

《Words that are often confused 经常混淆的单词》

Some words are often confused by language learners – because they are similar to another word or because they look like a word in your own language but have a different meaning. Here are some words that often cause confusion.

有些词总会让学英语的人感到混淆—因为他们跟另外一个词很像，或者跟你的母语的某个词很像但是其意义完全不同。这里有一些经常引起混淆的词。

sensible and sensitive

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sensible means ‘ practical ’ or ‘ having good judgement ’

sensible是明智的

sensitive means ‘ easily affected by the things people say or do ’

sensitive是敏感的

- Come on darling, be sensible and put a coat on. It ’ s freezing outside.
- Don ’ t be so sensitive - he didn ’ t say you were fat, it was just a joke.

Sympathetic and nervous

Sympathetic和nervous

Usually we are sympathetic when someone has a problem or is in trouble.

我们通常对某人遇到麻烦或者有困难的时候表现的 sympathetic (同情的)。

- They were very sympathetic when our house was burgled but they couldn ’ t do much to help.

We don ’ t use it to mean ‘ nice ’ or ‘ pleasant ’

我用它不是指好或者舒服。

- My uncle is a very sympathetic man.

We are nervous in a particular situation, like an exam. We don't generally use nervous to describe someone's character.

我们经常会在某些特定场合感到nervous，例如考试的时候，我们不用nervous去形容一个人的性格。

- I've never been as nervous as the time I had to give a speech to 500 people.
- My sister is very nervous. She's always shouting at me.

journey and travel

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Journey is countable. Travel is uncountable and refers to the general idea of travelling.

Journey是可数的，travel是不可数的，它指代的是“travelling（旅行）”的大意。

- Did you have a good travel?
- Travel is something I recommend to all young people.
- The journey took about 8 hours.

recipe, receipt and prescription

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A recipe is a set of instructions for cooking something.

A recipe是菜谱

A receipt is a piece of paper you are given after you pay for something.

A receipt是收据

A prescription is a piece of paper a doctor gives you to get the medicine you need.

A prescription是处方

