

## Barrons GRE Vocabulary 3

### berserk

(疯狂的,狂暴的) mentally or emotionally upset; deranged; excessively agitated  
*Angered, he became berserk and began to wreck the room.*

### beseech

(乞求,恳求) beg; plead with; ask for or request earnestly  
*The workaholic executive's wife had to beseech him to spend more time with their son.*

### beset

(困扰) attack from all sides; trouble persistently; hem in  
*Many vexing problems beset the American public school system.*

### besiege

(围攻) surround with armed forces; harass with requests  
*When the bandits besiege the village, the villagers hole up in the town hall and prepare to withstand a long siege.*

### besmirch

(弄脏) soil, smear so as to make dirty or stained  
*The scandalous remarks in the newspaper besmirch the reputations of every member of the society.*

### bestial

(残忍的) beastlike; brutal; lacking in intelligence or reason  
*According to legend, the werewolf was able to abandon its human shape and take on a bestial form.*

### bestow

(给予) give as gift; present  
*He wished to bestow great honors upon the hero.*

### betoken

(预示,表示) signify; indicate; be a visible sign of; give evidence of  
*The well-equipped docks, tall piles of cargo containers, and numerous vessels being loaded all betoken Oakland's importance as a port.*

### betray

(出卖,背叛) be unfaithful; reveal unconsciously or unwillingly  
*The two spies betray their country by selling military secrets to the enemy.*

### betroth

(订婚) become engaged to marry; promise to marry  
*The announcement that they would betroth surprised their friends who had not suspected any romance.*

### bevy

(一群(小鸟)) large group; a group of animals or birds, especially larks or quail  
*The movie actor was surrounded by a bevy of starlets.*

### **bicameral**

(两院立法制的) composed of or based on two legislative chambers or branches  
*The United States Congress is a bicameral body.*

### **bicker**

(争吵) engage in a petty, bad-tempered quarrel  
*The children bicker morning, noon, and night, exasperating their parents.*

### **bid**

(出价,投标,(打牌时)叫牌) make an offer of; propose; offer in words; declare, as a wish, a greeting, a threat, or defiance  
*"Then you and I must bid good-bye for a little while?" "I suppose so, sir."*

### **biennial**

(两年一度) every two years; lasting or living for two years  
*Seeing no need to meet more frequently, the group held biennial meetings instead of annual ones.*

### **bigot**

((宗教,政治等的)盲信者,顽固者) hypocrite, especially, superstitious hypocrite; one who is strongly partial to one's own group, religion, race, or politics  
*And it appears that in many cases, being a hateful bigot is a boost to your chances of being elected.*

### **bigotry**

(固执) stubborn intolerance; excessive zeal or warmth in favor of a party, sect, or opinion  
*Brought up in a democratic atmosphere, the student was shocked by the bigotry and narrowness expressed by several of his classmates.*

### **bilious**

(消化不良,易怒) suffering from indigestion; appearing as if affected by disorder; sickly  
*The bilious is indicated by a thin, spare face, dark skin, black hair, firm flesh, moderate stoutness, with rough, harsh, and strongly marked features.*

### **bilk**

(骗) defraud or cheat; frustrate or disappoint; evade or escape from  
*The con man planned to bilk insurance companies.*

### **billowing**

(波涛翻滚) swelling out in waves; surging; stormy; affected by storms  
*Standing over the air vent, Marilyn Monroe tried vainly to control her billowing skirts.*

### **bivouac**

(帐篷) temporary encampment; a site where people on holiday can pitch tent  
*While in bivouac, we spent the night in our sleeping bags under the stars.*

### **bizarre**

(怪异的) fantastic; violently contrasting; strangely unconventional in style or appearance  
*The plot of the novel was too bizarre to be believed.*

### **blanch**

(漂白) cause to turn white or become pale; take color from; bleach  
*Although age can blanch his hair, he is still vigorous and energetic.*

### **bland**

(温和的) lacking stimulating or mild; agreeable  
*She kept her gaze level and her expression bland, but her teeth were gritted.*

### **blandishment**

(阿谀奉承) flattery; speech or action expressive of affection or kindness, and tending to win the heart  
*Despite the salesperson's blandishment, the customer did not buy the outfit.*

### **blare**

(大声喊叫,令人眩晕的强光) loud, harsh roar or screech; dazzling blaze of light  
*Then there was a louder blare from the organ, and everyone in the church stood up and faced backward.*

### **blasphemy**

(亵渎) act of claiming for oneself the attributes and rights of God; utterance or writing concerning God or a sacred entity  
*By our very nature, every single one of us believes in blasphemy.*

### **blatant**

(喧闹,俗丽) flagrant; conspicuously obvious; loudly offensive  
*To the unemployed youth from Dublin, the "No Irish Need Apply" placard in the shop window was a blatant mark of prejudice.*

### **bleak**

(阴冷的,寒冷的,没有指望的,令人沮丧的) cold or cheerless; unlikely to be favorable  
*The frigid, inhospitable Aleutian Islands are bleak military outposts.*

### **blemish**

(损害,玷污 瑕疵,缺点) mark with deformity; injure or impair, as anything which is excellent; make defective, either the body or mind  
*A newspaper article alleging he had taken bribes may blemish his reputation.*

### **blight**

(阻止生长,使枯萎,毁坏) blast; prevent the growth and fertility of; destroy the happiness of; ruin; frustrate  
*I wish to foster, not to blight -- to earn gratitude, not to wring tears of blood -- no, nor of brine: my harvest must be in smiles, in endearments, in sweet -- That will do.*

### **blighted**

(被毁坏的,受病害的) suffering from a disease; destroyed, ruined, or spoiled  
*The extent of the blighted areas could be seen only when viewed from the air.*

## **bloated**

(浮肿) swollen or puffed as with water or air

*Her bloated stomach came from drinking so much water.*

## **bludgeon**

(大头狼牙棒) short heavy club, usually of wood; heavy-headed weapon

*Attacked by Dr. Moriarty, Holmes used his walking stick as a bludgeon to defend himself.*

## **blues**

(抑郁,沮丧,布鲁斯音乐) gloom; depressed spirits

*He had a bad case of the blues.*

## **bluff**

(假装强壮,欺骗) pretense of strength; mislead or deceive

*If only, I thought, he had called our bluff from the start and told us firmly that he knew the figures but wouldn't say.*

## **blunder**

(严重错误) serious mistake typically caused by ignorance or confusion

*The criminal's fatal blunder led to his capture.*

## **blunt**

(钝的,直率的,不客气的,使变钝) having a dull edge or end; not sharp; lacking in feeling; insensitive

*Public employee unions are demanding in blunt terms that Democrats make the tax code more progressive.*

## **blurt**

(脱口而出) utter suddenly and impulsively

*Before she can stop you, you should blurt out the news.*

## **blush**

(脸红,羞愧) become rosy or reddish; turn red, as if in embarrassment or shame

*We all saw the girl blush when a young man whistled as she walked by.*

## **bluster**

(咆哮,吓唬) blow in heavy gusts; speak in a loudly arrogant or bullying manner

*"Let the stormy winds bluster," cried Jack, "we'll set sail tonight anyway."*

## **bode**

(预兆) foreshadow; indicate by signs; be an omen of; predict

*The gloomy skies and the odors from the mineral springs seemed to bode evil to those who settled in the area.*

## **bogus**

(贗品) counterfeit or fake; not authentic; not genuine

*The police quickly found the distributors of the bogus twenty-dollar bills.*

## **bohemian**

(不合习俗,放荡不羁) **unconventional** in an artistic way

*Gertrude Stein ran off to Paris to live an eccentric, bohemian life with her writer friends.*

### **boisterous**

(狂暴,喧嚣) rough and stormy; loud, noisy, and lacking in restraint or discipline

*The unruly crowd became even more boisterous when he tried to quiet them.*

### **bolster**

(支持,增援) support or prop up with or as if with a long narrow pillow or cushion

*The debaters amassed file boxes full of evidence to bolster their arguments.*

### **bolt**

(冲刺,快速移动) dash or dart off; move or jump suddenly

*Jack was set to bolt out the front door.*

### **bombardment**

(轰击(导弹)) attack with missiles; continuous attack with shot and shell upon a town, fort, or other position

*The enemy bombardment demolished the town.*

### **bombastic**

(夸张的) pompous; using inflated language; high-sounding but with little meaning

*The biggest military power on Earth was acting belligerent and its president was indulging in bombastic nationalistic grandstanding.*

### **boon**

(恩惠,福利) blessing; benefit bestowed, especially in response to a request

*The recent rains that filled our empty reservoirs were a boon to the whole community.*

### **boorish**

(粗鲁,笨拙) rude and clumsy in behavior; ungentlemanly; awkward in manners

*Natasha was embarrassed by her fellow spy's boorish behavior.*

### **boost**

(增加,提高,促进) raise; advance; push or shove upward

*It shows political parties could boost their share of the vote considerably.*

### **bound**

(范围,限制) tied; held; committed; limit; constraint; leap; jump

*Supreme Court ended a term bound to affect our lives in significant ways in the months ahead.*

### **bountiful**

(富足的,慷慨的) abundant; graciously generous; giving freely and generously

*Thanks to the good harvest, we had a bountiful supply of food.*

### **bourgeois**

(中产阶级,平庸的) middle class; selfishly materialistic; dully conventional

*Technically, anyone who belongs to the middle class is bourgeois, but, most people resent it if you call them that.*

## **bout**

(一回合,一阵) contest between antagonists; contest or fight; a period of time spent in a particular way, as in illness

*She's still recovering from a bout of flu.*

## **bovine**

(牛的,迟钝的,耐心的) dull, slow-moving, and stolid, like an ox; placid and dull

*Nothing excites Esther; even when she won the state lottery, she still preserved her air of bovine calm.*

## **bowdlerize**

(删除) edit by omitting or modifying parts considered offensive, vulgar, or otherwise unseemly

*After the film editors finished to bowdlerize the language in the script, the motion picture's rating was changed from "R" to "PG."*

## **braggart**

(自夸,吹嘘) boaster; one given to loud, empty boasting; very talkative person

*Modest by nature, she was no braggart, preferring to let her accomplishments speak for themselves.*

## **braid**

(编织) weave; interweave three or more strands

*Have you ever wanted to braid your own hair or someone else's hair?*

## **brand**

(商标,牌子,燃烧的木头,烙印) burning piece of wood; mark made by burning with a hot iron; distinctive mark upon in any way

*He has his own brand of humor and always brings laugh for us.*

## **brandish**

(挥舞) move or wave, as a weapon; raise and move in various directions

*Doctor Watson began to wildly brandish his gun until Holmes told him to put the thing away before he shot himself.*

## **bravado**

(虚张声势) defiant or swaggering behavior; pretense of courage; false show of bravery

*The bravado of the young criminal disappeared when he was confronted by the victims of his brutal attack.*

## **brawl**

(争吵) fight; noisy quarrel or fight; loud party

*Last week, two local men were killed in a brawl.*

## **brawn**

(强壮的肌肉) solid and well-developed muscles, especially of the arms and legs

*People think in farming community you don't need a brain, only brawn.*

## **brazen**

(厚颜无耻,傲慢) having loud, usually harsh, resonant sound; shameless

*His entire premiership has become an exercise in brazen dishonesty.*

## **breach**

(违约,突破,打破) breaking of contract or duty

*Jill sued Jack for breach of promise, claiming he had broken his promise to marry her.*

## **breadth**

(宽度) measure or dimension from side to side; width; extent

*We were impressed by the breadth of her knowledge.*

## **breed**

(养育,繁殖) raise; produce offspring; give birth to or hatch; mate

*In a fast neutron reactor, this process is optimized so that it can breed fuel, often using a depleted uranium blanket around the core.*

## **brevity**

(简短,短暂) quality or state of being brief in duration; concise expression

*Brevity is essential when you send a telegram or cablegram; you are charged for every word.*

## **brim**

((杯,碗等)边,边缘,(河)边) brink; edge

*She shut her book and slowly looked up; her hat brim partially shaded her face, yet I could see, as she raised it, that it was a strange one.*

## **brindled**

(有条纹或斑点的) of brownish, tawny colour, with streaks, spots, or patterns

*He was disappointed in the litter because the puppies were brindled, he had hoped for animals of a uniform color.*

## **brink**

((峭壁的)边沿,边缘) edge, margin, or border of a steep place verge

*Beyond the verge of provocation I never ventured; on the extreme brink I liked well to try my skill.*

## **brisk**

(活泼的,轻快的) marked by speed, liveliness, and vigor; energetic; swift; keen or sharp in speech or manner

*"Come in!" called a brisk, familiar voice, as Ronny knocked lightly on the almost closed door.*

## **bristling**

(竖立的) rising like bristles; showing irritation

*The dog stood there, bristling with anger.*

## **brittle**

(易碎的) easily broken; having little elasticity

*My employer's self-control was as brittle as an egg-shell.*

## **broach**

(介绍,提出,引见) introduce; bring up for discussion or debate; announce

*Jack did not even try to broach the subject of religion with his in-laws.*

## **brochure**

(小册子) pamphlet; small book usually having paper cover  
*This brochure on farming was issued by the Department of Agriculture.*

### **broil**

(烤,烧,炎热灼人,酷暑蒸人) cook by direct exposure to heat over fire; subject to great heat; be subjected to the action of heat; be greatly heated  
*I have to broil in this hot sun to get them back!*

### **brooch**

(胸针) ornamental clasp; decorative pin worn by women  
*The brooch was a gift from Burton and she wore it when she wed him.*

### **brood**

(闷想) think long and anxiously; be in a state of gloomy, serious thought  
*It's no use to brood over one's past mistakes.*

### **brook**

(小河,小溪) creek; stream  
*At the bottom of the hill ran a little brook, and on the opposite side of it was a bank.*

### **browbeat**

(吓唬) bully; intimidate; discourage or frighten with threats  
*Billy resisted Ted's attempts to browbeat him handing over his lunch money.*

### **browse**

(吃草,浏览) graze; skim or glance at casually  
*"How now, brown cow, browsing in the green, green grass." I remember lines of verse that I came across while I browse through the poetry section of bookstore.*

### **bruise**

(伤痕,擦伤,瘀伤,擦伤) injure, as by a blow or collision; contuse; fight with the fists  
*She fell, but did not bruise her knee in such a soft land.*

### **brunt**

(冲击) main impact or shock; main burden  
*Tom Sawyer claimed credit for painting the fence, but the brunt of the work fell on others.*

### **brusque**

(唐图,直率,粗暴无礼) abrupt and curt in manner or speech; rudely abrupt, unfriendly  
*Was Bruce too brusque when he brushed off Bob's request with a curt "Not now!"?*

### **buccaneer**

(海盗) pirate; robber upon the sea  
*At Disneyland a pirate of the Caribbean sings a song about his live as bloody buccaneer.*

### **bucolic**

(田园的) rustic; pastoral; agricultural; relating to country affairs, or to shepherd's life and occupation  
*Filled with browsing cows and bleating sheep, the meadow was a charmingly bucolic sight.*

## **buffoon**

(丑角,缺乏教养之人) one who makes a practice of amusing others by low tricks, antic gestures; droll; mimic; clown

*This buffoon is the most self-centered idiot I have ever seen or heard.*

## **buffoonery**

(滑稽的) clowning; arts and practices of buffoon, as low jests, ridiculous pranks, vulgar tricks and postures

*In the Ace Ventura movies, Jim Carrey's buffoonery was hilarious: like Bozo the Clown, he's a natural buffoon.*

## **bulge**

(膨胀,突出) cause to curve outward; swell up; stick out; protrude

*When the inserted balloon is filled with water, they bulge out in a variety of shapes.*

## **bulk**

(大批,大部分) majority; main part; volume; mass

*Canada's largest bulk food retailer, it has more than 112 stores.*

## **bullion**

(金条,银条) gold and silver in the form of bars

*Much bullion is stored in the vaults at Fort Knox.*

## **bully**

(欺负,威胁) noisy, blustering fellow; one who is threatening and quarrelsome; insolent, tyrannical fellow

*I found early in life that the best way to defeat a bully is a punch to the nose.*

## **bulwark**

(壁垒) earthwork or other strong defense; person who defends

*The navy is our principal bulwark against invasion.*

## **bump**

(肿块,突起) impact as from a collision; lump on the body caused by a blow

*Have you ever found a small lump or a bump on your body?*

## **bungle**

(搞砸) mismanage; blunder; work or act in clumsy, awkward, or blundering manner

*Don't botch this assignment; if you bungle the job, you're fired!.*

## **buoyant**

(可漂浮的,乐观的) able to float; cheerful and optimistic

*When the boat capsized, her buoyant life jacket kept Jody afloat.*

## **bureaucracy**

(官僚机构) over-regulated administrative system

*The Internal Revenue Service is the ultimate bureaucracy; taxpayers wasted so much paper filling out IRS forms to comply with the Paper-work Reduction Act.*

## **burgeon**

(发芽,成长) grow forth; send out buds; grow or develop rapidly

*In the spring, the plants that burgeon are a promise of the beauty to come.*

## **burlesque**

(滑稽的模仿) give an imitation that ridicules; imitate mockingly or humorously

*In Spaceballs, we see Rick Moranis burlesque Darth Vader of Star Wars, outrageously parodying Vader's stiff walk and hollow voice.*

## **burnish**

(擦拭) make shiny by rubbing; polish

*I burnish the brass fixtures until they reflect the lamplight.*

## **buttress**

(支持) support physically; prop up; support something or someone by supplying evidence

*The attorney came up with several far-fetched arguments in a vain attempt to buttress his weak case.*

## **buxom**

(丰满,充满活力,欢快) healthily plump and ample of figure; full-bosomed; vigorous; jolly

*A generation ago, fat babies were considered healthy and buxom actresses were popular, but society has since come to worship thinness.*

## **cabal**

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

*The number of Republicans who support this man and his cabal is astonishing, but nothing will change the minds of that percentage.*

## **cache**

(藏身之处) hiding place; secret store of valuables or money

*The detectives followed the suspect until he led them to the cache where he had stored his loot.*

## **cacophonous**

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

*Do the students in the orchestra enjoy the cacophonous sounds they make when they're tuning up? I don't know how they can stand the racket.*

## **cadaver**

(尸体) corpse; dead body, especially one intended for dissection

*In some states, it is illegal to dissect cadaver.*

## **cadaverous**

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

*By his cadaverous appearance, we could see how the disease had ravaged him.*

## **cadence**

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

*Marching down the road, the troops sang out, following the cadence set by the sergeant.*

## cadet

(军校或警官学校的学生) younger of two brothers; student at a military school who is training to be an officer

*A cadet should understand that the war he or she joins four or five years from now will be a different war altogether.*

## cajole

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

*Diane tried to cajole her father into letting her drive the family car.*

## calamity

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

*As news of the calamity spread, offers of relief poured in to the stricken community.*

## calculated

(预先计划好的,算好的,合适的) deliberately planned; carefully thought out in advance

*Her conventional suit was one calculated to appeal to the conservative judges.*

## caliber

(能力,品质) ability; degree or grade of excellence or worth; diameter of tube or gun barrel

*Einstein's cleaning the blackboards again? Albert, quit it! A man of your caliber shouldn't have to do such tasks.*

## calligraphy

(漂亮的书法) beautiful writing; excellent penmanship

*As we examine ancient manuscripts, we become impressed with the calligraphy of the scribes.*

## callous

(硬心肠的,无情的) emotionally hardened; unfeeling; toughened

*He had worked in the hospital for so many years that he was callous to the suffering in the wards.*

## callow

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

*As a freshman, Jack was sure he was a man of the world; as a sophomore, he made fun of freshmen as callow youths.*

## calorific

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

*Coal is much more calorific than green wood.*

## calumny

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

*He could endure his financial failure, but he could not bear the calumny that his foes heaped upon him.*

## camaraderie

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

*What he loved best about his job was the sense of camaraderie he and his coworkers shared.*

## **candor**

(开诚布公,坦率) frankness; quality of being honest and straightforward in attitude and speech  
*Jack can carry candor too far: when he told Jill his honest opinion of her, she nearly slapped his face.*

## **canine**

(狗的) related to dogs; dog-like; affecting or derived from dogs  
*They will then incubate the viruses in canine tissue cells to see how well they grow.*

## **canker**

(溃疡,弊害) corroding or sloughing ulcer; anything which corrodes, corrupts, or destroy; disease incident to trees, causing the bark to rot and fall off  
*Drug addiction is a dangerous canker in society.*

## **canny**

(谨慎的,节约的) having pleasing or useful qualities; gentle; knowing; cautious; cunning; shrewd  
*The first and most immediate of these is a certain canny captain of many wars whose regiment is still at the disposal of either army.*

## **cant**

(伪善,黑话) inclination or slope; slanted or oblique surface; jargon, especially of thieves; dialect  
*I strayed from my own voice and slipped into jargon, cant, or false sentiment.*

## **cantankerous**

(脾气坏,易发怒) ill humored; irritable; marked by ill-tempered contradiction or opposition; ugly; malicious  
*Constantly complaining about his treatment and refusing to cooperate with the hospital staff, he was a cantankerous patient.*

## **cantata**

(大合唱) story or poem set to music that can be sung by chorus  
*The choral society sang the new cantata composed by its leader.*

## **canter**

(慢跑) slow gallop; moderate running pace of horse  
*Because the racehorse had outdistanced its competition so easily, the reporter wrote that the race was won in a canter.*

## **canto**

( (长诗的) 分篇) part or division of poem of some length  
*This is the first canto of Dante's poetic masterpiece The Divine Comedy.*

## **canvass**

(调查,投票) determine votes; examine carefully or discuss thoroughly; scrutinize  
*After volunteers helped canvass the sentiments of his constituents, the congressman was confident that he represented the majority opinion of his district.*

## **capacious**

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

*In the capacious rotunda of the railroad terminal, thousands of travelers lingered while waiting for their train.*

### **capacity**

(容量,生产量,能力) mental or physical ability; ability to accommodate

*Mike had the capacity to handle several jobs at once.*

### **capillary**

(毛细管) long and slender with a very small internal diameter

*It passed from a capillary tube.*

### **capitulate**

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

*The enemy was warned to capitulate or face annihilation.*

### **caprice**

(反复无常,一时幻想,奇怪的想法) sudden, unexpected fancy; impulsive change of mind

*Some revolutions may have originated in caprice, or generated in ambition.*

### **capricious**

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

*The storm was capricious: it changed course constantly.*

### **caption**

(标题) title; chapter heading; text under illustration

*We got an caption error in The Far Side cartoons shown yesterday.*

### **captious**

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

*I resent the way he asked that was captious question.*

### **carapace**

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

*The top shell is the carapace while the bottom is called the plastron.*

### **cardinal**

(主要的) chief; serving as an essential component

*If you want to increase your word power, the cardinal rule of vocabulary-building is to read.*

### **cardiologist**

(心脏病专家) doctor who specializes in medical problems related to heart

*When the physician noticed Philip had a slight heart murmur, she referred him to a cardiologist for further tests.*

### **careen**

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

*He saw the taxicab careen wildly as it rounded the corner.*

## **career**

(生涯,职业) profession or occupation; individual's work and life roles over their lifespan

*The Italian Prime Minister and media tycoon Sylvia Berlusconi bought AC Milan in 1986 and the team's fortunes have mirrored his colorful career in politics.*

## **caricature**

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

*The caricature he drew yesterday emphasized a personal weakness of the people he burlesqued.*

## **carnage**

(残杀,大屠杀) destruction of life; savage and excessive killing of many people

*The film The Killing Fields vividly depicts the carnage wreaked by Pol Pot's followers in Cambodia.*

## **carnal**

(肉体的,欲望的) fleshly; of or relating to body or flesh; bodily

*This wasn't about love, this was about raw animal attraction, about kindred spirits in carnal lust.*

## **carnivorous**

(食肉的) eating or feeding on flesh; predatory

*The lion's a carnivorous beast. A hunk of meat makes up his feast.*

## **carping**

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

*A carping critic is a nit-picker: he loves to point out flaws.*

## **cartographer**

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

*Though not a professional cartographer, Tolkien was able to construct a map of his fictional world.*

## **cascade**

(小瀑布) small waterfall; sudden downpour

*We were too tired to appreciate the beauty of this cascade because we had to detour around it to avoid watering down.*

## **caste**

(社会等级,等级) any of the hereditary social classes and subclasses of South Asian societies

*The caste refers to social system based on rigid distinctions of birth, rank, and wealth.*

## **casual**

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

*The wildlife officer, in casual conversation, asks Hunter Joe where that deer came from.*

## **casualty**

(严重事故,伤亡) serious or fatal accident; someone injured or killed in an accident

*On holiday weekends this city usually has at least one automotive casualty.*

## **cataclysm**

(巨变,剧变,灾难) an event resulting in great loss and misfortune; deluge or overflowing of water  
*A cataclysm such as the French Revolution affects all countries.*

### **catalyst**

(催化剂) agent which brings about chemical change while it remains unaffected and unchanged  
*Many chemical reactions cannot take place without the presence of a catalyst.*

### **catapult**

(弹弓,弹射器) slingshot; hurling machine; military machine for hurling missiles, used in ancient and medieval times  
*The airplane is launched from battleship by catapult.*

### **cataract**

(大瀑布,白内障) large or high waterfall; eye abnormality  
*She gazed with awe at the mighty cataract known as Niagara Falls.*

### **catastrophe**

(灾难) calamity; disaster; state of extreme ruin and misfortune  
*The 1906 San Francisco earthquake was a catastrophe that destroyed most of the city.*

### **catcall**

(嘘声) shout of disapproval; shout or whistle expressing dislike, especially from crowd or audience  
*Every major league pitcher has off days during which he must learn to ignore any catcall and angry hiss from the crowd.*

### **catechism**

(教义问答手册) book for religious instruction; instruction by question and answer  
*He taught by engaging his pupils in a catechism until they gave him the correct answer.*

### **categorical**

(无条件,直截了当) absolute; having no exception; of using category or categories  
*Though the captain claimed he was never, never sick at sea, he finally had to qualify his categorical denial: he was "hardly ever" sick at sea.*

### **cater**

supply what is needed or desired; provide food professionally for special occasion  
*The chef was happy to cater to the tastes of his highly sophisticated clientele.*

### **catharsis**

(导泻,通便,疏泄) purging or cleansing of any passage of body  
*Aristotle maintained that tragedy created a catharsis by purging the soul of base concepts.*

### **catholic**

(一般的,普遍的,天主教的) broadly sympathetic; universal; related to Roman Catholic Church  
*He was extremely catholic in his taste and read everything he could find in the library.*

### **caucus**

(核心小组会议(秘密)) private meeting of members of a party to select officers or determine policy

*At the opening of Congress, the members of the Democratic Party held a caucus to elect the Majority Leader of the House and the Party Whip.*

### **causal**

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

*The psychologist maintained there was a causal relationship between the nature of one's early childhood experiences and one's adult personality.*

### **caustic**

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

*The critic's caustic remarks angered the hapless actors who were the subjects of his sarcasm.*

### **cavalcade**

(队伍) ceremonial procession or display; succession or series

*As described by Chaucer, the cavalcade of Canterbury pilgrims was a motley group.*

### **cavalier**

(随便,傲慢) offhand or casual; given to haughty disregard of others

*The disguised prince resented the cavalier way in which the palace guards treated him. How dared they handle a member of the royal family so unceremoniously!*

### **cavil**

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

*It's fine when you make sensible criticisms, but it really bugs me when you cavil about unimportant details.*

### **cede**

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

*Eventually the descendants of England's Henry II were forced to cede their French territories to the King of France.*

### **celerity**

(速度) swiftness of action or motion; speed

*Hamlet resented his mother's celerity in remarrying within a month after his father's death.*

### **celestial**

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

*She spoke of the celestial joys that awaited virtuous souls in the hereafter.*

### **celibate**

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

*The perennial bachelor vowed to remain celibate.*

### **cemetery**

(坟墓,公墓) place or ground set apart for the burial of the dead; graveyard

*A vehicle for conveying a coffin is to a church or cemetery.*

### **censor**

(审查) overseer of morals; official responsible for removal of objectionable or sensitive content  
*Soldiers dislike having their mail read by a censor but understand the need for this precaution.*

### **ensorious**

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

*But it is childish to waste our time in censorious judgment on the individual who does no worse than represent a ruling type.*

### **ensure**

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

*Today's paper will censure the senator for behavior inappropriate to a member of Congress.*

### **centigrade**

(华氏) measure of temperature, used widely in Europe

*On the centigrade thermometer, the freezing point of water is zero degrees.*

### **centrifugal**

(离心,放射) radiating; departing from the center

*Many automatic drying machines remove excess moisture from clothing by centrifugal force.*

### **centripetal**

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

*Does centripetal force or the force of gravity bring orbiting bodies to the earth's surface?.*

### **centurion**

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

*Because he was in command of a company of one hundred soldiers, he was called a centurion.*

### **cerebral**

(脑的,智力的) relating to the brain or cerebrum; intellectual rather than emotional

*The content of philosophical works is cerebral in nature and requires much thought.*

### **cerebration**

(思考) act of cerebrating; thinking, mental activity

*Mathematics problems sometimes require much cerebration.*

### **ceremonious**

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

*Ordinary dress would be inappropriate at so ceremonious an affair.*

### **certitude**

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

*Though there was no certitude of his getting the job, Lou thought he had a good chance of doing so.*

### **cessation**

(停止) bringing or coming to end; ceasing

*The airline's employees threatened a cessation of all work if management failed to meet their demands.*

**cession**

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

*The cession of Alaska to the United States is discussed in this chapter.*

**chafe**

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

*The high collar used to chafe against my neck.*

**chaff**

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

*When you separate the wheat from the chaff, be sure you keep the wheat.*

**chaffing**

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

*Chad's worthless remarks annoy us.; Chad's chaffing keeps us laughing.*

**chagrin**

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

*Embarrassed by his parents' shabby, working-class appearance, Doug felt their visit to his school would bring him nothing but chagrin.*

**chalice**

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

*In a small room adjoining the cathedral, visitors can see this ornately decorated chalice made by famous European goldsmith.*

**chameleon**

(变色龙) lizard that changes color in different situations

*Like the chameleon, he assumed the political thinking of every group he met.*