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Lesson 9 Flying cats

飞猫 **if条件状语从句**

与课文关联的 12个单词(点击每个单词可查看详细介绍) 

fascinate /'fæsɪneɪt/

v. 迷住，吸引住

affectionate /ə'fekʃənət/

adj. 充满深情的，柔情的

mysterious /mɪ'stɪəriəs/

adj. 神秘的，难以理解的

submissive /səb'mɪsɪv/

adj. 服从的，顺从的

feline /'fi:lɪn/ adj. 猫的

independence /,ɪndɪ'pendəns/

n. 独立，独立性

high-rise /'haɪ raɪz/ adj. 高层的

window sill /'wɪndəʊsɪl/

n. 窗槛、窗台

paratrooper /'pærətru:pə(r)/

n. 伞兵

squirrel /'skwɪrəl/ n. 松鼠

air-resistance /er rɪ'zɪstəns/

n. 空气阻力

impact * /'ɪmpækt/ n. 冲击力

猫的属性(引出猫有九条命吸引注意) 难度：5 级

※ Cats never **fail** to **fascinate** human beings.

never fail to do sth. 弱褒义	My grandson never fails to phone me on my birthday.
fail to do 没能完成某事(努力过了)	When the journalist again failed to reply ...
be always doing sth. 老是做某事(贬义)	Our vicar is always raising money for one cause or another...

『双重否定 = 加强肯定』

- because there is **no shortage of** tall buildings. §
- **Nor** is the city **without** its moments of beauty. NCE3-41
- **not uncommon** to hear that a shipping company has made a claim for the cost of salvaging a sunken ship. NCE3-43
- She did **not fail** to keep her word.
- **Nobody** is **without** his **faults**. 人无完人
- **Nothing** is **impossible** to a willing mind. 世上无难事，只怕有心人。
- **No** one has **nothing** to **contribute** to society. 没有人对社会没有贡献。
- I will **never** read books **without** falling asleep. 一看书就睡觉。

『 **Cats are endlessly fascinating.** 本句替换 』

- We **find** cats **endlessly fascinating**.

※ They **can be** friendly and **affectionate** towards humans, but they **lead mysterious lives of their own as well**.

be friendly to / toward(s) ... 充满友善	Why is he suddenly so friendly to / toward(s) you?
be affectionate toward(s) ... 充满爱意和情感	He is very affectionate toward(s) his children.

『 **live / lead a ... life** 生活一种生活 (过...的生活) 』

- sing a song 唱一首歌
- He breathed his last breath. 呼吸最后一口呼吸
- Liu Hulan died a glorious death. 死得光荣
- A great life, a glorious death 生得伟大，死得光荣

『 **... of one's own** 属于某人自己的 (own用单数) 』

- I want a room of my own.

※ They never **become** submissive like dogs and horses.

like prep. 像...一样	It tastes something like melon. 这吃起来有点像甜瓜。
as...as... (肯定)	They never become as / so submissive as dogs and horses (do). 第2个as为连词，连接后的句子的谓语可省略。

<p>as / so...as... (否定/疑问)</p>	
<p>in the (same) way that ... 关系副词 (引导定语从句)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We like them in the same way that we like pretty curtain material. I immediately regretted answering in the way I did,... 后面的谓语不可省 The conditions of society are such that skills have to be paid for in the same way that goods are paid for at a shop. 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. 本句替换(后面的do不能省, that后引导从句)

※ As a result, humans have learned to respect feline independence.

『成年男子独立后的美德』

<p>independence 自主、独立</p>	<p>humor 幽默</p>	<p>honesty 诚实</p>
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『sovereignty 国家主权』

- Chinese people cherish their independence and **sovereignty**. 中国人民珍视他们的独立和主权。

『autonomy n.自治权』

- the Inner Mongolia **Autonomous** Region

※ Most cats remain suspicious of humans all their lives. 主系表

<p>be suspicious of / about ... 对...产生怀疑</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second, India is suspicious of him. 第二个问题在于, 印度并不信任他。 He is suspicious of attempts to meddle in the internal business of others. 他对企图干涉他人内部事务的行为表示怀疑。 He is always suspicious about other's intentions. 他经常怀疑别人的意图。 He appeared suspicious. 可疑的 (令别人怀疑) Though a little suspicious this time, the policeman gave him the same answer.
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<p>sceptical / skeptical adj. 持怀疑态度的, 不相信的</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The public remain sceptical of these claims. 公众对这些说法仍持怀疑态度。 Andrew Hacker, for the record, remains skeptical. 准确来说, 安德鲁·哈克仍然对此表示怀疑。
<p>be skeptical of / about ... 对...怀疑、不相信</p>	<p>I'm highly skeptical of / about his motives.</p>

『 **all one's life = throughout one's life** 终身 』

- for life = for the rest of **one's life** 余生
- The accident crippled him **for life**. 终身(余生)残疾

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

『 **One of sbs. / sths. is** 三单 (the one of ... 只能是三单) 』

- 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**.
- John is **the only one** of the students in the class (A) *that* never (B) *admit* making a mistake even when (C) *it is* (D) *pointed* out to him. (B:三单) the one 永远为单数

『 **(the) most + v.** 修饰动词可以省略the 』

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

造句: 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. 最令我们感到伤心的一件事是一种令人沮丧的说法: 每当我们街上有麻烦或者有危险时没有人来帮助我们。

※ Apparently, there is a good deal of truth in this idea.

『 **there is a good deal of truth in ...** 很有道理 』

- Perhaps **there is an element of truth in** both this pictures, but few of us have had the opportunity to find out. 有一点儿道理
- 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.

※ A cat's ability to survive falls is based on fact.

『 survive vt.经历...没死 』

- In the battle, only 4 soldiers **survived**. vi.幸存
- Only 4 soldiers **survived** the battle. vt.经历了战斗幸存了下来
- I am especially proud of it, not only because it has **survived** several severe winters, but because it occasionally produces luscious peaches. NCE3-54

... be based / founded on (被动) 建立在...	It's widely accepted that friendship is founded on mutual trust. 人们普遍认为，友谊是在相互信任的基础上建立的。
... rest on (主动) 建立在...	A cat's ability to survive falls rests on fact. 写作替换
be supported by 被支持(建立)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The temple is supported by marble columns. 这座庙宇由大理石柱支撑。• Stem cell research is supported by many doctors. 干细胞研究得到很多医生的支持。• A cat's ability to survive falls is supported by fact. 写作替换

举例印证猫摔不死的现象 难度：5级

※ Recently the New York Animal Medical Centre made a study of 132 cats over a period of five months.

『 make a study of ... = study ... 研究 』

- make a study of human nature 人性的研究
- 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 有相同的经历 』

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

- These two species **have certain features in common.** 有某些共同的特征

『 **share sth.** 有共同的... 』

- We **share** an interest in history. 有共同的兴趣
- These two species **share** certain features. 共同的特征
- All these cats **shared** one experience: ... 共同的经历

fall off sth. 从...掉落	they had fallen off high buildings...
fall from sth. 从...掉下来	There are plenty of high-rise windowsills to fall from!
fall sth. 从...掉下	One cat fell 32 storeys...

die from ... 死于(死因)更强调外因...	die of.. 更强调内因
die from shock or injuries / a wound / an accident 外部原因	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • die of a disease / hunger / grief 内部原因 • ...doctors have been trying to find out whether the woman died of a rare disease. • ... if we escape wars, accidents and disease we shall eventually 'die of old age', and that... NCE4-37

※ Of course, New York **is** the ideal place for such an interesting study, because there **is** no shortage of tall buildings.

there is a shortage of ... 缺乏...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a <u>shortage of food in the refugee camps.</u> 接不可数 • There is a <u>shortage of nurses and doctors</u> in this area. 接可数名词
there is no shortage of ... 绝不缺乏	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • because there is no shortage of tall buildings. • because there are plenty of tall buildings.

※ There **are plenty of** high-rise windowsills to fall from!

- fall from high-rise windowsills 从高楼的窗台上摔下来

※ One cat, Sabrina, **fell** 32 storeys, **yet** only **suffered from** a broken tooth.

『suffer (from) sth. 经历痛苦』

- He **suffered** terribly the last few days. 他过去的几天痛苦不堪。
- He was eventually diagnosed as **suffering from** terminal cancer. 他最后被诊断为癌症晚期。

造句: One taxi driver, Mike, was involved in a serious car accident, yet only **suffered from two broken ribs**. 一个叫Mike的出租司机出了一次严重的车祸, 然而只断了两根肋骨。

※ * It **seems that the further cats fall**, the less they **are** likely to injure themselves. 越...就...

far	farther / further	the farthest / furthest
原级	比较级	最高级
farther 物理远、further 抽象远 further development / investigation 更深入(长远)的发展 / 调查		

『the further cats fall, the less they are likely.. 猫掉得越跳受到伤害的可能性就越小 (按顺序翻译)』

The harder	they worked	the hungrier	they became.
the + 比较级	主 + 谓	the + 比较级	主 + 谓
条件状语从句		条件状语主句	
They became (the) hungrier the harder they worked. 倒过来翻译 (越努力就越饿)			
they are likely to injure themselves (the) less, the further cats fall. 先翻译从句			

- 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. NCE3-55
- **The younger** the child **is**, **the more is** the child's need of sleep. 主句太长可以倒装
- **The younger** the child, the more the child's need of sleep. be 动词可以省略
- **The further** off this solid obstruction, **the longer** time will elapse for the return of the echo. NCE4-7
- **The further** off this solid obstruction **is**, **the longer** time will elapse. for the return of the echo. 不省略

※ In a long drop, they reach speeds of 60 miles an hour and more.

speed n.速度	不可数名词时，与at,with搭配均可	at / with great speed
	可数名词时，只能与at搭配	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**.
- The winning car reached a **speed of forty** miles an hour.
- Racing drivers have reached **speeds over 600 miles** an hour.
- Though the new rudder was fitted **at tremendous speed**, it was impossible for the Cutty Sark to win.
- It now came straight towards them **at tremendous speed**.

※ They stretch out their legs like flying squirrels.

『stretch out 伸展』

- you can enjoy the extraordinary sight of unbroken cloud plains that **stretch out** for miles before you, ... NCE3-44
- You can **stretch** your legs on the spacious decks, **stretch one's legs** (习语) 坐太久出去走走

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1. 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? (单选)

- 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.

2. I think John will win the race. —Yes, he started off _____ a fantastic speed. (单选)

- A、 with B、 at C、 through D、 by

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