, mental activity

ceremonial

(正式的,仪式的) formal or ritual; ceremonious

ceremonious

(隆重的) marked by formality; strictly observant of or devoted to ceremony or ritual

ceremony

(典礼,仪式,礼节) formal act or set of acts performed as prescribed by ritual or custom

certitude

(确实) state of being certain; complete assurance; confidence

cessation

(停止) bringing or coming to end; ceasing

cession

(给与,割让) yielding to another; ceding or surrendering

chafe

(摩擦,擦热) wear away or irritate by rubbing; make sore by rubbing; annoy; vex

chaff

(废物,糠,假货,开玩笑,打趣) trivial or worthless matter; thin dry bracts or scales, especially

chaffing

(开玩笑) joking; use of light, frivolous language by way of fun or ridicule

chagrin

(伤心,失望委屈) anxiety caused by humiliation or injured pride; disappointment

chalice

(圣餐杯) goblet; bowl-shaped drinking vessel; large drinking cup, often having stem and base

chameleon

(变色龙) lizard that changes color in different situations

chaos

(混乱) disorder; condition or place of great disorder or confusion; disorderly mass

chaotic

(混乱的,无秩序的) in utter disorder; lacking visible order or organization

characterize

(表现的特色,刻画的性格) distinguish; be characteristic of; be a distinctive trait or mark of

chart

(海图,图表) graph; diagram; map showing coastlines, water depths, or other information of use to navigators

charter

(合同书,特许证) document issued by a sovereign, legislature, or other authority; contract for commercial leasing of vessel

chary

(谨慎,吝啬) cautious; sparing or restrained about giving

chasm

(深渊) deep opening in the earth surface

chassis

(底盘) rectangular frame attached working parts, as of automobile

chasten

(磨练) rid of excess; refine or purify; correct by punishment or reproof

chastise

(惩罚) punish, as by beating; criticize severely; rebuke

chateau

(城堡,高级旅馆) impressive country house or castle in France; large country house

chauvinist

(盲目爱国主义) person with prejudiced belief in superiority of own kind

cherish

(怀抱(希望)) harbor; treasure; treat with affection and tenderness; hold dear

cherubic

(天真无邪) angelic; innocent-looking; like a baby; infantile

chicanery

(强辩,狡辩,欺骗) mean or unfair artifice to obscure truth; deception by trickery or sophistry

chide

(斥责) scold mildly so as to correct or improve; express disapproval

chimerical

(不现实,空想) fantastically improbable; highly unrealistic; imaginative

choleric

(易发怒的,脾气坏) hot-tempered; easily angered; bad-tempered; expressing anger

chortle

(得意的笑) chuckle with delight; joyful laugh or chuckle; laugh quietly or with restraint

chronic

(慢性的) lasting for long period; marked by frequent recurrence, as certain diseases

churlish

(粗鲁的) difficult to work with; rude; unyielding; unmanageable

cipher

(密码,数字) secret code; an Arabic numeral or figure; a number

circuit

(电路) electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow

circuitous

(迂回的) being or taking a roundabout, lengthy course; going round in a circuit; not direct

circumlocution

(迂回累赘的话,遁词) indirect or roundabout expression; evasion in speech or writing

circumscribe

(限制) limit narrowly; confine; draw a line around; encircle

circumspect

(慎重,周到) carefully aware of all circumstances; cautious

circumvent

(智取,包围) surround an enemy; enclose or entrap; beat by cleverness and wit

cistern

(水塔,水库) reservoir or water tank; vessel to hold water for household uses

citadel

(大本营) fortress; fortified place which people could go for shelter during battle

civil

(平民的,市民的,民事的,非军事的,国内的,文明的) having to do with citizens or the state; courteous and polite

clamber

(爬) climb with difficulty, especially on all fours; climb by crawling

clamor

(吵闹声,噪音) noise; loud outcry; expression of discontent or protest

clan

(家族,宗族) faction; tribe; division of a tribe tracing descent from a common ancestor; a large group of relatives

clangor

(大声喧哗,持续的铿锵声) loud, resounding noise; sharp, metallic, ringing sound; resonant, clanging sound

clapper

(铃舌,钟舌) metal striker that hangs inside bell and makes sound by hitting side; someone who applauds

claustrophobia

(幽闭恐怖症) abnormal fear of being in narrow or enclosed spaces

cleave

(劈开,黏着,忠于) split with or as if with a sharp instrument; pierce or penetrate; remain faithful to

cleft

(裂缝,裂口) crack or crevice; a split or indentation between two parts, as of the chin

clench

(牢牢抓住) close tightly; grasp or grip tightly; fasten with a clinch

climactic

(顶点的,高潮的) relating to the highest point; ascending or leading to climax

clime

(地域,气候) region; climate; particular region as defined by its weather or climate

clinic

(门诊所) healthcare facility for outpatient care

clique

(小圈子,同行) small exclusive group of friends or associates

clockwise

(顺时针方向的(地)) in the direction that the hands of a clock move

cloister

(修道院) place, especially a monastery or convent, devoted to religious seclusion; secluded, quiet place

cloying

(倒胃口,过度的) distasteful because excessive; excessively sweet or sentimental

clump

(草丛,树丛,灌木丛,一块,一团) cluster or close group of bushes, trees; mass; sound of heavy treading

cluster

(簇,串,群) group; bunch; group of the same or similar elements gathered or occurring closely

clutch

(抓住,攫取) grasp and hold tightly; attempt to grasp or seize

coagulate

(凝结) cause transformation of liquid into or as if into soft, semisolid, or solid mass

coalesce

(接合,结合,合并) combine; fuse; grow together; come together so as to form one whole; unite

coddle

(娇养,溺爱) treat gently; cook in water just below boiling point

codicil

(遗嘱的附录) supplement or appendix, especially to a will

codify

(编纂) arrange laws, rules as a code; classify; arrange or systematize

coexist

(同时存在,共存) exist together, at the same time, or in the same place

cogency

(说服力) power of proving or of producing belief; quality of being highly probable or convincing; force; credibility

cogent

(有说服力的) reasonable and convincing; based on evidence; forcefully persuasive

cogitate

(考虑) think earnestly or studiously; meditate; ponder; think deeply

cognate

(同源的) related by blood; having common ancestor; related or analogous in nature, character, or function

cognitive

(认知的) knowing or perceiving; part of mental functions that deals with logic

cognizance

(认知) knowledge or recognition; awareness; range of what one can know or understand

cohere

(粘住的) stick or hold together in a mass that resists separation

coherence

(黏合性,连贯性,一致性) logical and orderly and consistent relation of parts; state of cohering or sticking together

cohesion

(内聚力,黏度) tendency to keep together

coiffure

(发型) hairstyle; head-dress; manner of arranging or dressing hair

colander

(过滤器) bowl-shaped strainer, used to wash or drain foods

collaborate

(协作,合作) work together, especially in a joint intellectual effort

collate

(校对,整理) examine in order to verify authenticity; arrange in order

colleague

(同事,同僚) fellow worker; associate; co-worker

colloquial

(口语的) of informal spoken language or conversation; conversational or chatty

collusion

(勾结) secret agreement for an illegal purpose; conspiracy

colony

(殖民地,群体) region politically controlled by a distant country; a dependency; a community of social insects, as ants, bees

combustible

(易燃的,可燃的,易燃物) capable of igniting and burning; easily aroused or excited

comely

(清秀,美丽,漂亮,有吸引力的) pleasing or attractive to the eye; handsome; graceful

comeuppance

(报应) rebuke; punishment or retribution that one deserves; outcome which is justly deserved

comic

(滑稽的,好笑的,喜剧的) arousing or provoking laughter; ridiculous; amusing; humorous

commandeer

(征用,招募) force into military service; take for public use; seize for military use; take arbitrarily or by force

commemorate

(纪念) serve as a memorial to; honor the memory of with a ceremony

commensurate

(相当的,相称的) of the same size, extent, or duration as another

comment

(注释,评论) express an opinion; remark

commiserate

(怜悯,同情) feel or express pity or sympathy for

commission

(佣金,委员会,委任,任命) fee for services; group of people appointed to find out about something; authorize

commissioner

(委员,专员) person authorized by a commission to perform certain duties; member of a commission

commit

(犯(错误),干(坏事)) do something that cannot be changed; cause to be admitted

commodious

(宽敞,舒适) spacious and comfortable; fit; proper; convenient

commodity

(商品,日用品) goods; article of trade; advantage; benefit.

commonsense

(具有常识的) exhibiting native good judgment

communal

(公共的) held in common; of a group of people

communicate

(传达,沟通,通信) send information about; make known; impart; reveal clearly

comparable

(相似的) similar or equivalent; being of equal regard; worthy to be ranked with

compatible

(和谐的) harmonious; having similar disposition and tastes

compel

(强迫,引起) force; coerce; necessitate or pressure by force

compensatory

(补偿) serving to compensate or as compensation; making amends; repaying

competing

(有竞争性的,不相上下的) engaging in a contest; being in the state of competition, often unintentionally

compile

(聚集,积累,汇集) put together or compose from materials gathered from several sources

complacency

(自满,装模作样) feeling of contented self-satisfaction, especially when unaware of upcoming trouble

complaint

(抱怨,怨言) expression of pain, dissatisfaction, or resentment; criticism

complaisant

(彬彬有礼,殷勤) trying to please; showing cheerful willingness to do favors for others

complementary

(互补的,互相补足的,互余角的) serving to fill out or to complete; supplying mutual needs or offsetting mutual lacks

compliant

(让步,顺从) yielding to request or desire; ready to accommodate; disposed or willing to comply

complicity

(共犯,共同) participation; involvement as partner or accomplice, especially in crime or other wrongdoing

complimentary

(赞美的) expressing of praise, admiration, or congratulation; given free to repay a favor or as an act of courtesy

component

(成分) element; ingredient; abstract part of something

composure

(镇定,沉着) mental calmness; calm or tranquil state of mind

comprehension

(理解,包含) grasp; ability to understand

comprise

(包括) include; consist of; be composed of

compunction

(后悔) feeling of deep regret; strong uneasiness caused by a sense of guilt

concave

(空的) hollow; curved like inner surface of sphere

conceal

(隐藏,隐瞒) keep from being seen, found, observed, or discovered; secrete

conceit

(自负,自大,离奇古怪的想法) overly high self-esteem; feelings of excessive pride

concentric

(同心) having a common center, circles of different size, one within another

concerted

(协调的) planned or accomplished together; combined

conciliatory

(抚慰,调和) making or willing to yield, or to make concessions

concise

(简要) brief and compact; expressing much in few words

conclude

(推断,作出结论) enclose; reach as an end of reasoning; make final determination ; judge or decide; bring to an end

concomitant

(伴随的) in conjunction with; accompanying; associated with

concomitantly

(共存) existing concurrently; in company or combination

concrete

(用混凝土修筑,浇混凝土,凝结) solid mass; covering with cement; hard, strong construction material consisting of sand, conglomerate , and gravel

condole

(吊慰,就某一不幸向某人表示慰问) grieve; express sympathy; speak sympathetically to one in pain, grief, or misfortune

condor

(秃鹰) largest flying birds in the western hemisphere; gold coin of some South American countries

confide

(吐露(心事),倾诉) disclose; reveal; tell in confidence

confidence

(信心) feeling secure or certain about something

conflagration

(大火灾,大火) large destructive fire; burning; large-scale military conflict

conflict

(争论,冲突,斗争) fight; struggle; incompatibility of dates or events

confluence

(合流,汇流) act of two things flowing together; junction or meeting place where two things meet

conformity

(遵守,顺从,服从,遵奉) similarity in form or character; agreement

confound

(谜的) cause to become confused or perplexed; fail to distinguish; mix up

confuse

(搞乱,使糊涂) cause to be unable to think with clarity or act with intelligence or understanding; mix up

connect

(连接,联系,联合) join, or fasten together; associate; combine; unite or link together

conquer

(占领,攻取,攻克,征服) gain or acquire by force; take possession of by violent means; gain dominion over

consanguineous

(有血缘的,同宗的) of the same lineage or origin; having common ancestor

consciousness

(意识,知觉) having knowledge of; special awareness or sensitivity:

consistency

(连结,结合,一致性,连贯性) harmonious uniformity or agreement among things or parts

constant

(不变的,持续的,一再重复的) invariable; repeating; continually occurring; persistent

constantly

(不断地,不变地,经常地,坚持不懈地) in an unchangeable or invariable manner; in every case; perpetually; continually

consternation

(大为吃惊,(极度的)惊愕,惊恐) intense state of fear or dismay; astonishment combined with terror

constituent

(分量或部件,选举人,投票人) component or part; citizen, voter

constitution

(宪法,构造,体质,体格) law determining the fundamental political principles of a government; the act of forming something

constrain

(强使,强逼) restrain; keep within close bounds; confine

constraint

(约束,限制,拘束) something that restricts or confines within prescribed bounds

construct

(建造,创立) form by assembling or combining parts; build; create

consumption

(消耗,消费) eating or drinking of something

contact

(使接触,联系) get in touch with; reach

contagious

(传染性的,有感染力的) infectious; of or relating to communicable diseases

contain

(包含,容纳) include; incorporate; be capable of holding

contemptuous

(轻蔑的,傲慢的) scornful; expressing contempt; showing a lack of respect

contentious

(引起争论的,好争吵的) quarrelsome; disagreeable; marked by heated arguments or controversy

contiguous

(接触着的,接近的,邻近的,接壤的) sharing an edge or boundary; touching; neighboring

continence

(自制,节制,克制力) self control; self restraint; partial or complete abstention from sexual activity

contrived

(做作的,牵强的) artificially formal; obviously planned or calculated; not natural

controvert

(辩论,反驳) oppose with arguments; attempt to prove to be false or incorrect; contradict

contusion

(擦伤,撞伤) injury that doesn't break the skin

convalesce

(恢复健康,渐愈,复原) recover gradually from an illness

convenient

(方便的,近便的,容易到达的) suited or favorable to one's comfort, purpose, or needs;; near; accessible

conventionally

(按照惯例地,照常套地) in a conventional manner; ordinarily, by convention

converge

(聚合,接近) approach; tend to meet; come together

conversant

(熟悉) familiar, as by study or experience; able to converse knowledgeably

conversation

(会话,非正式会谈) general course of conduct; intimate fellowship or association; close acquaintance; informal dialogue

convex

(凸的) curving outward; having surface that bulges outward, as the exterior of sphere

conveyance

(运输,交通工具) act of conveying; tools of conveying, especially vehicle for transportation

convict

(证明有罪,宣告有罪) find or declare guilty

conviction

(定罪,深信) judgment that someone is guilty of crime; strongly held belief

convivial

(欢乐,高兴) festive; occupied with or fond of the pleasures of good company

convoke

(召集) call together; cause to assemble in meeting; convene

convoluted

(围绕,卷绕,费解) coiled around; highly involved; intricate

cooperative

(合作的,协力的) done with or working with others

copious

(丰富的,很多的) plentiful; containing plenty; affording ample supply

coquette

(卖弄风情的女子,蜂鸟) flirt; seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men

cordon

(警戒线) line around an area to enclose or guard it

cornucopia

(象征丰饶的羊角) goat's horn overflowing with fruit and grain; symbol of abundance

corollary

(结果,产物) natural consequence or effect; result

corporeal

(肉体的,物质的) bodily; of a material nature; tangible

corpulent

(肥胖) very fat; large in body; overweight

correlation

(相互的关系) mutual relationship; interdependence or interconnection relationship

corrode

(腐蚀) destroy metal or alloy gradually, especially by chemical action; be eaten or worn away

corrosive

(腐蚀性的) eating away by chemicals or disease

corrugated

(皱的) wrinkled; shaped into alternating parallel grooves and ridges

costume

(服装) dress; attire; aset of clothes appropriate for a particular occasion or season

coterie

(同行,圈内人) group that meets socially; an exclusive circle of people with common purpose

countenance

(忍受,接受) give sanction or support to; tolerate or approve

counterclockwise

(逆时针方向的(地)) in a direction opposite to the direction in which the hands of a clock move

counterfeit

(伪造,仿造) make a copy of, usually with the intent to defraud; forge

countermand

(取消,废除) cancel; revoke command or order; order or direct in opposition to; prohibit; forbid

counterpart

(相似的人或物,配对物) duplicate copy; analogue; one that closely resembles another

countervail

(补偿,对抗,抵消) act or react with equal force; ; counteract

countless

(无数的) innumerable; infinite; too many to count

court

(法庭,球场) enclosed space; courtyard; uncovered area shut in by the walls of a building

coverage

(新闻报道,报道) extent to which something is covered; news as presented by reporters

cowboy

(牛仔) one who tends cattle and performs other duties on horseback; one who is reckless or irresponsible

cramped

(狭促的,难辨的,难懂的) jammed; stuffed; uncomfortably small or restricted

craze

(狂热) fine crack in a surface or glaze; short-lived popular fashion; inordinate desire or longing; passion

crazy

(疯狂的,狂热的) affected with madness; insane; deranged

crevice

((墙壁,岩石等的)裂缝) gap; a long narrow opening

crew

(全体工作人员,同事们) group of people working together, as in spacecraft, ship, plane or train

cripple

(削弱,残废,跛子) person or animal that is partially disabled or unable to use a limb or limb

crooked

(不正直的,不诚实的,欺诈的) having or marked by bends or angles; not straight or aligned; curved

crystallized

(变成晶体的) having become fixed and definite in form

cubic

(立方体的) having three dimensions

cue

(提示,暗示) end of a thing; queue; last words of a play actor's speech; hint or intimation; humor

cull

(挑选,拣出,采集(鲜花等)) pick out from others; weed out; remove rejected members or parts from

culminate

(达到顶点,达到顶峰) reach the highest or most decisive point; rise to summit

cultivate

(耕种,培养) improve and prepare, as by plowing or fertilizing, for raising crops; promote the growth of

culvert

(水管) artificial channel for water; sewer or drain crossing under road

cumbersome

(粗笨的,累赘) heavy; difficult to handle because of weight or bulk

cumulative

(累积) increasing by successive addition

cupidity

(贪婪) greed; excessive desire, especially for wealth

curmudgeon

(脾气坏,吝啬) ill-tempered person full of stubborn ideas or opinions

cursive

(流动的,连接的) flowing, as writing letters joined one to another without raising pen; running

cursor

(草率,匆忙) casual; brief or broad; not cautious, nor detailed

curtail

(减短,降低) cut short or reduce; cut off end or tail, or any part

cynosure

(广受注意的目标) object that serves as a focal point of attention and admiration; something that strongly attracts attention; center of attraction