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# Lesson 18 Electric currents in modern art

现代艺术中的电流 **夸张** **一语双关**

与课文关联的 18 个单词(点击每个单词可查看详细介绍)



**current** \* /'kʌrənt/ n. 电流

**sculpture** \* /'skʌlptʃə(r)/ n. 雕塑

**mistaken** /mi'steɪkən/ adj. 错误的

**gallery** /'gæləri/ n. 美术馆

**exhibit** \* /ɪg'zɪbɪt/

**oddly** /'ɒdli/ adv. 古怪地

n. 展品, 陈列品

**attach** /ə'tætʃ/ v. 连, 系

**sphere** /sfɪə/ n. 球体

**magnetize** /'mægnətaɪz/

v. 使磁化

**repel** /rɪ'pel/ v. 排斥

**flicker** /'flɪkə(r)/ v. 闪烁

**emit** /ɪ'mɪt/ v. 放射

**flash** /flæʃ/ v. 闪光

**prehistoric** /,pri:hi'stɔ:ɪk/

**electronic** /ɪ,lek'trɒnɪk/

adj. 史前的, 老掉牙的

adj. 电子的

**peculiar** \* /pɪ'kju:liə(r)/

**shock** \* /ʃɒk/ v. 令人震惊, 刺激人

**emotionally** /ɪ'məʊʃənəli/

adj. 奇异的

adv. 感情上

## 共鸣的观点 难度：3 级

※ Modern sculpture rarely surprises us any more.

『rarely adv. 罕有, 很少; 异乎寻常地, 极度』

seldom

Rarely / Seldom does modern sculpture surprise us any more. 引起部分倒装

<b>almost never</b>	Bob dislikes coffee, so he <b>almost never</b> drinks it. 鲍勃不喜欢咖啡，所以他几乎从不喝。
<b>hardly ever</b>	Though he owned a large car, he <b>hardly ever</b> used it, preferring always to go on foot.

## 『英文中自带“屎”的使役动词』

surprise 令某人意外惊喜	astonish 使吃惊	disturb 使烦恼
remind 使想起	confuse 使糊涂	convince 使确信

- His reaction ~~made me feel deeply disappointed~~. → His reaction **deeply disappointed** me.  
disappoint v.使失望
- What he said ~~made me totally confused~~. → What he said **totally confused** me.

※ The idea that modern art can only be seen in museums **is** mistaken. 圆周句  
(掉尾句)

The idea is mistaken that modern art can only be seen in museums. 避免头重，同位语从句通常放到后面。

<b>孔雀句形</b> 避免头重脚轻 (常见)	It is undeniable that all great art has this power of suggesting a world beyond.
<b>圆周句形</b> 吊着读者的胃口 (少见)	<del>That all great art has this power of suggesting a world beyond</del> <b>is undeniable.</b> NCE4-24

Although Tchaikovsky himself thought of the Pathetic Symphony as his crowning masterpiece, the premiere on October 28th 1893 in St. Petersburg proved a **disappointment.** 从句引出、主句句尾才揭示谜底

※ Even people who take no interest in art **cannot have failed to notice** examples of modern sculpture on display in public places.

<b>be interested in ...</b> 对...感兴趣 兴趣	<b>Kidnappers are rarely interested in animals, but they recently took considerable interest in Mrs. Eleanor Ramsay's cat.</b>
<b>take/have ... interest in ...</b> ... 使用名词替换	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• take/have an interest in ... 有兴趣</li> <li>• take/have no interest in ... 没兴趣</li> <li>• take/have little interest in ... 有一点兴趣</li> <li>• take/have a lot of interest in ... 很感兴趣</li> </ul>

### 『take + 名词 + 介词』

动词	名词	例句
be <b>proud</b> of	take <b>pride</b> in ...	You should <b>take pride in</b> your work.
<b>like / enjoy</b>	take <b>pleasure / delight</b> in ...	College students seem to <b>take pleasure / delight in practical jokes.</b>
<b>delighted / be gratified</b> with/at	take <b>comfort</b> in ...	I know she goes out a lot at night, but I <b>take comfort in</b> the fact that she's always with friends.
<b>pity</b>	take <b>pity on</b> ...	I <b>took pity on</b> the beggar and gave him some change.

### 『cannot have failed to notice ... 不可能没有注意到 (强)』

- must have noticed... 肯定注意到了 (稍弱)
- **Cats never fail to fascinate human beings.**

### 『"on + 名词"表示处于某种状态』

- on display / show / exhibition
- The house is **on sale**. 出售中/甩卖/打折出售
- The workers are **on strike**.
- I'm here **on vacation**.
- I'm here **on business**.
- The nurse is **on call** 24 hours a day. 待命

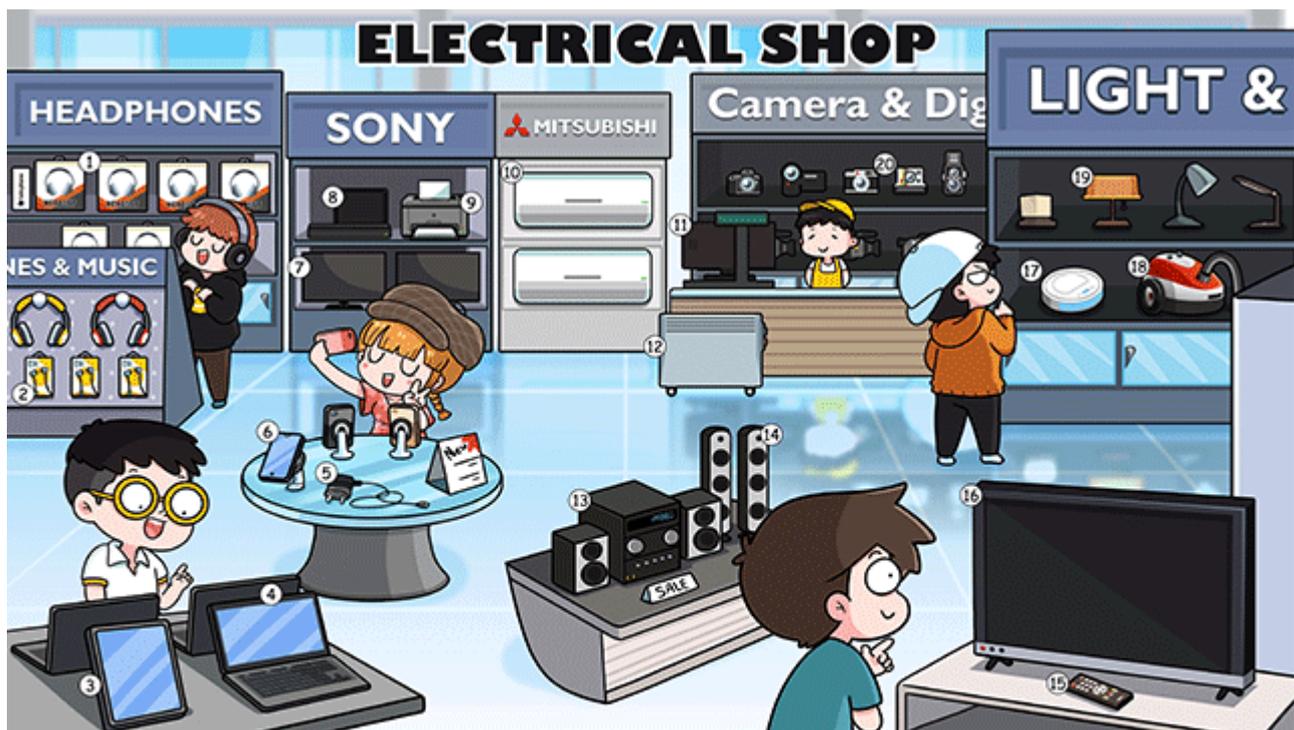
※ Strange forms (of sculpture) stand in gardens, and outside buildings and shops. We **have got** quite **used to** them.

be / get / become used to (介词) ... 习惯于...	"We'll <b>get used to</b> that Bill," said the vicar.
be / get / become accustomed to (介词) ... 习惯于	We have <b>got quite accustomed to</b> them.
be / get / become familiar <b>with</b> ... 熟悉了...	We have <b>got quite familiar with</b> them.
be adapted to (介词) ... 适应了...	I <b>am adapted to</b> Beijing's dry climate.

※ Some so-called 'modern' pieces **have been** on display for nearly eighty years.

『so-called 所谓的...』

- Where are your **so-called** friends now?



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| 1. headphones | 5. charger | 9. printer          | 13. stereo     | 17. robot vacuum   |
| 2. earphones  | 6. phone   | 10. air conditioner | 14. speakers   | 18. vacuum cleaner |
| 3. tablet     | 7. monitor | 11. computer        | 15. remote     | 19. lamp           |
| 4. notebook   | 8. scanner | 12. heater          | 16. television | 20. digital camera |

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- **air conditioner:** Thanks to the air conditioner, the house is nice and cool.
- **charger:** I need my charger to charge my phone.
- **computer:** I do all my work on my computer.
- **digital camera:** I take lots of pictures with my digital camera.
- **earphones:** I use my earphones to listen to music on my way to work.

- **headphones:** *Sam couldn't hear me as he had his headphones on.*
- **heater:** *The house was cold, so I turned on the heater.*
- **lamp:** *I wanted to read in bed, so I turned on the lamp.*
- **monitor:** *We're connected to WiFi through a monitor.*
- **notebook:** *I work on my notebook when I'm travelling.*
- **phone:** *I picked up the phone and called my mother.*
- **printer:** *I used the printer to print out my essay.*
- **remote:** *I wanted to change channels, so I picked up the remote.*
- **robot vacuum:** *I watched my robot vacuum as it moved round the room.*
- **scanner:** *I used the scanner to scan all my documents.*
- **speakers:** *The music became louder when we switched on the speakers.*
- **stereo:** *There was loud music coming from the stereo.*
- **tablet:** *Peter was reading on his tablet.*
- **television:** *When my programme ended, I switched off the television.*
- **vacuum cleaner:** *I use my vacuum cleaner to pick up cat hair from the carpet.*

## 出人意料 难度：3 级

※ **In spite of this**, some people including myself **were surprised** by a recent exhibition of modern sculpture.

※ **The first thing I saw** when I **entered** the art gallery **was a notice which said: 'Do not touch** the exhibits. Some of them **are dangerous!**'

『 **say** v.上面写着：“...” 』

- The sign says 'Keep Out'. 写着
- What did the letter say? 信上怎么说?
- My watch says four o'clock. 显示为
- **A tiny asterisk conducted me to a footnote at the bottom of the page. It said: 'This service has been suspended.'**

『 **go** v.一句话一个故事是怎么说的；一首歌是怎么唱的 』

- **As the old saying goes**, 'look before you leap'. 俗话说：“三思而后行”
- **The story goes** that the prince was turned to a frog.
- How does the song **go**? 歌是怎么唱来着?

『 **Do not touch the exhibits. = Keep away from the exhibits.** 』

※ The objects on display **were** pieces of moving sculpture.

※ Oddly shaped forms that **are suspended** from the ceiling and **move in response to a gust of wind** **are** quite familiar to everybody.

『副词修饰形容词』

- a **strangely** shaped carrot 形状奇怪的胡萝卜
- She has a **perfectly** shaped figure. 完美身材
- heart-shaped 心形的
- pear-shaped 梨形的 (大腹便便)
- V-shaped <sup>V形的</sup>

<b>be suspended from ...</b> 挂在... 上	A lamp <b>was suspended from</b> the ceiling. 一盏吊灯悬在天花板上。
<b>hang from ...</b> 写作替换	Strange fruits <b>hang from</b> the poplar trees. 杨树上挂着奇怪的果实。

『in response to ... 作为回应：作为对某事物或某情况的回应或反应』

- The president stepped down **in response to** public pressure.

『a gust of wind 一阵风』

- a **fit** of coughing 一阵咳嗽
- a **round** of applause 一阵掌声
- **peals / gales** of laughter 阵阵笑声

<b>be familiar with ...</b> 主语对宾语很熟悉了...	Many readers <b>are familiar with</b> the name Harry Potter. 许多读者都熟悉哈利波特这个名字。
<b>be familiar to ...</b> 宾语对主语很熟悉了...	The name Harry Potter <b>is familiar to</b> many readers. 哈利波特这个名字对许多读者来说都很熟悉。

※ Lined up against the wall, there **were** long thin wires **attached to metal spheres**.

<b>line sth. up</b> <sup>vt.排成一排</sup>	The books <b>are lined up</b> on the shelf. 被动
<b>line up</b> <sup>vi.排队</sup>	Line up, everybody!
<b>cut in line</b> 加塞、插队	I really get annoyed at those who cut in line. 我真得很生气那些插队的人。

『 **attach sth. to sth.** 把某物附加到某物上：将一个物体连接或固定到另一个物体上。 』

- It is possible to **attach** executable program files **to** e-mail. 可以在电子邮件上附上可执行程序文件。

造句： Lined up on the table, there are a number of brand-new computers **connected to printers.** 在桌上排列着一些崭新的电脑，而电脑上又连着打印机

※ The spheres **had been magnetized and attracted or repelled each other all the time.**

<b>all the time</b> 一直..., 不停地...	We can't be together <b>all the time.</b> 我们不能一直在一起。
<b>on and on</b> 长时间地、冗长地进行某种活动或谈话	The old men blather <b>on and on.</b> 这帮老头儿絮絮叨叨没完没了。
<b>continuously</b> adv. 连续不断地	I remember singing three songs <b>continuously</b> at the party. 我记得在聚会上连续唱了三首歌。
<b>constantly</b> adv. 总是, 经常地(有间断)	The direction of the wind is <b>constantly</b> changing. 风的方向在不断地变。
<b>without stopping</b> 不停地	He hurried past them <b>without stopping.</b> 他匆匆走过他们身边, 连停都没停。

※ **In the centre of the hall, there were a number of tall structures which contained coloured lights.**

<b>colored lights</b> 带彩色灯光的	They strung up <b>colored lights</b> round the room. 他们在房间的四壁挂起彩灯。
<b>colorful lights</b> 五颜六色灯光	<b>the decks were soon covered with colourful rugs from Persia...</b>

※ These lights **flickered continuously like traffic lights which have gone mad.**

<b>continuously</b> adv. 连续不断地 (不中断的)	<b>continually</b> adv. 不断地; 频繁地(有中断的)
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- The orientation of the planet's orbit is changing **continuously**. 该行星轨道的方向不断变化。
- The civil war has raged almost **continuously** since 1976. 自1976年以来，激烈的内战几乎持续不断。
- Only by studying hard **continuously** can we promise ourselves a good future. 只有不断努力学习，我们才能许诺自己一个美好的未来。

- be always / **continually doing** 老是做某事
- He **is continually being** late.
- He **is continually asking** me for money.

『 go mad 发疯 』

- go crazy
- go wild
- go bananas 生气；发疯；变得疯狂或兴奋
- go nuts 变得疯狂，精神失常
- Oceans apart, day after day, and I slowly **go insane**. 变得疯狂

※ Sparks **were emitted** from **small black boxes** and red lamps **flashed on and off angrily**.

『 on and off = off and on 断断续续地 』

- on and on 持续不停地（反义）

※ It **was rather like** an exhibition of **prehistoric electronic equipment**.

『 prehistoric adj. 史前的（在本文中为夸张修饰手法） 』

夸张 hyperbole：白发三千丈，缘愁似个长。危楼高百尺，手可摘星辰。燕山雪花大如席，片片吹落轩辕台。

- Everybody was clapping their **hands off**. 鼓掌鼓得手都掉了。
- I didn't **sleep a wink** last night. 眼都没合
- He has a **skeleton of** a wife. 瘦得皮包骨

※ **These peculiar forms not only seemed designed to shock people emotionally, but to give them electric shocks as well!**

『 shock v.使震惊；使触电 』

双关pun：本句的shock为多意双关（A very dear cat），还有谐音双关(More **sun** and air for your **son** and heir.)。

- We must all **hang together** or we shall all **hang separately**.
- What do lawyers do when they die? **Lie still.** 静静的躺着？依然在撒谎？
- The professor tapped on his desk and shouted, "Gentlemen, **order!**" 肃静？点菜？ The entire class yelled, "**Beer!**" 请来点啤酒！



Beat around the bush

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1. M: I'm not accustomed to using a gas stove. W: It's simple. Just turn the knob until the burner lights then adjust the flame. Q: What is the man going to do? (单选)
- A、 Read a gas meter.      B、 Start a camp fire.      C、 Get gas for his car.  
D、 Cook some food.

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