

PTE Word List for Academic (D)

dairy

n.

(牛奶场,奶制品厂,奶品店) place where milk is produced, kept, or converted into butter or cheese

dam

n.

(水坝,筑坝) barrier to prevent the flow of liquid, especially built across a water course

damp

a. Syn. humid; moist; wet

(潮湿的,有湿气的) humid; moist; slightly wet

dart

v. Syn. rush; cast

(飞奔,投掷) move suddenly and rapidly

dash

v.

(突进,飞跑,冲撞,急匆匆地写) throw with violence or haste; break, as by throwing or by collision; form or sketch rapidly

database

n.

(数据库) collection of data arranged for ease and speed of search and retrieval

dazzle

v.

(使目眩,使眼花,使迷惑) overpower with light; confuse the sight of by brilliance of light; bewilder or surprise with brilliancy

deadlock

n. Syn. standstill; stalemate

(僵局) standstill resulting from opposition of two forces or factions; stalemate

dearth

n. Syn. scarcity

(稀缺,缺乏) scarcity; shortage of food; famine from failure or loss of crops

debris

n. Syn. rubble

(碎片,残骸) remains of something that has been destroyed or broken up

decade

n.

(十年,十年期间) a group of ten, especially a period of ten years

decay

v. Syn. decompose; rot

(腐烂) decompose; break down; disintegration; rottenness; decline; worsen; decadence

deceive

v. Syn. fool

(欺骗,行骗) fool; cause to believe what is not true; mislead

decipher

v.

(破译,解密) convert code into ordinary language; read with difficulty

declaration

n. Syn. announcement; avowal; statement

(宣布,宣言) announcement; explicit statement; formal public statement

decline

n. Syn. deterioration; decay

(衰退,下降,减退) change toward something smaller or lower ; gradual falling off from a better state

decompose

v. Syn. decay

(分解,(使)腐烂) decay

decorate

v. Syn. adorn; embellish

(装饰,装潢,修饰) adorn; embellish

decrease

v. Syn. lessen; reduce; abate

(减少) lessen; reduce; make a quantity smaller

decree

n.

(命令,法令,颁布命令,公告) order from one having authority; decision, order, or sentence by court

decrepit

a. Syn. weak

(老化,磨损) weakened, worn out, or broken down by old age, illness, or hard use

dedicate

v.

(贡奉,奉献) set apart for a deity or for special purposes; devote; consecrate

deduce

v.

(推论,推想,演绎) lead forth; reach a conclusion by reasoning; trace the origin or derivation of

deduct

v.

(扣除,减除) lead forth or out; take away, separate, or remove, in numbering, estimating, or calculating; subtract

deem

v.

(认为,视为) decide; judge; sentence; condemn

default

n.

(不作为,无动于衷,被动得到) failure to act; an option that is selected automatically

defect

v.

(缺点,瑕疵,变节) abandon or turn against; cease or change one's loyalty

defence

n.

(防御,预防) act of defending against attack, danger, or injury

defer

v. Syn. delay; postpone

(推迟,延期) delay till later; put off; hold back to a later time

defiance

n. Syn. resistance

(抵抗,不屈服) refusal to yield; readiness to contend or resist

deficiency

n. Syn. scarcity; insufficiency

(缺乏,不足) scarcity; lack or shortage, especially of something essential to health

deficit

n. Syn. shortfall; shortage

(赤字,不足额) inadequacy or insufficiency; sum of money falls short of required amount; shortage

defile

v. Syn. pollute

(污染,亵渎) pollute; make dirty or spotty

definitive

a. Syn. final; complete

(完全的,最终的) final; complete; precisely defined or explicit

deflate

v.
(泄出气体,放出空气) reduce from an inflated condition; release contained air or gas from

deflect

v.
(反射,偏转) turn aside; draw someone's attention away from something

defraud

v.
(诈取,诈骗,骗取) deprive of some right, interest, or property, by a deceitful device

deft

a. Syn. neat; skillful
(灵巧的,敏锐地) quick and skillful; neat in action or performance

defy

v.
(不服从,蔑视,挑战) refuse to submit to or cooperate with; be unaffected by; resist or withstand

degenerate

v. Syn. deteriorate
(恶化) become worse; decline; fall

degrade

v. Syn. humiliate; debase
(使降级,贬低) reduce level; lower grade of something

delectable

a. Syn. delightful; delicious
(使人愉快的) delightful; delicious; extremely pleasing to the sense of taste

delegate

n. Syn. representative; deputy; agent
(代表) person authorized to act as representative for another; deputy

delete

v. Syn. erase
(删除) erase; strike out; remove or make invisible

deliberate

v. Syn. consider; ponder
(深思熟虑的,商讨) consider; think about carefully; weigh

delinquency

n.
(失职,罪行) failure or omission of duty; fault; misdeed; offense or crime

delirium

n. Syn. insanity; madness
(精神错乱) mental disorder marked by confusion

delude

v. Syn. deceive
(蛊惑) deceive mind or judgment of; lead from truth or into error; frustrate or disappoint

deluge

n. Syn. flood; rush
(大洪水) great flood; heavy downpour; any overflowing of water

democracy

n.
(民主政体,民主政府,民主国家,民主) a political system in which the supreme power lies in a body of citizens who can elect people to represent them

demolish

v. Syn. raze; destroy; devastate
(破坏,摧毁) raze; destroy; do away with completely; put an end to

demonstrate

v. Syn. show; confirm; prove; manifest
(演示,论证) show clearly and deliberately; manifest; confirm; prove

denomination

n. Syn. sect
(宗派,教派) class, society, or collection of individuals called by the same name; specifically, a religious sect

denote

v. Syn. signify; indicate; show
(指示,表示) indicate; signify directly; refer to specifically

dense

a. Syn. thick; compact
(密集的,浓厚的) thick; crowded closely together; compact

depart

v. Syn. leave
(离开,出发) take off; leave; set out

depict

v. Syn. portray; describe
(描述) represent in a picture or sculpture; portray in words; describe

deplete

v. Syn. reduce; exhaust
(耗尽,减少) decrease fullness of; use up or empty out

depletion

n.

(耗尽,枯竭) act of emptying, reducing, or exhausting

deplore

v. Syn. regret

(悔恨) feel or express strong disapproval of; condemn; express sorrow or grief over; regret

depress

v. Syn. lower

(压下,压低) lower in spirits; press down

deprive

v.

(剥夺,夺去,免去) deny; take away

derelict

a. Syn. abandoned; negligent

(遗弃的,废弃的) left and abandoned; negligent in performing a duty

derive

v. Syn. obtain; extract

(得到,获取,源于) obtain or receive from a source; trace the origin or development of

descend

v.

(传下,遗传) move downward and lower; come from; be connected by a relationship of blood

descent

n. Syn. ancestry; origin

(血统,世袭) ancestry; origin; the descendants of one individual; drop; fall; a movement downward

designate

v. Syn. nominate; assign; name

(指定,任命) indicate or specify; point out; assign a name or title to

desirable

a. Syn. worthwhile

(令人向往的,令人满意的) worthwhile; worth doing or achieving; advisable

desolate

a. Syn. unpopulated; deserted

(荒无人烟的) unpopulated; providing no shelter or sustenance; devoid of inhabitants

despair

n.

(绝望,失望) loss of hope; utter hopelessness; complete despondency

destination

n. Syn. goal; end

(目的地) ultimate goal; place to which one is going or directed

destine

v.

(注定,指定为) decree or designate beforehand; fate

detach

v.

(分开,拆开,分离,分遣) part; separate or disunite; disengage

detain

v.

(拘留,使延迟) keep back or from; withhold; restrain from proceeding; stay or stop; delay

detect

v. Syn. feel; discover the presence of; discern; sense; identify

(察觉,发觉,探测,侦查) feel; discover the presence of; identify

deter

v.

(威慑,吓住) keep from; stop; prevent or discourage from acting

detergent

n.

(洗洁精,洗涤剂) cleansing agent; substance that acts similarly to soap

deteriorate

v. Syn. decline

(使恶化,质量下降) become worse; decline

determination

n. Syn. resolve; decision

(决定,测量,计算,解决) act of making or arriving at a decision; putting an end to; termination

detest

v. Syn. abhor; loathe

(深恶,憎恶) dislike intensely; feel antipathy or aversion towards

detriment

n. Syn. harm; damage; injury

(伤害,危害) harm; damage; injury; something that causes damage, harm, or loss

detrimental

a. Syn. harmful; damaging

(有害的) causing damage or harm; injurious

devastate

v. Syn. ruin; destroy

(毁坏) ruin; lay waste; destroy; make desolate

devastating

a. Syn. destructive

(破坏性的) destructive; highly critical; causing or capable of causing complete destruction

deviate

v. Syn. depart; diverge

(背离) turn away from a principle, norm; depart; diverge

devise

v. Syn. invent; plan

(设计,发明) form, plan, or arrange in the mind; transmit or give by will

devote

v. Syn. dedicate; contribute

(投入于,献身,用于) dedicate; contribute

devour

v. Syn. consume; gorge; gobble

(贪婪地吃,吞食) consume; eat greedily; destroy completely

diagnose

v. Syn. analyze; examine; identify

(诊断) analyze; examine; identify

diagram

n. Syn. graph; chart

(图表) graph; chart; figure or drawing made to illustrate a statement; plan

dialect

n.

(方言,土话) vocabulary that is for a specific group of people

diameter

n.

(直径) length of straight line passing through the center of a circle and connecting two points on the circumference

dictate

v. Syn. prescribe; determine

(口述,听写,规定) prescribe; rule as a dictator

differ

v.

(不同,不像,相异) be or stand apart; disagree; be unlike; be distinguished

differentiate

v. Syn. distinguish; discriminate

(区分,区别,分辨) set apart; distinguish; perceive or show difference in or between

diffuse

v.

(漫射的,散开的,罗嗦的,冗长的) spread out widely; scatter freely; pour out and cause to spread freely

digest

v. Syn. assimilate; ingest

(消化) break down; make more concise; convert food into absorbable substances

digital

a.

(手指的,脚趾的,数字的) of or performance to fingers, or to digits; done with the fingers

dilapidated

a.

(残破的,倒塌的,破旧的) in disrepair, run down; of very poor quality or condition

dilate

v. Syn. expand; enlarge; widen

(使膨胀,使扩大) make wider or larger; cause to expand; enlarge; widen

dilemma

n. Syn. predicament

(困境,进退两难) predicament; state of uncertainty or between equally unfavorable options

diligent

a. Syn. assiduous; industrious

(勤勉的,勤奋的) assiduous; industrious; hard-working

dilute

v. Syn. weaken; attenuate

(稀释,淡化) weaken; make thinner or less concentrated by adding a liquid such as water

dim

a. Syn. weak; faint

(暗淡的,模糊的) emitting only a small amount of light; lacking in brightness

diminish

v. Syn. dwindle; reduce; decrease

(减少,变小) dwindle; reduce; make smaller or less or to cause to appear so

din

n. Syn. clamor; roar

(喧闹声,嘈杂声) loud, confused, harsh noise; loud, continuous, rattling or clanging sound

dine

v.

(用餐,进食,宴请) eat principal regular meal of the day; take dinner; give a dinner to

dingy

a. Syn. rusty; dull

(肮脏的,褪色的) darkened with smoke and grime; dirty or discolored

diploma

n.

(文凭,毕业证书) document certifying the successful completion of a course of study

diplomat

n.

(外交家,外交官) one who is in charge to deal with others, like an ambassador, who is appointed to represent a government in relations with other governments

diplomatic

a. Syn. tactful; politic

(外交的,老练的) relating to diplomacy; marked by tact and sensitivity in dealing with others

disable

v.

(使残废,使无能力) deprive of capability or effectiveness; unable; impair; diminish

disarray

v.

(混乱,漫无秩序) throw into disorder; break the array of.

disc

n.

(圆盘,唱片,磁盘) flat round plate; circular structure either in plants or animals

discard

v.

(丢弃) throw out something from one's hand; get rid of

discern

v. Syn. detect; perceive

(看出,察觉到) detect; perceive

discharge

v. Syn. release

(释放,排出) relieve of a burden or of contents; unload; pour forth or release; complete or carry out; give off

disclose

v.

(揭露,揭发,泄露) unclose; open; remove a cover or envelope from; lay open or expose to view

discord

n. Syn. conflict

(冲突的,不和谐的) conflict; lack of agreement among persons, groups, or things

discreet

a.

(小心的,谨慎的) free from ostentation or pretension; distinct; distinguishable

discrepancy

n. Syn. difference

(相差,缺乏一致) lack of consistency; difference

discrete

a. Syn. separate; distinct

(分离,没有关系的) separate; consisting of unconnected distinct parts

discriminate

v.

(区别,辨别,歧视) make a clear distinction; distinguish; make sensible decisions; judge wisely

disdain

v. Syn. despise

(蔑视) view with scorn or contempt; feel with aversion

disgust

n.

(厌恶,恶心,憎恶) strong feelings of dislike; offend the taste or moral sense of

dismay

v. Syn. discourage; frighten

(使沮丧,使害怕) destroy courage or resolution by exciting dread; cause to lose enthusiasm

dismiss

v. Syn. reject

(拒绝,排除) stop considering; end employment or service of; discharge; refuse to accept or recognize

dispatch

n. Syn. expedition; sending off

(发送,急速,急件) act of sending off something; property of being prompt and efficient; message usually sent in haste

dispel

v. Syn. scatter

(散开,分裂,消失) scatter; drive away; cause to vanish

disperse

v. Syn. scatter

(散开) move away from each other; cause to separate; cause to become widely known

displace

v. Syn. move; replace; substitute

(移置,转移,取代,替代) move or shift from the usual place or position, especially to force to leave a homeland

dispose

v.

(有意于,安排,摆脱,断绝,处置) get rid of; settle or decide a matter; place or set in a particular order; arrange

disposition

n. Syn. temperament; nature; tendency

(性情,倾向,安排; 布置) natural or acquired habit with tendency; act or means of getting rid of something

dispute

n. Syn. argument; debate

(争论,争执) argument; angry altercation; quarrel; verbal controversy; debate

disregard

v. Syn. ignore; discount

(不理睬,漠视) ignore; discount; take no notice of

disrupt

v. Syn. upset; interrupt

(使分裂,使陷于混乱,破坏) upset; throw into confusion or disorder

dissertation

n. Syn. thesis; discourse

(论文(博士生)) formal essay; paper written by candidate for doctoral degree at university

dissipate

v. Syn. waste; scatter

(驱散,消散,浪费) spend or expend wastefully; vanish by dispersion; drive away; disperse

dissolve

v.

(溶解,液化) melt; liquefy; cause to pass into solution; cause to disappear or vanish

distend

v. Syn. expand

(扩大,扩张) swell out or expand from or as if from internal pressure

distil

v.

(滴下,渗漏) drop; fall in drops; flow in a small stream

distinct

a. Syn. definite; separate; different
(明确的,确实的,不同的) definite; separate; different

distinction

n. Syn. contrast; discrimination
(出名,出格) excellence or eminence; note or mark of difference

distinguish

v. Syn. characterize; differentiate; recognize
(区别,辨认) characterize; differentiate; recognize

distort

v. Syn. deform; twist
(扭曲,歪曲) twist out of proper or natural relation of parts; misshape; misrepresent

distribute

v. Syn. disseminate; allocate
(分配,分发,散布) hand out; disseminate; allocate

disturbance

n. Syn. disorder; turmoil
(骚动,动乱) disorder; turmoil; mental or emotional unbalance or disorder

diverse

a. Syn. various
(丰富多样的) differing in some characteristics; various

diversion

n. Syn. a turning aside
(转移,解闷) act of turning aside; pastime; activity that relaxes or entertains

divert

v. Syn. distract
(转移,(使)转向) distract; withdraw money and move into a different location

dividend

n.
(股份的)红利) sum of money to be divided and distributed; share of a sum divided that falls to each individual; a distribute sum, share, or percentage

doctrine

n.
(教育,学说) principles presented for belief, as by religious; principle of law; act of teaching; instruction

dole

n.
(施舍,少量接济) share of money, food, or clothing that has been charitably given

domain

n. Syn. field

(领域,范围) field; territory over which rule or control is exercised; networked computers that share a common address

dome

n.

(圆屋顶) building or house, especially as great hall, church, or temple; anything shaped like cupola

dominant

a. Syn. major; important

(支配的,占优势的) major; important; outweighing

dominate

v. Syn. monopolize; command; rule

(统治,支配,控制) monopolize; command; rule; prevail; be prevalent in

doom

n.

(判决,劫数,注定) judgment; judicial sentence; penal decree; condemnation

dormant

a. Syn. hibernated; lethargic

(睡着的,隐匿的) sleeping; not active but capable of becoming active

doubtful

a. Syn. distrustful; skeptical

(可疑的,疑心的) distrustful; skeptical; full of doubt; having doubt; not settled in opinion

doubtless

ad.

(无疑,必定,可能,十有八九) free from fear or suspicion; very probably, in all likelihood; doubtlessly

downpour

n.

(大雨,暴雨) pouring or streaming downwards, especially a heavy or continuous shower

doze

v.

(瞌睡,假寐,微睡) slumber; sleep lightly; be in dull or stupefied condition, as if half asleep; be drowsy

drainage

n.

(排水,排泄) emptying accomplished by draining; gradual flowing off, as of a liquid

drastic

a. Syn. radical; severe
(猛烈的) radical; taking effect violently or rapidly

drawback

n.
(障碍, 缺点) disadvantage or inconvenience; shortcoming; refund or remittance, such as a discount on duties or taxes

dread

n. Syn. fear; terror; horror
(畏惧, 恐怖) fearful or distasteful anticipation; terror; horror

dreadful

a. Syn. fearful
(可怕的) very unpleasant; distasteful or shocking

dreary

a. Syn. gloomy; dismal
(沉闷的, 阴郁的) gloomy; dismal; dark, colorless, or cheerless

drench

v.
(湿透, 浸透, 喝过量) wet through and through; soak; put potion down throat of; steep in moisture; wet thoroughly

drift

v. Syn. float; moving aimlessly; wander
(漂流, 漂泊) float; moving aimlessly; wander

drought

n. Syn. aridity
(干旱) dry period; aridity; long period of abnormally low rainfall

drowse

v.
(打瞌睡, 打盹儿, 呆滞, 昏沉) sleep imperfectly or unsoundly; slumber; be heavy with sleepiness; doze.

drudgery

n. Syn. tedium; toil; toil
(苦差事, 苦工) hard monotonous routine work

dual

a.
(双重的) expressing, or consisting of, the number two; belonging to two

dub

v.
(授爵位, 给予荣誉称号) confer knighthood upon; honor with a new title or description; entitle;

adorn

dubious

a. Syn. questionable

(可疑的) questionable; filled with doubt

duly

ad.

(适当,合适,适度,当然,及时) as it ought to be; properly; regularly

duplicate

n. Syn. copy

(两重的,两倍的,完全相同的) one that corresponds exactly to another, especially an original; identical copy; facsimile

durable

a. Syn. lasting; enduring

(持久的,耐用的) lasting; long-lasting; enduring

duration

n. Syn. length; period

(持续时间) length of time something lasts

dwarf

v.

(使看上去矮小) cause to seem small; check natural growth or development of

dwindle

v. Syn. shrink; reduce

(缩水,减少) shrink; reduce in size; become less

dynamic

a. Syn. energetic

(充满活力的) energetic; vigorously active