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## Lesson 9 Flying cats

### **fascinate** ['fæsɪneɪt]

v. 迷住, 吸引住

I am fascinated by the story.

So the story is fascinating.

be / find ... endlessly fascinating

This city is endlessly fascinating.

I find the natural world endlessly fascinating.

### **fascination**

#### **have a ... fascination for ...**

The story has a great fascination for me.

Mars has an extraordinary fascination for would-be voyagers.

For him, caves have the same peculiar fascination which high mountains have for the climber.

### **attract**

Beijing attracts many investors.

### **charm**

The girl charms all the young boys here.

### **seduce / entice**

The boss is trying to seduce his secretary.

I guess I set up the video camera to try and entice Joey.

But sadly I could not be enticed.

### **affectionate** [ə'fekʃənət]

adj. 充满深情的, 柔情的

She looked at him in an affectionate way.

### **affection**

parental affection

maternal affection

paternal affection

### **mysterious** [mɪ'stɪəriəs]

adj. 神秘的, 难以理解的

the mysterious pyramids

### **mystery**

#### **be a mystery to sb.**

It's a complete mystery to me why she married him at all!

(A) She's not sure how she was able to finish so early.

(B) She wasn't able to manage the project well.

(C) She's not sure how to solve the mystery.

(D) She still hasn't heard what was shocking.

M: I was shocked when I heard you'd finished your research project a whole month early.

W: How I managed to do it is still a mystery to me.

Q: What does the woman mean?

Answer: (A) She's not sure how she was able to finish so early.

### **submissive** [səb'mɪsɪv]

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adj. 服从的，顺从的

He was looking for a quiet submissive wife who would obey his every word.

**submit to ...**

First, you must give Helen back to my brother. Second, Troy must submit to my command to fight for me whenever I call.

**yield to ...**

**bow to ...**

**succumb to ...**

The government refused to yield / bow / succumb to the terrorists.

**be subject to sth.**

All employees are subject to the regulations of the company.

So let us begin anew—remembering on both sides that civility is not a sign of weakness, and sincerity is always subject to proof. Let us never negotiate out of fear, but let us never fear to negotiate.

— John F. Kennedy

**feline** ['fi:lain]

adj. 猫的

She walks with feline grace.

**canine** canine teeth

aquiline an aquiline nose

porcine equine

**bovine**

bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE)

mad cow disease

**feminine** masculine

**independence**

[ɪndɪ'pendəns]

n. 独立，自主

### Independence Day



India gained independence from Britain in 1947.

**be independent of...**

His wages enabled him to become economically independent of his family.

**be dependent on ...**

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They hate being dependent on their parents.

So great is our passion for doing things for ourselves, that we are becoming increasingly less dependent on specialized labour.

**impact** ['ɪmpækt]

n. 冲击力, 撞击; 影响

**on impact**

The glass smashed on impact.

**impact on / upon ...**

His speech had a great impact on me.

**influence / effect on / upon ...**

His head was hit by a falling stone heavily.

He received a heavy hit on his head from a falling stone.

When I came, he was just about to leave.

My arrival coincided with his departure.

**never fail to do sth.**

My grandson never fails to phone me on my birthday.

双重否定

..., because there is no shortage of tall buildings.

Nor is the city without its moments of beauty.

It is not uncommon to hear that a shipping company has made a claim for the cost of salvaging a sunken ship.

She did not fail to keep her word.

Nobody is without his faults.

Nothing is impossible to a willing mind.

No one has nothing to contribute to society.

I will never read books without falling asleep.

Cats are endlessly fascinating.

we find cats endlessly fascinating.

**be friendly to / towards ...**

**be affectionate towards ...**

Why is he suddenly so friendly to / towards you?

He is very affectionate towards his children.

**live / lead a ... life**

sing a song

He breathed his last breath.

Liu Hulan died a glorious death.

**... of one's own**

I want a room of my own.

**as ... as ... (肯定)**

**as / so ... as ... (否定 / 疑问)**

They never become as / so submissive as dogs and horses (do).

**in the (same) way that ...**

We like them in the same way that we like pretty curtain material.

Love me in the way that I love you.

The city is living proof that the policy works in the way that economists claim.  
They never become submissive in the (same) way that dogs and horses do.

as a result	so
thus	hence
therefore	accordingly
for this reason	consequently
as a consequence	in consequence

- (A) These things take time to learn.  
(B) Will you study any more?  
(C) Why do you keep on making the same mistakes?  
(D) It will be a good learning experience for you.  
When will you ever learn?

Answer: (C) Why do you keep on making the same mistakes?

**independence**                      **humor**                      **honesty**  
**sovereignty**                      **autonomy**

the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

**be suspicious of / about ...**

He appeared suspicious.

**sceptical / skeptical**

be ~ **of / about ...**

I'm highly skeptical **of / about** his motives.

**all one's life**

**throughout one's life**

**for life = for the rest of one's life**

The accident crippled him for life.

**lifelong**

a lifelong friendship

a lifelong undertaking

**One** of the things that **fascinates** us most about cats is the popular belief *that they have nine lives*.

Jasper White is **one** of those rare people who *believes* in ancient myths.

The Cutty Sark was **one** of the fastest sailing ships that *has* ever been built.

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Those who work (the) most often get paid (the) least.

造句: 最令我们感到伤心 (sadden) 的一件事是一种令人沮丧的说法 (**a depressing saying**): 每当我们在街上有麻烦或者有危险时没有人来帮助我们 (**come to our assistance**)。

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One of the things that saddens us most is a depressing saying that whenever we are in trouble or danger in the street no one will come to our assistance.

**there is a good deal of truth in ...**

Perhaps **there is an element of truth** in both this pictures, but few of us have had the opportunity to find out.

There is probably an element of truth in this argument, but they ignore a more basic fact that the freedom of the press is often abused.

Albert Einstein once attributed the creativity in a famous scientist to the fact that he never went to school. **There is undoubtedly a truth in** his observation, but such a truth is not criticism of schools.

In the battle, only four soldiers survived.

Only four soldiers survived *the battle*.

I am especially proud of it, not only because it has survived *several severe winters*, but because it occasionally produces luscious peaches.

... is based / founded on fact.

... rests on fact.

... is supported by fact.

**make a study of... = study ...**

make a study of human nature

make a study of human nature carefully

..., advertisers have made a close study of human nature.

All these cats had one experience in common: they had fallen off high buildings, *yet* only eight of them died from shock or injuries.

**have sth. in common**

... because people's descriptions of the puma had a lot in common.

These two species have certain features in common.

**share sth.**

We share an interest in history.

These two species share certain features.

All these cats shared one experience: ...

**fall off sth.**

**fall from sth.**

**fall sth.**

**die from ... 更强调外因**

die from shock or injuries / a wound / an accident

**die of ... 更强调内因**

die of a disease / hunger / grief

As there were strange marks on the X-ray plates taken of the mummy, doctors have been trying to find out whether the woman died of a rare disease.

It is one of the most unpleasant discoveries which we all make that we must decline in this way, that if we escape wars, accidents and disease we shall eventually 'die of old age', and that this happens at a rate which differs little from person to person, so that there are heavy odds in favour of our dying between the ages of sixty-five and eighty.

**food / staff shortage**

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**be short of ...**

We're short of money.

The refugees are short of food.

**there is a shortage of ...**

There is a shortage of food in the refugee camps.

There is a shortage of nurses and doctors in this area.

there is no shortage of ...

..., because there is no shortage of tall buildings.

..., because there are plenty of tall buildings.

**suffer (from) ...**

造句: 一个叫 Mike 的出租司机出了 (be involved in ...) 一次严重的车祸, 然而只断了两根肋骨 (rib)。

One taxi driver, Mike, was involved in a serious car accident, yet only suffered from two broken ribs.

**far → farther / further → farthest / furthest**

further development / investigation

The harder they worked the hungrier they became.

They became (the) hungrier the harder they worked.

A telescope would have to be as far away as the planet Jupiter to look for life in outer space, because the dust becomes thinner the further we travel towards the outer edges of our own solar system.

The younger the child is, the more is the child's need of sleep.

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1. **speed** 做不可数名词时, 与 **at, with** 搭配均可。

e.g. at / with great speed

2. **speed** 做可数名词时, 只能与 **at** 搭配。

e.g. at a speed of 60 mph

The raid was all over in three minutes, for the men scrambled back into the car and it moved off at a fantastic speed.

Though the new rudder was fitted at tremendous speed, it was impossible for the Cutty Sark to win.

—I think John will win the race.

—Yes, he started off \_\_\_\_\_ a fantastic speed.

(A) with (B) at (C) through (D) by

..., you can enjoy the extraordinary sight of unbroken cloud plains that stretch out for miles before you, ...

You can stretch your legs on the spacious decks, .....

**stretch one's legs**

**squirrel**

**flying squirrel 鼯鼠/飞鼠**



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