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Lesson 30 The death of a ghost

幽灵之死 形式宾语 动词不定式

与课文关联的 11个单词(点击每个单词可查看详细介绍) 

labourer /'leɪbərə(r)/ n. 劳动者

overnight /,əʊvə'nait/
adv. 一夜期间

hay * /heɪ/ n. 干草

corn /kɔ:n/ n. 谷物

moonlight /'mu:nlaɪt/ n. 月光

conscientious /,kɒnʃi'entʃəs/
adj. 认真的

suspect * /sə'spekt/ v. 怀疑

desert * /'dezət/ v. (军队中)开小差

regiment /'redʒɪmənt/ n. (军队)团

action * /'ækj(ə)n/ n. 战斗

recluse /rɪ'klu:s/ n. 隐士

传说(营造悬念) 难度：3 级

※ For years, villagers **believed** that Endley Farm **was haunted**.

rumor has it that ... 有传言说...	Rumor has it that / It's rumored that <u>she only married him for his money.</u>
it's rumored that ... 有传言说...	Rumor has it that / It's rumored that <u>the girl had eloped with her teacher.</u>
word has it that ... 据说...	Word has it that John is going to <u>keep a dog as a pet.</u>

legend has it that ... 传说...	Legend has it that Qu Yuan, a great poet of the Warring States period, <u>threw himself into the Mi Luo River</u> when he heard his homeland had been invaded.	
『haunt』	v. (鬼魂) 出没	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A <u>headless</u> man haunts the castle. • The castle is haunted.
	v. 萦绕在...心头(挥之不去)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He is haunted by the experience of failure. • I'm haunted by homesickness.

※ The farm **was owned** by two brothers, Joe and Bob Cox.

The farm **was possessed** by two brothers, ... 替换

The farm was **in the possession of** two brothers, ... 替换

The farm **belonged to** two brothers, ... 替换(主动)

※ They **employed** a few farmhands, but no one was willing to work there long.

employ sb. 雇佣...	The company decided to employ more staff to meet the demand. 公司决定雇佣更多员工以满足需求。
hire sb. 聘用、雇佣	We need to hire a new manager for the sales department. 我们需要为销售部门聘用一位新经理。
engage sb. 雇佣、聘任...	The firm engaged a consultant to improve their business strategy. 公司聘请了一位顾问来改进他们的业务策略。
take on sb. 雇佣; 接纳...	They are planning to take on additional workers for the project. 他们计划为这个项目雇佣更多工人。
appoint sb. 任命、指定...	He has been appointed (as) <u>chief executive officer</u> of the company.
fire sb. 解雇某人...	The company decided to fire him for misconduct. 公司决定因行为不当解雇他。

dismiss sb. 解雇、辞退...	She was dismissed from her job due to budget cuts. 她因为预算削减被辞退了。
sack sb. / give sb. the sack 炒鱿鱼(给sb.一麻袋走人...)	They sacked him for repeated lateness. 他们因为他多次迟到而炒了他的鱿鱼。
lay off sb. 下岗(短期解聘)	The factory had to lay off many workers during the recession. 工厂在经济衰退期间不得不让许多工人下岗。
suspend sb. 停职	The two police officers have been suspended until <u>an enquiry is carried out.</u>
be willing to do 愿意做某事	She is willing to help with the project. 她愿意帮助这个项目。
be ready to do 准备做某事(在本文中表乐意)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are ready to start the meeting. 我们准备好开始会议了。 • ..but no one was ready to work there long. 但没有人愿意在那里长时间工作。
be prepared to do 准备做某事(在本文中表乐意)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He is prepared to take on new responsibilities. 他准备好承担新的责任。 • ..but no one was prepared to work there long. 但没有人愿意在那里长时间工作。

做状语 (否定句、疑问句)		做状语 (肯定句)	
long	for long	a long time	for a long time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you known him (for) long? • I haven't known him (for) long. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have known him (for) a long time. • We <u>had to wait a heck of a long time!</u> 	

※ **Every time** a worker **gave up** his job, he **told** the same story.

every time (when)	a worker gave up his job, he told the same story.
whenever	
no matter when	

『 resign v. 辞职 』

give up one's job 放弃工作	She decided to give up her job to travel the world. 她决定放弃工作去环游世界。
leave one's job 离开工作	He left his job to pursue higher education. 他离开工作去继续深造。
quit one's job 退出工作	They quit their jobs to start their own business. 他们辞去工作去创业。

『 retire v. 退休 』

- Because I've just **retired**. I want to buy a small house in the country.
- Before he **retired**, Frank was the head of a very large business company, but as a boy he used to work in a small shop.
- I'm going to **retire**.

the same story 同样的故事	it's the same old story 还是老问题 (习语)
It's the same story in the US. 在美国, 情况也是同样。	It's the same old story: too much work and not enough time.
it's a long story 说来话长	to cut / make a long story short 长话短说
It's a long story. Where shall I start? 说来话长。我从哪儿说起呢?	To make a long story short, he is a very talkative person. 简而言之, 他是个很健谈的人。
It's a different story 不是一回事	It's another story 这是另一码事
It's a different story for the hens. 对母鸡来说, 情况就完全不同了。	But it's another story in urban and suburban areas. 但在市区和城市郊区却是另一番情况。

※ Farm labourers **said** that they always **woke up to find** that work **had been done overnight**.

to do	目的	通常放在主句之后, 可以紧接着动词, 也可以放在句尾。直接指出动作的目的, 易于理解, 它通常用于说明为什么某人做某事, 或某事发生的原因。
	结果	动词不定式作结果状语时 (尤其在表示随后发生的动作时) 多表示意料之外的不愉快的结果。此时常在动词不定式前加上 only 以进一步加强意料之外的语气。

条件	与主要句子部分形成条件关系来表示在某个条件下才会发生或进行的动作。不定式短语通常表示在满足某个条件时所要进行的行动或达到的结果。
原因	解释某个动作或情况的原因或动机，不定式短语用来说明为什么某人做某事，或者为什么某事会发生。通常跟在表示情感或状态的形容词后面。

- He got home **to learn** that his father was ill. 结果得知
- Jim turned round **to see** that Mary was weeping. 结果看见
- He got to the station **only to be told** the train had gone. 结果被告知
- She saved money **to buy** a car. 目的为了买车
- **To succeed** in your career, you need to work hard. 要在事业上取得成功，你需要努力工作。
- **To travel** abroad, you need a valid passport. 要出国旅行，你需要一本有效的护照。
- I am happy **to help** you. 解释高兴的原因
- She was shocked **to see** the damage. 解释被震惊到的原因

※ A farm worker, who **stayed up** all night, **claimed to have seen** a figure **cutting corn** in the moonlight.

『 **stay up / sit up** 熬夜(主动不睡觉) 』

- He **sat up** all night, preparing for the exam.

『 **burn the midnight oil** (习语) 熬夜 』

- a night owl 夜猫子

『 **wait up (for sb.)** 等某人回来而没有睡觉 』

- I should go—Marie will be **waiting up** for me.

『 **toss and turn** 翻来覆去、辗转反侧：在床上因无法入睡而不停地翻来覆去。 』

- Do you **toss and turn** all night? 你是否整夜辗转难眠?
- You **toss and turn**, but sleep won't come. 你辗转反侧，但总也睡不着。
- Don't **toss and turn**. 不要在床上翻来覆去。

『 **not sleep a wink** 一夜未眠 』

- I **didn't sleep a wink** last night with all that noise.

『 **not get a wink of sleep** 一夜未眠 』

- I **didn't get a wink of sleep** last night with all that noise.

『 《NCE》中其它关于睡眠的描述 』

- During the day, **sleep comes in snatches.** NCE3-44
- ... lulls you to sleep. NCE3-44
- The dream-like music **lulls me to sleep.**
- He told me that he **could not go to sleep** one night because he heard a strange noise coming from the bar.
- After he had put it on the floor, he promptly **went to sleep** again.

『 **claim to have done** 动词不定式的完成时 』

claim to do 要做还没做 (未发生)	claim to have + done 比claim发生得更早
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So far, no organization has claimed to be responsible for the accident. • I do not claim to be an authority. 我并不宣称自己是权威人士。 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for the descriptions given by people who claimed to have seen the puma were extraordinarily similar. • Fishermen and sailors sometimes claim to have seen monsters in the sea.

『 **in the moonlight** 在月光之中 (~~in the moon~~) 』

- in the sunlight / in the sunshine / in the sun 在阳光之中
- in the moonlight (在月光中) / by moonlight (借着月光)

※ **In time, it became an accepted fact** that the Cox brothers **employed a conscientious ghost that did** most of their work for them.

『 **in time** 逐渐地；慢慢地：随着时间的推移。 』

- You'll get used to it **in time.** 你迟早会习惯的。

『 **in due time** 在适当的时候、终于 』

- You will be told **in due time.** 我会在合适的时间告诉你的。
- He arrived here **in due time.** 现在他们要把我捧起来，正是时候。
- The facts will be known **in due time.** 这些事实将在适当的时候披露。

『 **with time** 随着时间的推移、流逝 (逐渐地；慢慢地) 』

- His influence has diminished **with time.** 随着时间的推移，他的影响已不如从前了。
- Mars and Earth have orbits which change **with time.** 火星和地球的轨道随着时间而发生改变。
- **With time** he came to revise his opinion of the profession. 随着时间的推移，他开始修正自己对这一职业的看法。
- Have they aged **with time?** 他们是否和岁月一起老去了？

『 with the passing / passage of time 随着时间的流逝 (时光匆匆) 』

- This decline in vigour **with the passing of time** is called ageing. 生命力随着时间的流失而衰退叫做衰老。
- Her confidence grew **with the passage of time**. 她的信心与日俱增。

造句: It has become an accepted fact that a bad practice is prevailing in the medical field. Doctors prescribe much more expensive medicine than necessary and patients, for their part, have to give doctors 'hongbao', money in a red envelope, for better treatment and safer surgery. 现在医务界弥漫着一种不正之风, 这已经成了一个公认的事实。医生给病人开出过分昂贵的药, 而病人不得不给医生掏红包以换取更好的治疗和更安全的手术。

铺垫(扑朔迷离) 难度: 3 级

※ No one **suspected** that there **might be someone else** on the farm who **had never been seen**.

造句: No one suspected that there might be a murderer hiding in the village who had never been recognized. 谁也没想到在村子里竟然藏着一个从来也没有被认出来过的谋杀犯。

※ his was indeed **the case**.

『 **the case** 实情 』

- This is not always **the case**. 这不总是实情
- This is indeed **the case**. 这确实是实情
- This is not **the case** at all. 这根本不是实情
- This might not be **the case**. 这可能是个实情
- This is not necessarily **the case**. 这不一定是实情

※ **A short time ago, villagers were astonished to learn that the ghost of Endley had died.**

『 **learn of / about** 听说、获悉 』

- I was sad to **learn of** his illness. (我很难过得知他的病情。)
- I am **learning about** the history of art. (我正在学习艺术史。)

『 **know of / about** 知道/了解 』

- Do you know of any good restaurants around here? (你知道这附近有好的餐馆吗?)
- She knows a lot about computer programming. (她对计算机编程很了解。)

『 **hear of / about** 听说、了解到 』

- Have you heard of this new band? (你听说过这个新乐队吗?)
- I heard about the accident on the news. (我在新闻上听说了那起事故。)

※ Everyone **went** to the funeral, for the 'ghost' was none other than Eric Cox, a third brother who was supposed to have died as a young man.

『 **everyone / every one** 每个人 』

- ... **poisoned every one of** her five husbands. everyone后不可加of
- Look! **Everyone's** in the garden.
- The race gave **everyone** a great deal of pleasure.
- As soon as he opened his mouth, **everyone** burst out laughing.
- You've probably woken up **everyone** in the village as well. Still, I'm glad the bell is working again.

『 **none other than** 不是别人，正是... (让读者出乎意料) 』

- The leggy beauty was **none other than** Naomi Campbell. 这位长腿美女不是别人，正是娜奥米·坎贝尔。

造句：Neighbors here were astonished to learn that the murderer was **none other than the victim's wife** who had, in her youth, poisoned every one of her five husbands. 邻居们惊悉谋杀犯不是别人，正是受害者的妻子，而这个女人在年轻时一连毒死了自己的五个丈夫。

- This program is **none other than** make. 这个程序不是别的，正是 make。
- He was **none other than** my nephew Satya. 他不是别人，正是我的侄子萨提亚。
- The man was **none other than** my husband. 那个人（不是别人）正是我的丈夫。
- But **none other than** I has a leaf of this kind. 惟有拥有一片绿叶我可以确然。

『 **a + 序数词** a third brother 』

- Mendoza met Humphries in the ring on a later occasion and he lost for **a second time**.

『 **as a young man = when (he was) a young man** 状语从句主语相同且谓语为Be时，可省略主谓 』

a third brother who was supposed to have died **in his youth**. 替换
 a third brother who was supposed to have died **when young**. 替换 -

a third brother who was supposed to have died **young**. 替换 - -

- Only the good die **young**. 好人命短(好人不长命)

※ After the funeral, Joe and Bob revealed a secret which they had kept for over fifty years.

『 keep a secret 保密 』

- Can you **keep a secret**? 你能保守秘密吗?
- Could you **keep a secret**, if I told you one? 如果我告诉你一个秘密, 你能保密吗?
- Tom was utterly indiscreet, and could never **keep a secret**. 汤姆言行完全不慎重, 从来守不住秘密。

『 reveal a secret 揭秘 』

- She is trying to **reveal a secret**. 她正试图揭露一个秘密。
- I **reveal a secret**. 揭发一个秘密。
- I can **reveal a secret** to you. I receive a very warm welcome in Russia. 我可以告诉大家一个秘密: 我确实在俄罗斯受到了热烈的欢迎。

『 a secret becomes known 公开了秘密 』

- At some dramatic moment in the story, **the terrible secret becomes known and a reputation is ruined**.

真像 难度: 3 级

『 Eric had been the eldest son of the family, very much older than his two brothers. 』

原级	比较级	最高级	区别
old	older	oldest	可用人、物的老旧
	elder	eldest	只能用于人, 且不能使用than做比较。

※ He had been obliged to join the army during the Second World War.

『 be obliged to do 不得不; 有义务; 感谢; 被迫做 』

- He says everybody **is obliged to** do as he pleases. 他说每个人都有义务听他的话做事。
- She **is obliged to abandon** her idea of trying again. 她不得不放弃再试一次的想法。

『 **join the army** 参军 (不加介词in): 加入军队, 成为一名士兵或军官。 』

- join the party join+宾语 指: 长期加入某个组织“入党”
- join **in** the party join in + 宾语 指: 参加某个活动“参加聚会”

『 **enlist in the army** 参军 (enlist vi. 需要加介词in) 』

- He **enlisted in** the 82nd Airborne 20 years ago. 他20年前加入了第82空降师。
- He **enlisted** as a private **in** the Mexican War. 他以列兵身份参加了墨西哥战争。

『 **be in the service of** 为...服务、效力 』

- Meanwhile, big Banks also utilize many kinds of trading that **aren't in the service of** their traditional clients. 同时, 大银行利用许多不是服务于传统客户的交易方式。
- Have you ever **been in the service**? 你当过兵吗?
- I **was drafted into the army** last year.

recruit v.招聘, 招收 (新成员); 招募 (新兵)	conscript / draft v.征召/征兵
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The police are trying to recruit more black and Hispanic officers. 警方正试图招收更多的黑人和西班牙裔的警官。• At the time, he was trying to recruit members for his embryonic resistance group. 那时候他正在为他那萌芽中的抵抗组织招兵买马。	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Most of the soldiers are reluctant conscripts. 大部分士兵都是不情愿的被征服役者。• During the Second World War, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. 第二次世界大战期间, 他应征加入美国陆军。

※ the Second World War = World War II 第二次世界大战/二战

- **the** First Chapter = Chapter One 用基数词无需定冠词(The)

※ **As he hated army life, he decided to desert his regiment.**

『 **army life = life in the army** 军旅生活(生活不属于军队, 在军队里的生活所以使用介词in) 』

- Robert was eager to talk about **life in the Army**. 罗伯特渴望谈论军旅生活。
- He wrote about his **life in the army**. 他写了他在军队的生活。
- He became a fully-fledged soldier after a year **life in the army**. 经过了一年的军营生活, 他成为了一名训练有素的士兵。
- **Life in the army** was far removed from the comfort of his parents' home. 军营的生活与在父母家的舒适相差太远。

※ When he **learnt** that he **would be sent** abroad, he **returned** to the farm and his father **hid** him until the end of the war.

When he **hear** / **know** that he would be sent abroad... 替换

※ **Fearing the authorities**, Eric **remained** in hiding after the war as well.

Fearing **the penalty** from the authorities, ... 补全

Afraid of the authorities, ... 替换

『 **the authorities** 政府、当局、管理部门(常以复数出现) 』

- **the local authorities** 地方政府
- **the forest authorities** ordered several tons of a special type of grass seed which would grow quickly.
- **The French authorities** had the plane packaged and moved in parts back to France.
- It is all too easy to blame **the railway authorities** when something does go wrong.

government n.政府, 内阁; 政体	administration n.管理, 行政; 管理部门, 行政部 门; (某一任期的) 政府; 执行, 监管
...democratic governments in countries like Britain and the U.S. ...英美等国的民主政府。	the Clinton / Bush administration 克林顿/布什政府

『 **regime** n. (尤指独裁的) 政府, 政权 』

- a fascist **regime** 法西斯政权
- The **regime** is now in its death throes. 这一政权大势已去。
- The **regime** was the very incarnation of evil. 该政权正是邪恶的典型。
- The people are held down by a repressive **regime**. 人民受到了专制政权的压迫。
- The **regime** is profoundly divided against itself. 该政权内部彻底分裂了。
- the weakness of his **regime** is showing more and more. 他政权的疲弱性日益显露。

※ His father **told** everybody that Eric **had been killed** in action.

『 **be killed / wounded in action** 固定表达不可数不加不定冠词“他在战争中阵亡/受伤” 』

- be reported missing **in action** 据报在行动中失踪

『 **battle** 可数/不可数 』

- in (a) battle 在(一次)战争中

※ The only other people who **knew** the secret **were** Joe and Bob. They **did** not even **tell** their wives.

They were **tight-mouthed**. 他们的嘴很严!

※ When their father **died**, they **thought** it their duty to keep Eric in hiding.

they thought that it was their duty to keep every in hiding.
使用复合句并不是最优选 (太啰嗦了)

『形式宾语什么时候用』

当这个宾语是比较长的一个结构，尤其是像动词不定式 (to do)、分词 (doing)，现在分词短语或者是宾语从句的时候。还有宾语补足语时 (在大多数是名词或者是形容词)，当宾语补足语，在这种情况下呢，我们就要用形式宾语。

- He thought **it his duty to bring up the orphan**. 他觉得有责任把这个孤儿抚养成人。

※ All these years, Eric **had lived** as a recluse.

『recluse / hermit 隐士』

Eric had **lived / led** the life of a **recluse / hermit**. 替换

- They can be friendly and affectionate towards humans, but they **lead mysterious lives of their own as well**. live / lead a ... life 过着...的生活

※ He **used to sleep** during the day **and** work at night, quite unaware of **the fact** that he **had become** the ghost of Endley.

『be (quite) unaware of ... (完全)不知道』

- The crowd began to shout, but the drunk **was unaware of** the danger.

『be unconscious of ... 不知道』

- He **was unconscious of** his rude behaviour. 他没有意识到他粗鲁的行为。
- ... quite **unconscious of** the fact that ... 替换

not know ... 不知道	... never knowing / realizing that ...
not realize ... 没有意识到、不知道	
have no idea ... 不知道; 不清楚	... not having the slightest idea that ... 一点也不知道

※ When he died, however, his brothers found it impossible to keep the secret any longer.

造句: I found it impossible to resist temptation. 我觉得无法抵制诱惑。



Old habits die hard

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共有1道练习题(解题方法与答案需要在“ncego.com”笔记官网查看)

1. Last night I tossed and turned in bed, too exhausted to sleep. (单选)

- A、 Both of us were exhausted.
- B、 We always tried to rest after exercising.
- C、 I turned over and went to sleep again.
- D、 I was overtired and couldn't sleep.

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