

Barrons GRE Vocabulary 1

abase

(降低,羞辱) humiliate; lower or depress in rank or esteem

Defeated, Queen Zenobia was forced to abase herself before the conquering Romans, who made her march in chains before the emperor in the procession celebrating his triumph.

abash

(使难堪) embarrass; make ashamed or uneasy; disconcert

Her open admiration should not abash him at all.

abate

(减弱,减少) subside; decrease; become less in amount or intensity

Rather than leaving immediately, they waited for the storm to abate.

abbreviate

(减短,缩写) make shorter; reduce to shorter form intended to represent full form, as for word or phrase

Because we were running out of time, the lecturer had to abbreviate her speech.

abdicate

(放弃) give up, renounce, abandon, lay down, or withdraw from, as a right or claim

When Edward VIII did abdicate the British throne to marry the woman he loved, he surprised the entire world.

aberrant

(不正常的) abnormal; markedly different from an accepted norm

Given the aberrant nature of the data, we doubted the validity of the entire experiment.

abet

(帮助,鼓励) aid, usually in doing something wrong; encourage

She was unwilling to abet him in the swindle he had planned.

abeyance

(悬而未决) suspended action; temporary cessation or suspension

The deal was held in abeyance until her arrival.

abhor

(憎恨) fill with horror and loathing; horrify; hate

One of the things I abhor is the threat to withhold aid.

abject

(穷困潦倒,卑微) being of the most miserable kind; wretched; lacking pride; brought low in condition or status

On the streets of New York the homeless live in abject poverty, huddling in doorways to find shelter from the wind.

abjure

(发誓放弃) renounce upon oath; abandon forever

He will abjure his allegiance to the king.

ablution

(洗) washing or cleansing of the body, especially as part of religious rite

His ablution was accompanied by loud noises that he humorously labeled "Opera in the Bath."

abnegation

(批判,自我牺牲) repudiation; self-sacrifice; renouncing your own interests in favor of interests of others

No act of abnegation was more pronounced than his refusal of any rewards for his discovery.

abode

(住处,住所,等候,延迟) act of waiting; delay; stay or continuance in a place

I shall take up my abode in a religious house near Lisle -- a nunnery you would call it; there I shall be quiet and unmolested.

abolish

(废除) cancel; put an end to; destroy completely

In a letter to the British government, the EU has demanded that Britain abolish laws protecting religious freedom rights with regards to "sexual orientation."

abominable

(可恶的,非常糟糕) detestable; extremely unpleasant; very bad

Mary liked John until she learned he was dating Susan; then she called him an abominable young man.

aboriginal

(原来的,土著的) being the first of its kind in a region; primitive; native

Her studies of the primitive art forms of the aboriginal Indians were widely reported in the scientific journals.

abortive

(不成功的,失败) unsuccessful; failing to accomplish an intended objective; fruitless

They warmed themselves beside these great hearthfires; they tried their powers in abortive creations, in work laid aside and taken up again with new glow of enthusiasm. atize Beijing peacefully.

abrasive

(摩擦的,粗糙的,研磨剂) rubbing away; tending to grind down

Ash can also cause long-term abrasive damage to planes that could lead to later disasters if not dealt with.

abridge

(删节,节选) condense; shorten; reduce length of written text

Because the publishers felt the public wanted a shorter version of War and Peace, they proceeded to abridge the novel.

abrogate

(废除) abolish, do away with, or annul, especially by authority

He intended to abrogate the decree issued by his predecessor.

abscond

(隐匿,逃避,躲债) leave quickly and secretly and hide oneself, often to avoid arrest or prosecution

The teller who did abscond with the bonds went un-captured until someone recognized him from his photograph on "America's Most Wanted."

absolute

(完全的,肯定的) perfect in quality or nature; complete; totally unlimited; certain

Although the King was an absolute monarch, he did not want to behead his unfaithful wife without certain evidence.

absolve

(解脱责任) let off hook; relieve of requirement or obligation

I absolve you from this responsibility.

abstemious

(节制(饮食),调节) sparing or moderation in eating and drinking; temperate

Concerned whether her vegetarian son's abstemious diet provided him with sufficient protein, the worried mother pressed food on him.

abstinence

(节制(饮食)) restraint from eating or drinking; refraining from indulging appetite or desire

The doctor recommended total abstinence from salted foods.

abstract

(抽象的) theoretical; not concrete; not applied or practical; difficult to understand

To him, hunger was an abstract concept; he had never missed a meal.

abstruse

(难以理解的,复杂的) obscure; profound; difficult to understand.

She carries around abstruse works of philosophy, not because she understands them but because she wants her friends to think she does.

abusive

(粗俗的侮辱,对身体有害的) coarsely insulting; physically harmful; characterized by improper or wrongful use

There has been abusive language on both sides that never want to get agreement from beginning.

abut

(毗邻) border upon; adjoin; touch or end at one end or side; lie adjacent

Where our estates abut, we must build a fence.

abysmal

(无底的) bottomless; very profound; limitless; very bad

She spent hours sitting alone, in abysmal misery, because it seemed to be in plain sight, yet she couldn't define it.

abyss

(深渊,深坑,无底洞) enormous chasm; vast bottomless pit; any deep, immeasurable space; hell

Are we to believe that the only thing between us and the abyss is the size of the deficit, and the more the government borrows, the better off we shall be?

academic

(学术的) related to school; not practical or directly useful; relating to scholarly organization; based on formal education

The dean's talk about reforming the college admissions system was only an academic discussion.

accede

(同意) agree; give consent, often at insistence of another; concede

The idea that one of the two chief executives should eventually accede to the role, as has happened in the past, would raise fresh doubts about the board's independence.

accelerate

(加速) move faster; cause to develop or progress more quickly; occur sooner than expected

Demand for Taiwanese goods likely will accelerate from the second quarter, as strong Asian demand offsets the effects of a U.S. slowdown.

accessible

(可得到的) easily approached or entered; obtainable; easy to talk to or get along with

Simon and James will no longer be posting to The Hearing; however, all previous posts will remain accessible here.

accessory

(附件) additional object; useful but not essential thing; subordinate or supplementary item

Another accessory is a tripod, which is needed to prevent camera shake especially when the shutter speed drops below tenth second at a wide angle shot.

acclaim

(赞扬,表扬) applaud; announce with great approval

The NBC sportscasters acclaim every American victory in the Olympics and decried every American defeat.

acclimate

(适应) accustom or become accustomed to a new environment or situation; adapt

One of the difficulties of our present air age is the need of travelers to acclimate themselves to their new and often strange environments.

acclivity

(上山的陡坡,斜坡) upward slope, as of hill

The car would not go up the acclivity in high gear.

accolade

(出名的大奖) award of merit; expression of approval; praise

In Hollywood, an "Oscar" is the highest accolade.

accommodate

(招待,食宿,适应) do a favor or service for; provide for; supply with; make suitable; adapt; allow for
As for the stage in the public auditorium, it can easily be adjusted to accommodate from a full-scale musical production to one by a solo vocalist.

accomplice

(共犯,同伙) partner in crime; associate in wrongdoing

Because your accomplice is an anonymous stranger, it's safer than asking a friend to participate in your ruse.

accord

(一致,协议) settlement or compromise of conflicting opinions; written agreement between two states

Although the accord is a small step forward, politicians around the world have their work cut out for them.

accost

(搭讪,邂逅) approach and speak to boldly or aggressively, as with demand or request

When the two young men wanted to accost me, I was frightened because I thought they were going to attack me.

accretion

(增长) growth or increase in size by gradual external addition, fusion, or inclusion

The accretion of wealth marked the family's rise in power.

accrue

(增加) increase, accumulate, or come about as a result of growth; accumulate over time

The Premier League awards three points for a win and one for a draw, so in a 38-game season the maximum a team can accrue is 114 points.

acerbity

(尖酸的(语气,脾气)) bitterness of speech and temper; sourness or acidness of taste, character, or tone

The meeting of the United Nations General Assembly was marked with such acerbity that informed sources held out little hope of reaching any useful settlement of the problem.

acetic

(酸的) having properties of vinegar; sour

The salad had an exceedingly acetic flavor.

acidulous

(酸的,尖锐,刻薄) slightly sour in taste or in manner; sharp; caustic

James was unpopular because of his sarcastic and acidulous remarks.

acknowledge

(认可,承认) declare to be true or admit; express obligation, thanks

Although I acknowledge that the Beatles' tunes sound pretty dated today, I still prefer them to the songs my brothers play.

acme

(顶点) the highest point or level, as of achievement or development; maturity or perfection of animal

His success in this role marked the acme of his career as an actor.

acne

(粉刺) skin condition, usually of the face, that is common in adolescents, characterized by red pimples, caused by inflammation

General Hospital, said The root cause of acne is a lipid-rich gland, the sebaceous gland, which sits a few millimetres below the surface of the skin.

acoustics

(声学的) science of sound; quality that makes a room easy or hard to hear in

Carnegie Hall is liked by music lovers because of its fine acoustics.

acquiesce

(默许) assent; agree without protesting

Although she appeared to acquiesce to her employer's suggestions, I could tell she had reservations about the changes he wanted made.

acquittal

(无罪开释) state of being found or proved not guilty; judgment of not guilty

His acquittal by the jury surprised those who had thought him guilty.

acrid

(尖锐,尖酸) unpleasantly sharp or bitter to taste or smell; bitterly pungent

The air seemed to have different grades of warmth and chill in it; they were passing a farmyard with strong-smelling, acrid from the sour smell of manure.

acrimonious

(挖苦的,尖酸的(语言,行为)) bitter and sharp in language, tone, or manner

The candidate attacked his opponent in highly acrimonious terms.

acrophobia

(恐高症) fear of heights; abnormal fear of high places

A born salesman, he could convince someone with a bad case of acrophobia to sign up for a life membership in a sky-diving club.

actuarial

(保险精算的,精算) calculating; pertaining to insurance statistics

According to recent actuarial tables, life expectancy is greater today than it was a century ago.

actuate

(推动,促使) put into motion or action; activate

I fail to understand what might actuate you to reply to this letter so nastily.

acuity

(尖锐) sharpness; acuteness of vision or perception; keenness

In time his youthful acuity of vision failed him, and he needed glasses.

acumen

(思想敏锐) mental keenness; quickness of perception

However, her team's political acumen is clearly beyond mine, an Ivy League Medical Science Professor and NOT a Political "Science" Professor.

acute

(精明,敏锐,聪明) quickly perceptive; keen; having a sharp point or tip; extremely sharp or severe

Her early writing was grounded in acute observation of the natural world.

adage

(格言,谚语) wise saying; brief familiar proverb; expression of popular wisdom

After reflecting on how I felt a year ago during the election itself and how I feel now, I do have to say that the old adage is true: governing is harder than campaigning.

adamant

(坚硬,不动摇) extremely hard; inflexible; stubbornly unyielding

Speaker Pelosi came out of that meeting, and she was once again adamant about saying a public option must be in the bill.

adapt

(改变) make fit for; change to suit a new purpose

One way to adapt is to become smaller; generation by generation.

addendum

(附加,补充) something added or to be added, especially a supplement to a book

The date on the bottom of the addendum is April 2007.

addiction

(瘾,依赖) compulsive physiological and psychological need for a substance; being abnormally dependent on something

No matter what form we find it in, addiction is not fun; drugs, alcohol, overeating, overworking, smoking or sex.

addle

(使变疯,腐坏) muddle; drive crazy; become confused

This idiotic plan is confusing enough to addle anyone.

adept

(擅长于) expert at; very skilled; having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude

Mr. Williams was known as an adept improviser who effortlessly switched between classical, jazz and pop styles.

adhere

(黏着) stick fast; stick to firmly; be compatible or in accordance with

That is why the claying is necessary; it makes the grain adhere to the earth, otherwise it would float.

adherent

(支持者,追随者) person who adheres; one who follows or upholds a leader, party, cause

In the wake of the scandal, John, the senator's one-time adherent, quickly deserted him.

adjacent

(邻近的,毗邻的) adjoining; neighboring; close to; lying near

Philip's best friend Jason lived only four houses down the block, close but not immediately adjacent.

adjunct

(无用的附加物) something added on or attached generally nonessential or inferior

Although I don't absolutely need a second computer, I plan to buy a laptop to serve as an adjunct to my desktop model.

admonish

(警告,训斥) warn; counsel someone against something to be avoided

I would again admonish the reader carefully to consider the nature of our doctrine.

adorn

(装饰) enhance or decorate with or as if with ornaments

This small icon indicates that the plastic yard sign they adorn is either recyclable.

adroit

(熟练,有技巧) skillful and adept under pressing conditions

I should work in adroit references to this evening's speeches.

adulation

(奉承,恭维) excessive flattery or admiration; unmerited praise

The rock star thrived on the adulation of his groupies and yes men.

adulterate

(掺杂) make impure by adding inferior or tainted substances

It is a crime to adulterate foods without informing the buyer.

advent

(到来,出现) coming or arrival, especially of something extremely important

Reasoning by analogy, we can come to no other conclusion, unless their advent is anticipated by the arrival of ready-made colonists from the more advanced earth, like ourselves.

adventitious

(偶然) accidental; casual; not inherent but added extrinsically

He found this adventitious meeting with his friend extremely fortunate.

adversary

(对手) opponent in contest; someone who offers opposition

The young wrestler struggled to defeat his adversary.

adverse

(讨厌,敌意) in opposing direction; harmful or unfavorable; acting or serving to oppose

The recession had a highly adverse effect on father's investment portfolio: he lost so much money that he could no longer afford the house.

adversity

(贫困,不幸) state of misfortune, hardship, or affliction; misfortune
A young boy who's strength in adversity is an inspiration to all who know him.

advocacy

(支持,辩护) support; active pleading on behalf of something
No threats could dissuade Bishop Desmond Tutu from his advocacy of the human rights of black South Africans.

advocate

(辩护,推广) speak, plead, or argue in favour of; plead for; push for something
The some doctors advocate a smoking ban in the entire house.

aesthetic

(审美的) elegant or tasteful; of or concerning appreciation of beauty or good taste
Kenneth Cole, the American designer known for his modern, urban aesthetic, is hawking \$35 T-shirts.

affable

(平易近人的) easily approachable; warmly friendly
Accustomed to cold, aloof supervisors, Nicholas was amazed at how affable his new employer was.

affected

(假的,做作的) speaking or behaving in artificial way; emotionally stirred or moved; infected or attacked
The other boys laughed so unmercifully at what they termed my affected accent.

affidavit

(宣誓书) written statement made under oath
This is an official affidavit from the court and it is saying that the whole thing was a hoax.

affiliation

(联合,加入) partnership; alliance; association in the same family or society
This affiliation is a way for us to be able to provide our clients with the full spectrum of services and expertise they need.

affinity

(亲缘关系) natural attraction, liking, or feeling of kinship; relationship by marriage
She felt an affinity with all who suffered; their pains were her pains.

affirmation

(正面肯定,确认) positive assertion; confirmation; solemn pledge by one who refuses to take an oath
Despite Tom's affirmation of innocence, Aunt Polly still suspected he had eaten the pie.

affliction

(痛苦) cause or condition of pain, suffering, or distress
Even in the midst of her affliction, Elizabeth tried to keep up the spirits of those around her.

affluence

(富足,财富) abundance; a plentiful supply of material goods; wealth
Foreigners are amazed by the affluence and luxury of the American way of life.

affront

(侮辱,冒犯,蓄意蔑视) insult; offense; intentional act of disrespect
When Mrs. Proudie was not seated beside the Archdeacon at the head table, she took it as a personal affront and refused to speak to her hosts for a week.

agenda

(议程) items of business at a meeting; list or program of things to be done or considered
His agenda is certainly different from the President's and the administration's, but we will seek additional opportunities to work together with him.

agglomeration

(聚集,累积) collection; heap; act or process of gathering into a mass
It took weeks to assort the agglomeration of miscellaneous items she had collected on her trip.

aggrandize

(增加,加强) increase scope of; extend; intensify; make greater in power, influence, stature, or reputation
The history of the past quarter century illustrates how a President may aggrandize his power to act aggressively in international affairs without considering the wishes of Congress.

aggregate

(收集,聚集) gather into a mass, sum, or whole; amount to
Before the Wall Street scandals, dealers managed to aggregate great wealth in short periods of time.

aghast

(吓坏了的) struck by shock, terror, or amazement
The film grabs you by the throat so that any feeling of being aghast is contained – and you hold on to that feeling up to the very last scene.

agility

(敏捷) mentally quick; moving quickly and lightly
The agility of the acrobat amazed and thrilled the audience.

agitate

(激怒,打扰) cause to move with violence or sudden force; upset; disturb
Since President has now announced that Emergency, the only demand that the lawyers can now agitate is the restoration of the old Supreme Court.

agnostic

(无神论者) one who is skeptical of existence of a god or any ultimate reality
William's presence by so much as a purr or a claw, and I have noticed that the agnostic is the only creature living who can treat a preacher with so much contempt.

agrarian

(耕地的,耕种的) pertaining to land or its cultivation; relating to agricultural or rural matters
The economic relationship between the two nations has expanded during the past decade amid

China's economic boom and Argentina's rise in agrarian production.

alacrity

(欢快的情绪) cheerful promptness or willingness; eagerness; speed or quickness

Phil and Dave were raring to get off to the mountains; they packed up their ski gear and climbed into the van with alacrity.

alchemy

(炼金术士) medieval chemistry; magical or mysterious power or process of transforming

The changing of baser metals into gold was the goal of the students of alchemy in medieval.

alcove

(小隔间,壁橱) nook; small, recessed section of a room

In front of centre window in alcove is a small table on which is a parlour lamp, and some newspapers, including the "New York Sun."

alias

(别名) assumed name; another name; name that has been assumed temporarily

Since the alias is already defined in our management pack it should work fine.

alienate

(孤立,树敌) cause to become unfriendly or hostile; transfer property or ownership; isolate or dissociate emotionally

We could not see what should again alienate us from one another, or how one brother could again oppress another.

alimentary

(营养的) providing nourishment; concerned with food, nutrition, or digestion

The alimentary canal in our bodies is so named because digestion of foods occurs there.

alimony

((离婚后的) 生活费,抚养费) payment by a husband to his divorced wife, or vice versa

Also, payer and payee can't file joint tax returns in the same year alimony is paid.

allay

(平静下来, (使) 冷静下来) calm; pacify; reduce the intensity of; relieve

The crew tried to allay the fears of the passengers by announcing that the fire had been controlled.

allege

(断言) state without proof; assert to be true

If what Justice Department prosecutors allege is true, the five guards should have to answer for what happened on Sept. 16, 2007.

allegiance

(忠诚) loyalty to a nation, sovereign, or cause; fidelity to any person or thing; devotion

They didn't want to salute the flag, saying that kind of allegiance is only for God.

allegory

(寓言) symbolic representation of abstract ideas or principles in narrative, dramatic, or pictorial form

Pilgrim's Progress is an allegory of the temptations and victories of man's soul.

alleviate

(解脱,释放,释然) provide physical relief, as from pain; make easier; remove in part

This should alleviate the pain; if it does not, we shall have to use stronger drugs.

alliteration

(头韵) repetition of beginning sound in poetry

"The furrow followed free" is an example of alliteration.

allocate

(分配,制定) assign; distribute according to plan

Even though the Red Cross did allocate a large sum for the relief of the sufferers of the disaster, many people perished.

alloy

(混合,减少纯度) combine; mix; make less pure; lessen or moderate

Our concern for Dwight Gooden, who injured his pitching arm in the game, will alloy our delight at the Yankees' victory.

allude

(暗指) refer casually or indirectly, or by suggestion

Try not to mention divorce in Jack's presence because he will think you allude to his marital problems with Jill.

allure

(诱惑,引诱) attract with something desirable; be highly, often subtly attractive

Promises of quick profits allure the unwary investor.

aloft

(向上) in or into a high place; high or higher up

It tried to remain aloft, but its flying grew wild and reckless.

altercation

(大声争吵,激烈争论) noisy quarrel; contention in words; dispute carried on with heat or anger; controversy

So loud were their voices raised in altercation that the storm without was scarce heeded.

altruistic

(无私的,关心他人的) unselfishly generous; concerned for others

In providing tutorial assistance and college scholarships for hundreds of economically disadvantaged youths, Eugene Lang performed a truly altruistic deed.

amalgamate

(结合,整合) combine; unite in one body; mix or alloy a metal with mercury

The unions will attempt to amalgamate their groups into one national body.

amass

(收集) collect; gather for oneself, as for one's pleasure or profit
The miser's aim is to amass and hoard as much gold as possible.

ambidextrous

(双手都灵巧) capable of using either hand with equal ease
A switch-hitter in baseball should be naturally ambidextrous.

ambience

(环境) particular environment or surrounding influence; atmosphere of environment
A certain ambience is lost when you choose a tampon over a cocktail glass at a party.

ambiguous

(模棱两可的) unclear or doubtful in meaning
His ambiguous instructions misled us; we did not know which road to take.

ambivalence

(矛盾的观点或情绪) state of having contradictory or conflicting emotional attitudes, such as love and hate
Torn between loving her parents one minute and hating them the next, she was confused by the ambivalence of her feelings.

amble

(漫步,缓行) moving at an easy pace; walk slowly or leisurely
When she first mounted the horse, she was afraid to urge the animal to go faster than a gentle amble.

ambrosia

(神仙食品,美味) something with delicious flavor or fragrance; fruit dessert made of oranges and bananas with shredded coconut
Hughes got a taste of that ambrosia, and he'll never forget the satisfaction it brings.

ambulatory

(可移动的,不固定) able to walk; formed or adapted for walking; not stationary
Juan was a highly ambulatory patient; not only did he refuse to be confined to bed, but he insisted on riding his skateboard up and down the halls.

ambush

(埋伏,伏击) disposition or arrangement of troops for attacking an enemy unexpectedly from a concealed station
They separated into three hostile tribes, and darted upon each other from ambush with dreadful war-whoops, and killed each other by thousands.

ameliorate

(提高) make or become better; improve; grow better
Many social workers have attempted to ameliorate the conditions of people living in the slums.

amenable

(有服从义务的,随时服从的) responsive to advice or suggestion; responsible to higher authority; willing to comply with; agreeable

He was amenable to any suggestions that came from those he looked up to.

amend

(修订,修改,变更) change for the better; improve; remove faults or errors

Would McCain amend executive orders to ensure that communications between persons outside government and White House staff are disclosed to the public?

amenities

(令人愉快的,礼貌的) convenient features; courtesies

In addition to the customary amenities for the business traveler-fax machines, modems, a health club-the hotel offers the services of a butler versed in the social courtesies.

amiable

(可爱的,友好的,惬意的) good-natured and likable; lovable; warmly friendly

In Little Women, Beth is the amiable daughter whose loving disposition endears her to all who know her.

amicable

(温和的,友好礼貌的) exhibiting friendliness or goodwill; not quarrelsome

Beth's sister Jo is the hot-tempered tomboy who has a hard time maintaining amicable relations with those around her.

amiss

(错误) out of proper order; not in perfect shape; faulty

I knew that weapons would not come in amiss, and I re-entered his room to get his rifle and shotgun.

amity

(友谊) friendship; peaceful relations, as between nations

Student exchange programs such as the Experiment in International Living were established to promote international amity.

amnesia

(失忆,健忘) partial or total loss of memory, usually resulting from shock or illness

Selective amnesia is a politically valuable trait.

amnesty

(原谅) general pardon granted by government, especially for political offenses

If the amnesty is approved by parliament, it will apply to capital stashed in off-shore tax havens up to the end of last year.

amoral

(不道德的) lacking moral sensibility; not caring about right and wrong.

Compared with evil immorality, being amoral is more like being naughty.

amorous

(爱情的) moved by sexual love; loving

"Love them and leave them" was the motto of the amorous Don Juan.

amorphous

(无形的,不成形的) formless; lacking shape or definition

As soon as we have decided on our itinerary, we shall send you a copy; right now, our plans are still amorphous.

amphibian

(两栖的) able to live both on land and in water

Frogs are classified as amphibian.

amphitheater

(椭圆形的剧院,斗兽场) oval building with tiers of seats from central open space or arena

The spectators in the amphitheater cheered the gladiators.

ample

(丰富的,富足的) more than enough in size or scope or capacity; fairly large

They insist that food are being provided to the Palestinians in ample supplies, and that the only way to weaken Hamas is to maintain the blockade.

amputate

(截肢,切除) cut off part of body, especially by surgery; prune

When the doctors had to amputate the young man's leg to prevent the spread of cancer, he did not let the loss of a limb keep him from participating in sports.

amulet

(护身符) object worn, especially around neck, as a charm against evil or injury; charm

In Thailand, the Jatukam Ramathep amulet is popular with everyone from Bangkok bankers to village taxi drivers.

analgesic

(止痛的) serving to reduce sensibility to pain without loss of consciousness

The analgesic qualities of this lotion will provide temporary relief.

analogous

(类似的) comparable; similar or alike

She called our attention to the things that had been done in an analogous situation and recommended that we do the same.

analogy

(类比,相似) similarity in some respects; comparison based on similarity

This analogy is almost always noted without further comment, although in fact it may be taken further.

anarchist

(无政府主义者) person who seeks to overturn established government; advocate of abolishing authority

Denying she was an anarchist, Katya maintained she wished only to make changes in our government, not to destroy it entirely.

anarchy

(无政府主义) absence of governing body; state of disorder; political disorder and confusion

One might say that eastern Congo is already in anarchy, but Congo has faded from the headlines in recent months.

anathema

(诅咒) solemn curse; someone or something regarded as a curse

To the Ayatolla, America and the West were anathema; he loathed the democratic nations, cursing them in his dying words.

ancestry

(祖先) family descent; series or line of ancestors; lineage

David can trace his ancestry as far back as the seventeenth century, when one of them was a court trumpeter somewhere in Germany.

anchor

(固定,锚) secure or fasten firmly; be fixed in place; narrate or coordinate

We set the post in concrete to anchor it in place.

ancillary

(辅助的) serving as aid or accessory; auxiliary

In an ancillary capacity, Doctor Watson was helpful; however, Holmes could not trust the good doctor to solve a perplexing case on his own.

anecdote

(奇闻轶事) short account of amusing or interesting event; short narrative; secret story of history or biography

Of all the millions who are moved by this historic occasion, while I am amongst these, my anecdote is and would be far less remarkable.

anemia

(贫血) condition in which blood lacks red corpuscles; deficiency of red blood cells; lack of vitality

Long standing illnesses often result in anemia, loss of weight and occasional bleeding from the stomach.

anesthetic

(麻醉药) substance that causes loss of sensation; producing temporary loss or impairment of feeling

His monotonous voice acted like an anesthetic; his audience was soon asleep.

anguish

(极度痛苦) agonizing physical or mental pain; extreme suffering

Visiting the site of the explosion, the governor wept to see the anguish of the victims and their families.

angular

(有尖角的,瘦骨嶙峋的) sharp-cornered; consisting of an angle or angles; stiff in manner

Mr. Spock's features, though angular, were curiously attractive, in a Vulcan way.

animated

(活跃的,有生气的) having life or vigor or spirit; filled with activity; in form of cartoon

On entering his room I found Holmes in animated conversation with two men.

animosity

(仇恨) bitter hostility; active hatred; hostile feeling or act

I've worked for Bill Clinton for years, and Bill Clinton, another Democrat who pushed socially responsible programs, got a lot of animosity from the right.

animus

(敌意) feeling of enmity or ill will; attitude that informs one's actions; disposition

The animus of the speaker became obvious to all when he began to indulge in sarcastic and insulting remarks.

annals

(记录,历史) chronological record of the events of successive years

In the annals of this period, we find no mention of democratic movements.

annex

(接手) append or attach; take possession of; incorporate into an existing political unit

Mexico objected to the United States' attempts to annex the territory that later became the state of Texas.

annihilate

(毁灭,破坏) destroy completely; reduce to nonexistence

The enemy in its revenge tried to annihilate the entire population.

annotate

(评论,注释) comment; make explanatory notes

In the appendix to the novel, the editor sought to annotate many of the author's more esoteric references.

annuity

(年金,养老金) annual payment of allowance or income; periodical payment, amounting to a fixed sum in each year

The annuity he setup with the insurance company supplements his social security benefits so that he can live very comfortably without working.

annul

(避免) make or declare void or invalid; reduce to nothing

The parents of the eloped couple tried to annul the marriage.

anodyne

(止痛药,起安慰作用的事物) source of relaxation or comfort; medicine that relieves pain

The sound of classical music is usually just anodyne I need after a tough day at work.

anoint

(神圣化) apply oil or similar substance to; put oil on during religious ceremony as a sign of sanctification or consecration.

He described how the prophet Samuel to anoint David with oil, crown him king of Israel.

anomalous

(不正常的,变态的) deviating from normal or common order, form, or rule

He was placed in the anomalous position of seeming to approve procedures which he despised.

anomaly

(不规则,异常,反常) irregularity; person or something that is unusual; departure from normal or common order

No doubt, this anomaly is the result of the uncertain international environment and high interest rates.

anonymity

(匿名) state of being nameless; one that is unknown or unacknowledged

In my view, death in anonymity is the ultimate insult to human dignity.

antagonism

(反抗,敌对) active resistance; condition of being an opposing principle, force, or factor

Barry showed his antagonism toward his new stepmother by ignoring her whenever she tried talking to him.

antecede

(先于) precede; go before in time, and sometimes in place, rank, or logical order

The invention of the radiotelegraph should antecede the development of television by a quarter of a century.

antecedents

(历史环境,历史背景) preceding events or circumstances that influence what comes later; ancestors or early background

Smuggled out of Germany and adopted by a Christian family, she knew nothing of her birth and antecedents until she was reunited with her family in 1989.

antediluvian

(远古,上古,及其久远) antiquated; extremely old and ancient; belonging to very ancient times

Looking at his great aunt's antique furniture, which must have been cluttering up her attic since the time of Noah's flood, the young heir exclaimed, "Heavens! How positively antediluvian!".

anthem

(圣歌,赞美诗) song of praise or patriotism; song of devotion or loyalty

Let us now all join in singing the national anthem.

anthology

(选集) book of literary selections by various authors

This anthology of science fiction was compiled by the late Isaac Asimov.

anthropoid

(类人的) manlike; resembling a human, especially in shape or outward appearance

The gorilla is the strongest of the anthropoid animals.

anthropologist

(人类学家) one who studies history and science of mankind

Eighty-three years ago, an anthropologist from the Field Museum dug up the remains of 22 people from marked graves in Labrador, Canada.

anthropomorphic

(人形的) having human form or characteristics

Primitive religions often have deities with anthropomorphic characteristics.

anticlimax

(反高潮,突降) letdown in thought or emotion; decline viewed in disappointing contrast with previous rise

After the fine performance in the first act, the rest of the play was an anticlimax.

antidote

(解药) medicine to counteract a poison or disease; agent that relieves or counteracts

They believe that because this anti-heroin antidote is what finally worked with some of the victims.

antipathy

(反对,厌恶) strong feeling of aversion; dislike

Tom's extreme antipathy for disputes keeps him from getting into arguments with his temperamental wife.

antiquated

(过时的,陈旧的) too old to be fashionable, suitable, or useful; obsolete; aged

We are tolerably conversant with the early English poets; and can discover no resemblance whatever, except in antiquated spelling and a few obsolete words.