

2026 考研英语高频词汇串讲

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Lesson 1 导论 + 经济类词汇（上）

一、导论——考研英语词汇三大难点

1. 派生

例 1: **Astrophysicists** working with **ground-based** detectors at the South Pole and **balloon-borne** instruments are closing in on such structures and may report their findings soon.

由分词构成的复合形容词

n.-Ving = that V n.

n.-Ved = that be Ved by/from/ n.

一位献血志愿者

一片受地震灾害的区域

一部获奖电影

一家国有企业

一种致命病毒

一辆国产电动汽车

2. 一词多义

例 2: **Interest groups** can influence elections by funding campaigns.

例 3: Some scholars conclude that a government with finite resources should simply stop paying for medical care that sustains life beyond a certain age—**say** 83 or so.

3. 固定用法

例 4: Many folks see **silver linings** to this slowdown.

例 5： Can we anticipate a day when secretaries will be an even mix of men and women—or when the mention of a male nurse will no longer raise eyebrows?

二、经济类词汇

economy; economics; economist; economic; economical; economically

Governments throughout the world act on the assumption that the welfare of their people depends largely on the economic strength and wealth of the community.

As an increasing number of countries develop both technically and economically, so a larger proportion of the world's population is able to buy and use a car.

finance; financial

The English, the Germans, the Dutch and the French were investing in Britain's former colony. They financed them.

A bill by Democratic Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia, which would offer financial incentives for private industry, is a promising start.

income; revenue; salary; pay; prize; bonus; subsidy; award

Everybody loves a fat pay rise.

The problem is simple and stark: health-care costs have been, are, and will continue to increase faster than government revenues.

Anyway, the townsfolk can't understand why the Royal Shakespeare Company needs a **subsidy**. (The theatre has broken attendance records for three years in a row. Last year its 1,431 seats were 94 percent occupied all year long and this year they'll do better.)

Q. According to the townsfolk, the RSC deserves no subsidy because _____.

- [A] ticket prices can be raised to cover the spending
- [B] the company is financially ill-managed
- [C] the behavior of the actors is not socially acceptable
- [D] the theatre attendance is on the rise

charge; fee; tuition; fine; insurance; premium
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This "added-worker effect" could support the safety net offered by unemployment **insurance** or disability **insurance** to help families weather bad times.

Railroads typically **charge** such "captive" shippers 20 to 30 percent more than they do when another railroad is competing for the business.

Among the many shaping factors, I would single out the country's excellent elementary schools; a labor force that welcomed the new technology; the practice of giving **premiums** to inventors; and above all the American genius for nonverbal, "spatial" thinking about things technological.

Q. According to the author, the great outburst of major inventions in early America was in a large part due to _____.

- [A] elementary schools
- [B] enthusiastic workers
- [C] the attractive **premium** system
- [D] a special way of thinking

property; fortune; asset; possession; estate

In the American economy, the concept of private **property** embraces not only the ownership of productive resources but also certain rights, including the right to determine the price of a product or to make a free contract with another private individual.

Home prices are holding steady in most regions. In Manhattan, “there’s a new gold rush happening in the \$4 million to \$10 million range, predominantly fed by Wall Street bonuses,” says broker Barbara Corcoran.

Q. When mentioning “the \$4 million to \$10 million range” (Lines 3-4, Paragraph 3) the author is talking about _____.

[A] gold market

[B] real **estate**

[C] stock exchange

[D] venture investment

Lesson 2 经济类词汇（下）

tax; audit; auditor

The mounting cost of petrol and the increased license fees and road **tax** all add to the driver’s worries. In fact, he must sometimes wonder if the motor car is such a blessing and not just a menace.

Q. What is considered by the writer as the greatest menace to the people caused by the widespread use of motor cars?

[A] air pollution

[B] traffic jams

[C] fatal diseases

[D] high cost

During several years of gambling in that casino, Williams, a state auditor earning \$35,000 a year, lost approximately \$175,000. He had never gambled before the casino sent him a coupon for \$20 worth of gambling.

consumption; spending; expenditure; expense; sales; retail; retailer

Energy conservation, a shift to other fuels and a decline in the importance of heavy, energy-intensive industries have reduced oil consumption.

According to the Canadian Institute for Health Information, prescription drug costs have risen since 1997 at twice the rate of overall health-care spending.

Nowadays, the Games are held in different countries in turn. The host country provides vast facilities, including a stadium, swimming pools and living accommodation, but competing countries pay their own athletes' expenses.

Q. Nowadays, the athletes' expenses are paid for _____.

- [A] out of the prize money of the winners
- [B] out of the funds raised by the competing nations
- [C] by the athletes themselves
- [D] by contributions

balance; cash; exchange; withdraw; deposit

Those who jumped without a job haven't always landed in top positions quickly. Ellen Marram quit as chief of Tropicana a decade ago, saying she wanted to be a CEO. It was a year before she became head of a tiny Internet-based commodities exchange.

More and more of these credit cards can be read automatically, making it possible to withdraw or deposit money in scattered locations, whether or not the local branch bank is open.

Q. According to the passage, the credit card enables its owner to _____.

- [A] withdraw as much money from the bank as he wishes
- [B] obtain more convenient services than other people do
- [C] enjoy greater trust from the storekeeper
- [D] cash money wherever he wishes to

capital; investment; cost; profit; profitable

Countries that still think foreign investment is an invasion of their sovereignty might well study the history of infrastructure (the basic structural foundations of a society) in the United States.

Q. The writer mentioned the case of the United States to justify the policy of _____.

- [A] providing financial support overseas
- [B] preventing foreign capital's control
- [C] building industrial infrastructure
- [D] accepting foreign investment

With \$3.5 billion being lost on Internet wagers this year, gambling has passed pornography as the Web's most profitable business.

commerce; commercial; merchant; product; production; produce; commodity; trade

Retail sales of food and drink in Europe's largest markets are at a standstill, leaving European grocery retailers hungry for opportunities to grow. Most leading retailers have already tried e-commerce, with limited success, and expansion abroad.

One more reason not to lose sleep over the rise in oil prices is that, unlike the rises in the 1970s, it has not occurred against the background of general commodity-price inflation and global excess demand.

enterprise; corporation; company; business; firm;

The American economic system is organized around a basically private-enterprise, market-oriented economy in which consumers largely determine what shall be produced by spending their money in the marketplace for those goods and services that they want most.

With the start of BBC World Service Television, millions of viewers in Asia and America can now watch the Corporation's news coverage, as well as listen to it.

count; account; accountant; accounting

In Europe, taxes account for up to four-fifths of the retail price, so even quite big changes in the price of crude oil have a more muted effect on pump prices than in the past.

Q. It can be inferred from the text that the retail price of petrol will go up dramatically if _____.

- [A] price of crude rises
- [B] commodity prices rise
- [C] consumption rises
- [D] oil taxes rise

Dr. Myers and Dr. Worm argue that their work gives a correct baseline, which future management efforts must take into account.

Lesson 3 科技类词汇

intelligence; intelligent; intellect; intellectual

To find this out, 1, 500 gifted persons were followed up to their thirty-fifth year with these results: On adult **intelligence** tests, they scored as high as they had as children.

Ravitch's latest book, *Left Back: A Century of Failed School Reforms*, traces the roots of anti-intellectualism in our schools, concluding they are anything but a counterbalance to the American distaste for **intellectual** pursuits.

Q. We can learn from the text that Americans have a history of _____.

- [A] undervaluing **intellect**
- [B] favoring intellectualism
- [C] supporting school reform
- [D] suppressing native **intelligence**

equipment; device; instrument;

The ancient dream was finally realized in 1940 when a Russian engineer piloted a strange-looking craft of steel tubing with a rotating fan on top. It rose awkwardly and vertically into the air from a standing start, hovered a few feet above the ground, went sideways and backwards, and then settled back to earth. The vehicle was called a helicopter.

Q. Helicopters work with the aid of _____.

- [A] a combination of rotating **devices** in front and on top
- [B] a rotating **device** topside
- [C] one rotating fan in the center of the aircraft and others at each end
- [D] a rotating fan underneath for lifting

electricity; electric; electronic; electronics

The Aswan Dam, for example, stopped the Nile flooding but deprived Egypt of the fertile silt that floods left—all in return for a giant reservoir of disease which is now so full of silt that it barely generates electricity.

Numerous other commercial enterprises, from theaters to magazine publishers, from gas and electric utilities to milk processors, bring better and more efficient services to consumers through the use of computers.

tele-: television; telephone; telecommunication;

Telecommunications developments enable the sending of messages via television, radio, and very shortly, electronic mail to bombard people with multitudes of messages.

Expertise can be shared worldwide through teleconferencing, and problems in dispute can be settled without the participants leaving their homes and/or jobs to travel to a distant conference site.

data; algorithm; virtual reality; augmented reality

In 1995 the CIA held a contest to see who could compile the most data about Burundi. The winner, by a large margin, was a tiny Virginia company called Open-Source Solutions, whose clear advantage was its mastery of the electronic world.

Direct links between the brain’s nervous system and a computer will also create full sensory **virtual** environments, allowing virtual vacations like those in the film Total Recall.

robot; robotics; robotic

There will be television chat shows hosted by **robots**, and cars with pollution monitors that will disable them when they offend.

invention; inventor; innovation; innovative; creativity

Inventions and **innovations** almost always come out of laborious trial and error. **Innovation** is like soccer; even the best players miss the goal and have their shots blocked much more frequently than they score.

Discoveries in science and technology are thought by “untaught minds” to come in blinding flashes or as the result of dramatic accidents.

Q. What does the author probably mean by “untaught mind” in the first paragraph?

- [A] A person ignorant of the hard work involved in experimentation.
- [B] A citizen of a society that restricts personal **creativity**.
- [C] A person who has had no education.
- [D] An individual who often comes up with new ideas by accident.

explore; explorer; exploration; adventure; venture

While in America the trend started as a reaction to the economic decline—after the mass redundancies caused by downsizing in the late ’80s—and is still linked to the

politics of thrift.

Q. According to the passage, downshifting emerged in the U.S. as a result of _____.

[A] the quick pace of modern life

[B] man's adventurous spirit

[C] man's search for mythical experiences

[D] the economic situation

talent; genius; insight; perception

The old idea that talented children "burn themselves out" in the early years, and, therefore, are subjected to failure and at worst, mental illness is unfounded.

Lesson 4 教育和媒体类词汇

literate; literacy; illiterate; literature; literary

Because thanks to these schools our early mechanics, especially in the New England and Middle Atlantic states, were generally literate and at home in arithmetic and in some aspects of geometry and trigonometry.

In the West, before mass communication and literacy, the most powerful mass medium was the church, which reminded worshippers that their souls were in peril and that they would someday be meat for worms.

academic; academy; scholar; scholarship; professor; profession; professional

Mr. McWhorter's academic specialty is language history and change, and he sees the

gradual disappearance of “whom,” for example, to be natural and no more regrettable than the loss of the case-endings of Old English.

Q. According to McWhorter, the decline of formal English _____.

[A] is inevitable in radical education reforms

[B] is but all too natural in language development

[C] has caused the controversy over the counter-culture

[D] brought about changes in public attitudes in the 1960s

It is extremely wasteful to give years of training at public expense only to have the qualified teacher or nurse marry after a year or two and be lost forever to her profession.

journal; journalism; journalist; mass media

The overall result has been to make entrance to professional geological journals harder for amateurs, a result that has been reinforced by the widespread introduction of refereeing, first by national journals in the nineteenth century and then by several local geological journals in the twentieth century.

Instead, we are treated to fine hypocritical spectacles, which now more than ever seem in ample supply: the critic of American materialism with a Southampton summer home; the publisher of radical books who takes his meals in three-star restaurants; the journalist advocating participatory democracy in all phases of life, whose own children are enrolled in private schools.

compete; competition; contest; competitive; competitor; competent; competence

By the mid-1980s Americans had found themselves at a loss over their fading industrial **competitiveness**. Some huge American industries, such as consumer electronics, had shrunk or vanished in the face of foreign **competition**.

No matter how formal or informal the work environment, the way you present yourself has an impact. This is especially true in the first impressions. According to research from Princeton University, people assess your **competence**, trustworthiness, and likeability in just a tenth of a second, solely based on the way you look.

statistics; statistical; data; integrate; integral; integration

This alone demonstrates that the television business is not an easy world to survive in, a fact underlined by **statistics** that show that out of eighty European television networks no less than 50% took a loss in 1989.

Nevertheless, the word “amateur” does carry a connotation that the person concerned is not fully **integrated** into the scientific community and, in particular, may not fully share its values.

convey; deliver; publish; expose; exposure

As a linguist, he acknowledges that all varieties of human language, including non-standard ones like Black English, can be powerfully expressive—there exists no language or dialect in the world that cannot **convey** complex ideas.

Exposure to loud noises can definitely produce a partial or complete loss of hearing, depending on the intensity, duration, and frequency composition of the noise.

Adding to a woman's increased dose of stress chemicals are her increased "opportunities" for stress. "It's not necessarily that women don't cope as well. It's just that they have so much more to cope with," says Dr. Yehuda.

Q. Dr. Yehuda's research suggests that women _____

- [A] need extra doses of chemicals to handle stress.
- [B] have limited capacity for tolerating stress.
- [C] are more capable of avoiding stress.
- [D] are exposed to more stress.

analyze; analysis; analytical

Instead of a plan of action, they continue to press for more research—a classic case of "paralysis by analysis".

Q. What does the author mean by "paralysis by analysis"?

- [A] Endless studies kill action.
- [B] Careful investigation reveals truth.
- [C] Prudent planning hinders progress.
- [D] Extensive research helps decision-making.

Lesson 5 法律和道德类词汇

legitimate; Legislature; legal; illegal; valid

That may change fast: lots of proposed data-security legislation is now doing the rounds in Washington, D.C.

George Annas, chair of the health law department at Boston University, maintains that, as long as a doctor prescribes a drug for a legitimate medical purpose, the doctor has done nothing illegal even if the patient uses the drug to hasten death.

principle; moral; morality

Since the days of Aristotle, a search for universal **principles** has characterized the scientific enterprise. In some ways, this quest for commonalities defines science.

Now, in a shocking reversal, it's the criminal who is considered victimized: by his underprivileged upbringing, by the school that didn't teach him to read, by the church that failed to reach him with **moral** guidance, by the parents who didn't provide a stable home.

court; fairness; just; justice; justify; judge

Supreme **Court Justice** Sandra Day O'Connor is in her 70s, and former surgeon general C. Everett Koop chairs an Internet start-up in his 80s.

Now since the assessment of intelligence is a comparative matter, we must be sure that the scale with which we are comparing our subjects provides a 'valid' or '**fair**' comparison.

Doctors have used that principle in recent years to **justify** using high doses of morphine to control terminally ill patients' pain, even though increasing dosages will eventually kill the patient.

claim; charge; authority

Now the tide appears to be turning. As personal injury **claims** continue as before,

some courts are beginning to side with defendants, especially in cases where a warning label probably wouldn't have changed anything.

Nevertheless, Williams's suit charges that the casino, knowing he was "helplessly addicted to gambling," intentionally worked to "lure" him to "engage in conduct against his will."

guilt; guilty; innocent; innocence

But as every policeman knows, external controls on people's behavior are far less effective than internal restraints such as guilt, shame and embarrassment.

You could argue that art became more skeptical of happiness because modern times have seen such misery. But it's not as if earlier times didn't know perpetual war, disaster and the massacre of innocents. The reason, in fact, may be just the opposite: there is too much damn happiness in the world today.

indifferent; sympathetic; compassionate; cruel

Are we really so lost to all ideals of unselfishness that we can sit there indifferently reading the paper or a book, saying to ourselves "First come, first served," while a grey-haired woman, a mother with a young child or a cripple stands?

Perhaps selection for the caring professions, especially medicine, could be made less by good grades in chemistry and more by such considerations as sensitivity and sympathy.

demonstrate; demonstration; prove; proof; evidence

They have been spurred in part by DNA **evidence** made available in 1998, which almost certainly proved Thomas Jefferson had fathered at least one child with his slave Sally Hemings.

oblige; obligation; duty; responsibility

We are **obliged** to them because some of these languages have since vanished, as the peoples who spoke them died out or became assimilated and lost their native languages.

dedication; dedicated; commit; commitment

Then it sponsors lots of symposiums and a credibility project **dedicated** to wondering why customers are annoyed and fleeing in large numbers.

There is another way to **commit** evolutionary suicide: stay alive, but have fewer children. Few people are as fertile as in the past. Except in some religious communities, very few women have 15 children. Nowadays the number of births, like the age of death, has become average.

Lesson 6 环境和健康类词汇

community; urban; rural; metropolis; suburb

As families move away from their stable **community**, their friends of many years,

their extended family relationships, the informal flow of information is cut off, and with it the confidence that information will be available when needed and will be trustworthy and reliable.

Urban Japanese have long endured lengthy commutes (travels to and from work) and crowded living conditions, but as the old group and family values weaken, the discomfort is beginning to tell.

country; nation; state

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A granted patent is the result of a bargain struck between an inventor and the **state**, by which the inventor gets a limited period of monopoly and publishes full details of his invention to the public after that period terminates.

landscape; scenery; view; site

Surveys can cover a single large settlement or entire **landscapes**.

While the leading actor on the stage captures our attention, we are aware of the importance of the supporting players and the **scenery** of the play itself.

Some archaeological **sites** have always been easily observable—for example, the Parthenon in Athens, Greece, the pyramids of Giza in Egypt; and the megaliths of

Stonehenge in southern England.

disaster; crisis

Toyota Motor, for example, alleviated some of the damage from its recall **crisis** earlier this year with a relatively quick and well-orchestrated social-media response campaign, which included efforts to engage with consumers directly on sites such as Twitter and the social-news site Digg.

well-being; fitness; healthiness; weakness

Noting the medical/psychological nature of problem gambling behaviors, the letter said that before being readmitted to the casino he would have to present medical/psychological information demonstrating that patronizing the casino would pose no threat to his safety or well-being.

health; illness; disease; virus; bacteria; bacterial

They're all groaning about soaring **health** budgets, the fastest-growing component of which are pharmaceutical costs.

Sir Alexander Fleming did not, as legend would have it, look at the mold on a piece of cheese and get the idea for penicillin there and then. He experimented with **antibacterial** substances for nine years before he made his discovery.

surgery; examination; physical; mental

Or, put another way, expert performers whether in memory or **surgery**, ballet or

computer programming are nearly always made, not born.

As many people hit middle age, they often start to notice that their memory and **mental** clarity are not what they used to be. We suddenly can't remember ___1___ we put the keys just a moment ago ...

Q. [A] where [B] when [C] that [D] why

treatment; care; cure; recover

It identifies the under**treatment** of pain and the aggressive use of "ineffectual and forced medical procedures that may prolong and even dishonor the period of dying" as the twin problems of end-of-life care.

Q. According to the NAS's report, one of the problems in end-of-life care is _____.

- [A] prolonged medical procedures
- [B] inadequate treatment of pain
- [C] systematic drug abuse
- [D] insufficient hospital care

distribution; arrangement; neighborhood

In addition, the planet Venus takes 243 earth-days to turn once on its axis, so incoming heat from the sun is added and **distributed** at a more leisurely, observable pace.

Replies show that compared with other Americans, journalists are more likely to live in upscale neighborhoods, have maids, own Mercedeses, and **trade** stocks, and they're less likely to go to church, do volunteer work, or put down roots in a community.

Lesson 7 其他高频词汇

liberal; liberty; freedom; conservative; radical

The Degradation of Language and Music and Why We Should, Like, Care, John McWhorter, a linguist and controversialist of mixed liberal and conservative views, sees the triumph of 1960s counter-culture as responsible for the decline of formal English.

campaign; movement

For much of the past year, President Bush campaigned to move Social Security to a savings-account model, with retirees trading much or all of their guaranteed payments for payments depending on investment returns.

identity; identify; recognize; recognition

If you intend using humor in your talk to make people smile, you must know how to **identify** shared experiences and problems.

The study of law has been **recognized** for centuries as a basic intellectual discipline in European universities. However, only in recent years has it become a feature of undergraduate programs in Canadian universities.

term

Moreover, the integration of the European community will oblige television companies to cooperate more closely in terms of both production and distribution.

Fortunately, however, the increasing power and organization of the trade unions, at least in all skilled trades, enabled the workmen to meet on equal terms the managers of the companies who employed them.

engage; engagement; participate; participation; involve;

Many others in equally disadvantaged circumstances choose not to **engage** in criminal activities. If we free the criminal, even partly, from accountability, we become a society of endless excuses where no one accepts responsibility for anything.

The coming of age of the postwar baby boom and an entry of women into the male-dominated job market have limited the opportunities of teenagers who are already questioning the heavy personal sacrifices involved in climbing Japan's rigid social ladder to good schools and jobs.

Q. Which of the followings does **NOT** affect Japanese teenagers' life?

[A] Teenagers have attempted to secure good jobs.

[B] Females have worked in positions dominated by men.

[C] Teenagers have dropped out from good schools.

[D] Many baby boomers have grown into adults.

underline; underscore; underlie; undermine; underestimate

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unity; unite; universal; universe

Just as the bewildering variety of human courtship rituals might all be considered forms of sexual selection, perhaps the world's languages, music, social and religious customs and even history are governed by **universal** features.

In dealing with a challenge on such a scale, it is no exaggeration to say “united we stand, divided we fall” ...

advocate; support; approve; favor;

Nothing could persuade me to return to the kind of life Kelsey used to advocate and I once enjoyed: 12-hour working days, pressured deadlines, the fearful strain of office politics and the limitations of being a parent on “quality time”.

oppose; opposite; object; disapprove; boycott

Kids need a range of authentic role models—as **opposed** to members of their clique, pop stars and vaunted athletes.

Former Colorado governor Richard Lamm has been quoted as saying that the old and infirm “have a duty to die and get out of the way,” so that younger, healthier people can realize their potential. I would not go that far.

Q. The author's attitude toward Richard Lamm's remark is one of _____.

- [A] strong disapproval
- [B] reserved consent
- [C] slight contempt
- [D] enthusiastic support