

不好区分的 bad:

invidious task/ position/ comparison, dismal prospects, (bad in sad way), grim, **adverse** (not that it does not have the connotation of “reverse”) decisions/conditions/effects, the **lousy** weather, your lousy job, **foul**,

很好的 good: The dish is sensational,

和 **immoral** 有关的 amoral, base, dissolute, indecent, indefensible, libertine, nefarious, reprobate, satanic, sleazy, sordid, **vile**, villain, villainy, villainous, vice, a heinous crime, wanton, depraved,

和 **moral** 有关的 decent, upright, elevated, high-minded, high-principled, prude, prudery, prudish, rectitude, moralist, preachy, righteous,

悲伤，使悲伤 glum, lugubrious, the man is in a **dolorous** mood, dismal, **poignant** music/film/image/moment, a poignant reminder of our nation's great sacrifices, depressed, in the doldrums after losing the game, the economy is stuck in the doldrums, in a **somber** mood, dejected, **downcast**,

失望，苦恼 **chagrin**,

开心，愉快的，使开心 a convivial atmosphere, rapture, ecstasy, a happy family life is the highest form of felicity, jovial, jubilant, she looks so ebullient today, a felicitous journey, euphoria, **ecstatic**,

生机，活力 dynamic, vigorous, a **sprightly** 90-year-old professor, animated, a vivacious /və'veɪʃəs, var-/ girl, lively, vivacity, an ebullient personality, an exuberant young girl,

使有生机，使有活力 galvanize, animate, invigorate,

没有生机，没有精力，犯困，慢吞吞的 languid, languor, groggy, listless, listlessness, torpor, somnolent, lethargy, lethargic, dilatory, dawdle, the car is sluggish going uphill, sales have been sluggish, there is change but at a glacial pace, an indolent potato, inertia, inert,

使没有生机，使虚弱 enervate, debilitate, devitalize, **emaciate** /ɪ'meɪʃɪeɪtəd, -si-/,

给 dispense,

减弱，削弱 attenuate, Litter detracts from the cityscape, dampen, sap, dilute /daɪ'lu:t/, mute, abridge, these pills can **palliate** /'pæliet/ (reduce the effects of pain or illness without curing it) her headache, curtail, let's **retrench** our spending on food, retrenchment, curtailment, an unhealthy diet will nullify the effects for your training, the cool cloth helps to **allay** /ə'lei/ your pain, the President made a statement to

allay public anxiety, ebb, flag,

改善 mitigate, ameliorate,

恶化 worsen, wounds pester, poverty and corruption pester, exacerbate, aggravate,

下降 slump,

提升, 提高 valorize,

慢 dilatory in,

快 celerity, with dispatch,

夸大, 夸张 overrate, exaggerate, the warning of disaster is overblown, she made a melodramatic performance,

轻描淡写, to reduce in apparent importance, downplay his own contributions, he soft-pedals his achievements when talking with his colleagues,

限制 tether, confine, laws circumscribing the rights of the individuals, the Congress can hamstring the President, set a bridle on his power, please bridle your anger,

阻碍, 抑制, 阻止, 防止 knee injuries put a damper on his football career, retard, hinder, obstruct, impeded, impediment, shackled by poverty and ignorance, stifle creativity, preclude, obviate, forestall, the plan was foiled by the authority, occlude the flow of blood, contain, stem, check,

取代, 代替 supplant, supersede, preempt, displace

促进, 加快 accelerate, the riot was precipitated, hasten, escalate, bolster, buttress, prop /prɒp \$ pra:p/ up the stock market, expedite,

增加 increment, upsurge of profits,

逃避, 躲避 elude, elusive, circumvent, sidestep, dodge, duck, eschew, he never flinched from doing his duty, evade, shun publicity, you cannot shirk your responsibility,

顺从, 遵从 I will defer to your wishes, deference, deferential to the old people's wisdom and experiences,

不顺从, 不服从 flout the law, defiant,

遵守

违反 contravene the traffic regulations,

赞扬, 赞美, 喝彩, 赞歌 laud, laudable, laudatory, encomium /ɪn'kəʊmiəm/, encomia, panegyric, eulogy, he was eulogized as a hero, applaud, applause, acclaim, commend, exalt, extol, We should pay tribute to those who fought and died for this country,

悼词，哀悼 elegy, she spoke of him in elegiac /elə'dʒaɪək/ tones, dirge,

咆哮，谩骂 verbal invective, a rant about taxes, harangue, diatribe, fulminate, fulmination, lay into sb for sth, his parents really laid into him for wasting so much money, a vituperative attack, a flood of vituperation descended on her from her critics, rail against,

谴责，斥责，批评 opprobrium, opprobrious remarks, excoriate /ɪk'skɔːriet/ me for every tiny mistakes, execrate, an excoriating (a very bad opinion of a book or play) review in "The Times", denunciation, animadversion, animadvert upon death penalty, my boss chide(ed) for being late, pillory, he is pilloried by the press, reprehend, pan, slate,

易怒，坏脾气 ill-tempered, bad-tempered, irascible /ɪ'ræsəbəl/, inflammable, peevish, petulant, irritable, children become fractious when they get tired, I had a headache and was incredibly grouchy /'graʊtʃi/, the old man sounds testy, pay attention to his mood—he is a grumpy old man, moody,

生气，使生气 wrath, infuriate, outrage, exasperate, rankle, her comments rankles him, her comments still rankles, It galls me to see my ex-girlfriend dating with my best friend, it galls me to have to apologize to her, irate, irritate, furious, a widespread furor, bullfighters wave a red cloth to rile up the bulls /bʊl/, The President was bridled at the reporter's question, you'll be on the receiving end of your neighbor's ire /aɪə/ if you steal her bread habitually,

不容易生气的 equable,

煽动，煽动性的, inflammatory, seditious, to commit sedition, incendiary, agitate, he man fomented the protest, the cat incites all other cats to protest for more fish, he is instigating his followers to start a riot, brew, ferment, provoke, his provocative words made me want to slap his face

造反，推翻政府 insurrection, overturn, overthrow,

平静，使平静，安抚，和解 serene, the lake is very placid /'plæsid/ and peaceful, pacify, placate /plə'kert \$ 'pleɪkɪt/, mollify, your duty is to conciliate the people, not to provoke them, compose oneself, lull the baby with a song, a sedate /sɪ'deɪt/ seaside town, remain unruffled by the chaos, propitiate the angry God, she appeased her angry daughter with a hug, the President's speech was hailed as (praised publicly) a conciliatory /kən'sɪliətɔːri/ gesture toward business, composure /kəm'pəʊʒər/, equanimity /ekwə'nɪməti/,

劝告 the police exhort the crowd to stay calm, hortative, hortatory, exhortation /eksə:'teɪʃən/, counsel him not to do so,

祈求，恳求 solicit, adjuration, entreat, entreaty /ɪn'triːti/, invoke,

承认

否认，否定 disavow, rebut,

一致 His story does not square with (accord with) the facts,

允许，同意 I will not countenance such a daft proposal, endorse, authorize, he consents, my parents' consent to my marrying her, the committee concurred with this view, with White House sanction, Britain will not accede to France's request, Finally they reached an accord about what the treaty would say, the Helsinki accord/ə'kɔ:d/ on human rights, he decided to go of his own accord,

无冲突，和平 no discord, no concord/ 'ka:ŋkɔ:rd/,

有说服力的，令人信服的 compelling evidence, cogent/'kəʊdʒənt/ arguments, convincing, telling arguments,

支持，支撑 buttress, underpin, bolster, espouse, defend, champion,

不允许，反对

相反的，反驳的 disprove, the theory of evolution is countervailing with Christianity,

异类 heresy, heretic,

争辩，好争辩，引起争议的 polemical, animal welfare did not become a contentious /kən'tenʃəs/ issue until the late 1970s, my granpa is a very contentious person, controversial,

好争斗 aggressive, belligerent, pugnacious, truculent, Congress is in a combative mood, bellicose,

无可争议，无可挑剔 unimpeachable,

接受

拒绝 I have to demur since I don't smoke, She repudiate the agreement, repudiate (disagree with them and don't want to be connected with them in any way) racist remarks,

废除，推翻，撤销，使无效 quash, overturn, withdraw, countermand/kaʊntər'mænd/, vitiate the agreement, retract, revoke, the judges nullified government decisions, overrule, override,

节制

放弃 recant his faith or belief, even after torture, the man refused to recant his heresy, jettison, abnegate, abjure, renounce,

说明，解释 delineate, illuminate, amplify, his exposition of the basics of chemistry, explicate the concept in a very easy way, explicable (inexplicable), forswear a belief, an idea or a habit, it's healthier for you if you can forswear smoking,

想，沉思 ponder, pensive, reflective, contemplate, muse,

假设，前提 premise, posit,

用作证据，支持论据

站得住脚，有理

站不住脚 spurious, specious,

假的，假货 sham,

欺骗 he is known for his mendacity (a tendency to lie), delude, delusory, deluding, swindle, bilk, dupe, duplicity, duplicitous, deceitful, fraudulent Internet activities, wheedle me out all of my money, chicanery /ʃɪˈkeməri/, subterfuge, guile, guileful, beguiled, illusory, political skulduggery /ˌskʌlˈdʌɡəri/, he employed political machinations /ˌmækəˈneɪʃənz, ˌmæʃə-/ to bring him power, a perfidious person will tell others the most embarrassing secrets you told her, treachery,

假装 feign any emotions, he dissembles happiness when he heard the news that his ex-girlfriend is going to marry his old adversary, he affected an interest in the professor's lecture, he affects a strong Italian accent,

编造 fabricate, concoct, embroider

引诱，用欺骗手段让别人做某事 lure, cajole me into joining her in bed,

狡猾的，用欺骗的手段的达成自己的目的 a devious politician, sly, foxy, wily, a cunning plan, a crafty old devil, artful tricks,

聪明，精明，明智，睿智，判断力强 erudite, a sapient /ˈseɪpiənt/ man, sagacious /səˈgeɪʃəs/, sagacity, the President's judicious use of military force, a judicious choice, you have to be very judicious about how to spend taxpayers' money, shrewd, business acumen, a canny investor, she offers many snippets of keen and astute observations, level-headed (have a connotation of being calm), a hard-headed (practical and able to make difficult decisions without letting their emotions affect their judgement) and shrewd businesswoman, tact/diplomacy (the ability to deal with difficult situations without annoying or upsetting other people), settling disputes require great tact and diplomacy,

沉着，冷静 calm, collected, level-headed, composed, composure,

不合理，不必要 charges for long distance calls are outrageous, some child-care centers are charging unconscionable (excessive) fees, the movie has been criticized for its gratuitous /grəˈtʃuːɪtəs/ violence, 技艺精湛，熟悉，熟练 mastery, his virtuosity /vɜːrtʃuːˈɑː-/ in the guitar has no parallel, this opera lacks the polish of his later works, dexterous, dexterity, craft, an accomplished painter, deft movements, the woman is well versed in law, conversant,

灵活，心灵手巧的

天资 the baby has a flair for music, the rock star has an aptitude for energizing his audience, have a knack for cracking jokes,

笨拙的 gauche, awkward, inept, tactless, heavy and ponderous movements, clumsy,

幼稚，不成熟 immature, puerile, infantile, juvenile, callow, fledging, rudimentary,

巧妙，创新 an ingenious invention, ingenuity (note that the noun form of “ingenuous” is “ingenuousness” rather than “ingenuity”),

用烂了的，陈词滥调，老掉牙的 banal, platitude, cliché, stale jokes, almost all of these films have the same formulaic /ˌfɔːmjəˈleɪ-ɪk/ plot, canned, a hoary joke,

无聊的，单调的 dull, bore, prosaic books, dreary, tedious, tedium, vapid, monotonous, mundane, a jejune lecture make the audiences fall asleep, their marriage had gone stale,

索然无味 insipid /ɪnˈsɪpɪd/, bland,

吸引人的 arresting, engaging, appealing, absorbing, engrossing, enticing, gripping, enthralling, spellbinding, fascinating, intriguing, stimulating, compelling, enchanting, riveting /ˈrɪvətɪŋ/, captivating, prepossessing,

普通的，平常的

坦诚的，真诚的，直率的 candor, forthright,

公平的 the judge's decision is equitable for everyone involve, a more equitable distribution of wealth, balanced reporting on the dispute, US media is not even-handed in the coverage of election news this year,

不愿多说，不透露 reticent, be cagey about what he was paid in this job,

奉承，讨好 adulate, complaisant, adulation, sycophant, sycophantic, ingratiate himself with anyone who might prove helpful in the future,

威胁，恐吓 his wife browbeat him to do everything,

有害的 deleterious, detrimental, detriment, baneful, baleful, noxious,

危险的 precarious, peril, perilous, hazardous, a menacing world,

无害的 innocuous,

重要的 imperative, pivotal to success, a momentous decision, momentous events, It's paramount that you study English as early as possible, a consequential decision,

不重要 marginal, fringe, peripheral, negligible, paltry issues, trivial,

强调 **underscore**, underline, accentuate

有效

没有用 fruitless, bootless, futile,

安慰

哀悼

嘲笑 deride, she pointed her finger at me in **derision**,

贬低, 看不起 belittle, deprecate, denigrate, disparage, derogate, derogatory, **debase** the picture by tomatoes at it, politicians have debased the meaning of freedom, pejorative,

侮辱

尖酸, 刻薄 acrimony, acrimonious, a **mordant** sense of humor, mordant humor, acerbic, biting remarks, 说别人坏话, 诽谤 if you malign someone, you badmouth them, if you habitually malign people, you risk being described as a “malign influence”, vilify (whether true or not), Even the President’s **detractors** (a person who is always critical) admit that the decision is a right one, slander, libel, slanderous remarks,

心怀恶意的

腐烂的, 发霉的 rot, the oranges are stale, it smells putrid, putrefied apples, a musty smell, the fusty old train,

贫穷 penury, penurious, insolvent, indigent, impecunious, **pauperized**,

稀少, 匮乏 the product received **scant** attention, scanty, **paltry**/'pɔ:ltri/ sum of money, live a **meager** lifestyle, predict meager GDP growth, you'll look emaciated if your diet is meager, **exiguous** evidence, **a paucity of** information, a dearth of food, **at a premium**/'pri:miəm/, a **stingy** portion of meat,

贫瘠, 荒芜 barren, bleak, desolate,

富饶, 多产 prolific, fecund,

富有

少量 a **modicum**/'mɒdɪkəm/ of research/caution/success/common sense,

大量, 很多, 丰富 glut, patients with **a welter of** confusing symptoms, cornucopia, cornucopian, their relationship is fraught with tension and misunderstanding, teeming with, a multitude of people, multitudinous, there's been **a rash of** (a large number of unpleasant events or changes within a short time) car thefts in the city center=**a spate of** burglaries, **a plethora of** (more than you need) information, there is a glut of (so much of it that cannot be used or sold) agricultural products in Europe,

the street is glutted with bookstores, a surfeit of violence on television, This small plant churns out a million low-quality watches a week,

过多 excessive, surplus, The war caused unconscionable amount of suffering, undue,

多样 a heterogeneous array of immigrants came to the United States to make it a “melting pot”, a bowl of assorted fruits, a motley collection/crew/assortment is a group of people or things that are very different from each other and do not seem to belong each other,

慷慨, 慈善, 大方 munificent, beneficent/bɪ'nefəsənt/, benefactor,

吝啬 miserly, parsimony, parsimonious, too stingy to give money to charity,

节省的 prodigal, frugal,

挥霍的, 浪费的, 奢侈的 lavish, sumptuous, extravagant, profligate, improvident,

贪心, 覬覦 grasping,

小心谨慎的, 认真的, 细心的, rigorous, painstaking (extremely careful and thorough) investigation, discreet (不冒犯, 不泄露), tactful (不冒犯, 不惹怒) try to find a tactful way of telling her the truth, prudent house buyers (try to avoid unnecessary risks), meticulous, exactitude, he was punctilious (careful to behave correctly) about repaying his loans on time,

注意细节的 she was fastidious about her appearance,

不注意, 疏忽, 不在意 remiss, negligence, inattention, slack, lax,

严肃的 earnest,

努力的, 勤勉的

明智的 provident

不明智的 imprudent loans, quixotic (unrealistic) projects, improvident,

未经仔细思索的, 草率的, 粗心的 a cursory (without much attention to detail) look at the book before the test, reckless, a rash decision, madcap, a precipitate decision, a hasty conclusion, with blithe disregard for facts, glib generalizations, it's an imprudent decision to divorce just because of some petty disputes, Raina's impetuous decision resulted a huge loss for her family, slapdash, slipshod,

有礼貌的 well-mannered, decorum, decorous, chivalrous, civility, comity (mutual civility), demure, genteel manners and voices,

没礼貌的, 粗鲁的 rude, discourteous, ill manner, bad mannered, impertinent,

轻浮的, 不严肃的 a flippant comment, suing McDonald for making the coffee too hot is pretty much a frivolous lawsuit,

友好 affable, amiable, amicably, the two countries have **cordial** relations, convivial, **a winning smile** or personality, Bob was always **genial** and **welcoming**,

傲慢 **bumptious**,

谦逊 unassuming, humble,

合适的 he would only answer questions **apropos of** the movie, try to find more apposite/'æpəzət/ examples for your essay, his observation **is apposite to** the present discussion, a **felicitous**/fɪ'lɪsɪtəs/ choice of candidate, collect **pertinent** information about France before my travel, a fitting climax,

不合适的 incongruous, **unwarranted**, **off-key**,

修饰

美丽 Bessie looks **resplendent** /rɪ'splendənt/ in blue velvet,

丑陋

吉利 propitious, auspicious,

不吉利的 inauspicious, ominous, portentous,

溺爱 **coddle**,

纠缠, 骚扰, 打扰, 烦 perturb, irk, irksome, the memory of their conversation still vexes (to annoy or worry) him,

喜爱, 喜欢 adore, **relish**, most dogs have a **proclivity** for chasing balls, predilection,

讨厌, 反感 he **lamented that** his parents expected too much of him, the loathe each other very much, the couple has a lot of **odium** for each other, Mr. Bush attracted international odium /'əʊdiəm/ for his militarism,

不情愿 the finance minister is loath to cut income tax, a **perfunctory** handshake (has a connotation of being not interested in it), a perfunctory glance,

敌对, 敌意, 对立 antipathy, adversary, adversarial, antithesis, **anathema to** Christian biblical canon, antithetical, acrimony, his political views were anathema (singular and uncountable) to me,

令人讨厌, 令人厌恶的 obnoxious, resent, resentful,

美味的, 美食家的, 鉴赏的 **palatable**/'pælətəbəl/, appetizing, ambrosia /æm'brəʊziə \$ -'brʊʒə/, ambrosial, **luscious**, **delectable**/dɪ'lektəbəl/, **succulent** orange, flavorful cheese, a **scrumptious** /'skrʌmpjəs/ chocolate cake,

话少, 简洁, 明了 laconic, taciturn, reticent about her marriage, **unforthcoming**, dumb, mute and defiant, **terse**, **curt**,

聒噪，吵闹，不安生，大声 restive, restless, bustle, bustling,

话多，很能说 garrulous, voluble, loquacious,

啰嗦，冗长 verbose, a ponderous (too slow and careful; serious and boring) book, this paper is so
prolix, her speech is pretty long-winded, booking online is quite a long-winded (has a connotation of
being difficult) process,

静止，不活跃 quiescent,

简洁

证明无罪 exculpate /'ekskaɪpeɪt/, exculpation, vindicate

熟练的 conversant,

大

小 diminutive, miniscule,

灾难 calamity, cataclysm, cataclysmic /,kætə'klɪzmɪk/, apocalypse, apocalyptic, catastrophe, debacle

骚乱，动乱 convulsion, tumult, tumultuous, uproar,

顶点 culmination,

典范，典型，模范，榜样 example, epitome, epitomize, archetype, archetypal, paragon,
prototype /'prəʊtətaɪp/, he remained a paradigm of what a pope should be, exemplar, exemplary,

预言

罪犯，犯罪 malfeasance,

盗窃，小偷 burglar 入室盗窃, robber 抢劫, shoplifter, pickpocket, mugger 抢劫, a burglar
plundered my house, pilfer, pilferage,

各种说 ramble, discursive,

各种走 amble, ramble,

尖叫 shirk, caterwaul,

断言，宣布 declare, proclaim, "It is wrong," he avers, assert, avouch, the President affirms a
commitment to lower taxes, avow that I will take this woman as my wife, he alleged that I was a thief,
the professed their love for each other, He asseverated that he didn't know, predicate,

宣告，表达 to make known, a new constitution is promulgated /'prɒməlgeɪt/ last month, Tonight's clash
between A and B was heralded as (announcements are made about it so that it is publicly known) the
match of the season, enunciate /ɪ'nʌnsiət/ his views, the enunciation of grand moral principles,
articulate,

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装饰, 使美观 bedeck, decorate, ornament, ornamental, decorative, enamel, emboss, we burnish the glass to make it shiny and bright, varnish/'vɑ:rnɪʃ/, he buffed the ring to give it more shine, adorn, embellish,

忍受 He would brook no criticism, even from his beloved daughter,

关心 solicitous of her health, solicitude,

冷漠, 不关心, 毫无表情, 不考虑别人 an impassive face, a mugger trying to rob a stolid person, passivity /pæ'sɪvəti/, apathy, apathetic, indifference, unfeeling, callous, cavalier /,kævə'liə/ disregard of the rules, people can be cavalier about protecting their privacy, the government spent taxpayers' money in a cavalier fashion, a phlegmatic /fleg'mætɪk/ person stays calm even when exciting or upsetting things happen, "Has he got a girlfriend?" Jane asked, trying to sound nonchalant/,nɑ:nʃə'lə:nt/, cold and uncaring, uninterested, insouciance, insouciant /ɪn'su:siəns/, hard-boiled, clinical,

和死亡有关的恐怖 morbid, creepy,

消逝, 死亡 expire, expiry, moribund,

恐惧, 畏惧, 胆小 trepidation, apprehension,

使恐惧, 令人恐惧的 forbidding, formidable, daunting, daunt,

勇敢, 不害怕 intrepid, gallant, daredevil, audacious, audacity, a valiant knight, valor, valorous,

产生, 带来

稳定的 immutable, an equable climate,

易变的, 不稳定的, 可塑的 mercurial, the volatile stock market, a fickle lover, flux, fluctuate, oscillate, malleable, flexible, elastic, clay is a plastic substance, capricious, she is a good-looker but a little bit flighty, inconstant, chameleon/kə'mi:liən/, a skittish person is not very serious and keeps changing his or her feelings, behaviors or ideas,

易被说服, 易受影响 a pushover, amenable, pliable,

多变的, 可做多用的 versatile, protean,

间断的, 不连续的 sporadic, episodic,

犹豫, 摇摆不定 irresolute, indecisive, don't vacillate, her parents vacillated between different approaches to discipline, waver, stop dithering man! Choose a plan and follow it,

后悔 the businessman rues his mistakes, she broke my cup and then gave me a rueful smile,

异常 anomaly, anomalous, erratic, Argentina's **erratic** inflation rate,

滑稽, 搞笑 a **droll** act, the clown's antics made me laugh,

荒唐, 可笑 **ludicrous**, absurd,

和性有关的: **bawdy**, sultry, slut,

顽固, 固执, 不改变主意的 adamant, intransigent, **inexorable**, **obstinate**, My **obdurate** parents pushed me to choose premed as my major in college, they argued, but she remained obdurate, obduracy, my willful daughter never listens to me, uncompromising,

不听话, 乖戾, 不服从 refractory behavior, a refractory boy, a recalcitrant boy, insubordinate, recalcitrant,

坚定不移的 he remained steadfast in his belief that he did the right thing, **unflinching** (not changing or becoming weaker, even in difficult situations) support/honesty/courage, he is **resolute** in his determination to win the race, **stalwart** supports, a **dogged**/'dɒɡɪd/ determination to succeed, a **pertinacious** salesperson, pertinacity, tenacious, tenacity,

拥趸, 死忠粉 ardent, fervent, a zealous bunch of sports fans, fanatical, a soccer **fanatic**,

不满的, 颠覆 disaffected, **subvert** the democratic process, **subversive** activities, overturn, overthrow the government,

简单

清晰明了 lucidity, **lucid**, a perspicuous argument, Ross always speaks in a **perspicuous** (describing language that is clear and easy to understand) manner,

清澈 limpid, pellucid,

模糊, 看不清 he feels **muzzy** after drinking too much, murky fog or water, opaque, a turbid river,

模棱两可的 ambiguity, ambiguous, she is **evasive** about the question so she only gave **an evasive answer**, prevaricate, equivocal, equivocate,

狭隘 provincial, parochial, narrow-minded (open-minded),

明确的 definite, univocal,

(使) 难懂的, (使) 复杂的 tortuous, convoluted, byzantine, baroque, arcane, esoteric, inscrutable, abstruse, recondite, opaque, **obfuscate**/'ɔ:bʱəsket/ the issue, she is an expert at obfuscating the truth by being evasive or **obscure** in the telling of the facts, mystify,

神秘的, 超自然的 **numinous** (spiritually mysterious) thoughts and experiences, when you enter a temple or a church, you might feel that you have entered a numinous space, **occult** power,

奇怪的，怪异的 he has an **uncanny knack of** noticing things that other people don't see, Alice has an **uncanny resemblance to** Jennifer, a bizarre hairstyle, his bizarre behavior, his paintings are full of **surreal** images (not connected to real life), those big flowers seem almost surreal, eccentric, outlandish, a quirky sense of humor, a serious of **quirky**, surreal film plots, she is quite **flaky**/'fleɪki/ and forget her appointments often,

令人困惑 puzzle, confound, baffle, perplex, **befuddle**, **bemused** by her question, bewilder, her **benignity** and tolerance a little **disconcerted** (make him feel confused, embarrassed, or worried) him, disconcerting,

令人吃惊 it **stupefies** (caused you to not able to think properly for a while) me to learn that my husband is cheating on me, the magician's tricks stupefied me, astound, many viewers **were stunned by** the movie's tragic end,

明显的 his anger is **manifest**/'mænəfest/ in his paintings, noticeable, the tension between them is **palpable**, a palpable lie, palpable nonsense, there are some **salient** (conspicuous and important) differences between the two, these heaters are less **obtrusive** and are easy to store away in the summer, prominent, **pronounced**,

明目张胆的 blatant, with **brazen disregard for** the rule, she made a long call in the doctor's office waiting room, a **barefaced**/brazen lie, flagrant/'fleɪɡrənt/ theft, flagrant disregard of the law, a **patent** lie, 偷偷摸摸, 秘密的 secretive/'si:kreɪtv /, photos taken in a **clandestine** surveillance operation, furtive, sneak a **surreptitious** glance at her paper, I am in **covert** operations,

短暂的，暂时的 impermanent, fleeting, momentary, ephemeral, evanescent, fugitive, transitory, transient, temporary, short-lived,

永久的，永恒的 permanent, immortal, imperishable, lasting, abiding beauty, enduring, eternal, incessant, perpetual motion, durable, **perennial** urban problem of drugs and homelessness, immutable, 世俗的 **temporal**, **secular**, **profane**, **terrestrial**, **carnal** (relating to sexual and physical) desire,

挑剔的，过分注重细节的 finicky, **fussy**, fastidious, don't be so **captious**, I think the song is perfect, 发光的，闪亮的 **lustrous**, glow, glowing, **fluorescent** /fluə'resənt \$ flu-, flɔ:-/, illuminate, sparkling, **sparkle**, spark, scintillate, scintillating, the stars are quite **effulgent** tonight, her hair is **glossy**, the **flare** (a sudden burst of light) of a lit match is very beautiful,

宏伟的，辉煌的 **resplendent**, stately, imposing,

增长得快，繁荣，繁茂 flourish, thrive, burgeon, burgeoning, rampant, the thick dense forest looks so

luxuriant, proliferate, mushroom, boom, the price rockets, the budget deficit has **ballooned** to \$25 billion,
the trees are **exuberant** (2nd meaning: effusively enthusiastic) in the forest in spring time,
混合 an amalgam of different styles, patchwork, hodgepodge, amalgamate, **conflate**/kən'fleit/,
confluence, mingle, commingle, comingle, intermingle,
不同种类的 various, multifarious,
摇摆, 晃动, 旋转 sway, waver,
喷出 gush, a **spurt** of water erupted from the hole in the water balloon, the race car spurts forward
quickly, **spout** nonsense, **disgorge** the contents of her stomach,
损害, 染污 **taint** the image, tarnish, blemish, defect, disfigure, impair, jeopardize, undermine,
compromise, deteriorate, **vitiate**, lack of self-confidence undercuts his work performance,
难题 **enigma**, enigmatic, dilemma, conundrum, riddle,
著名的, 有名的, 有成就的 **eminence**, luminary, **illustrious**,
预兆, 预测, 预感 herald, abnormal animal behavior is the **precursor** of an earthquake, a harbinger of
the coming storm, events that portend disasters, oracle, a bad portent, portentous, **foretell** our future, the
crystal ball presage the future, fortune teller, the business of religion has become transformed into
divination/ˌdɪvə'neɪʃən/ and spiritual gambling, forebode a bad future for you, a
presentiment/pri'zentəmənt/ that something horrible is going to happen, she had a presentiment of
disaster, I have a wired premonition, my **hunch** (intuition) is that she is his mother, a **prescient**/'preʃənt,
'pri:-/ passage, prescience, **soothsayer**,
喝酒, 喝醉 **befuddled** with drink, intoxicate,
混乱, 无序 in disarray, the wires are in a complete muddle,
扩大, 延伸 distend, dilate, **protract**, her legs were elongated by the high heels,
神圣, 神化 sacred/'seɪkrɪd/, sacralize, the priest **sanctifies** the marriage, sanctify their union, the abbey
is **consecrate**d /'kɒnsəkreɪt/ in 1224, The king defied Pope John Paul by consecrating four bishops
without his consent, hallow, enshrine, canonize, Valentino is virtually deified by legions of female fans,
aggrandize, the ritual is **sacrosanct** /'sækrəsæŋkt/ so don't disturb me,
年代古老的, 过时的 outdated, outmoded, antiquated /'æntɪkwɜːtɪd/, obsolete, anachronistic,
antediluvian, archaic, fusty,
时髦, 流行 trendy,
先于, 前面, **anterior to** the schedule, economic downturn **antedates** /'æntɪdeɪt, ˌæntɪ'deɪt/ or predates

/pri:'dert/ the current administration, this civilization predates all the others by over 3,500 years, a short prayer precedes dinner, the past antecedes the present, historical antecedents (先例), a legal precedent /'presɪdənt/, UN involvement in the country's affairs would set a dangerous precedent, our antecedents (ancestors) look different from us,

弯曲 sinuous staircase, devious, tortuous,

提供 furnish, render, dispense, administer, allocate,

Difficult and new phrases:

Brace yourself for something unpleasant: **Brace yourself!** Since the football match is running long, the network might just preempt your favorite reality show.

He threatened to sue me for libel at the drop of a hat (immediately).

Blow off a test or a meeting. To treat something as unimportant by, say, not meeting someone or not attending an event.

The boy snaps back, "Whatever". He is so flippant.