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Lesson 42 Modern cavemen

现代洞穴人 虚拟语气的倒装 双重定语从句 强调句

与课文关联的 30个单词(点击每个单词可查看详细介绍)



caveman /'keɪvmæn/

n. (远古) 洞穴人

pot-holing /'pɒt,həʊlɪŋ/

n. 洞穴探险, 洞穴探险运动

solitude /'sɒlətju:d/ n. 孤独, 寂寞

lure * /lʊə(r)/ v. 引诱, 诱惑

pot-holer /'pɒt,həʊlə/

n. 洞穴探险者

undertaking /,ʌndə'teɪkɪŋ/

n. 任务, 工作

foresight /'fɔ:sart/

n. 预见; 深谋远虑

foretell /fɔ:'tel/ v. 预言

Grenoble /grə'nəʊbl/

n. 格里诺布尔

chasm /'kæzəm/

n. 断层, 裂口, 陷坑

flaw /flɔ:/ n. 小裂缝

distinguished /dɪ'stɪŋgwɪft/

adj. 杰出的, 著名的

Everest /'evərɪst/ n. 珠穆朗玛峰

wade /weɪd/ v. 涉水

waterfall /'wɔ:təfɔ:l/ n. 瀑布

gear /gɪə(r)/ n. 一套用具

inflatable /ɪn'fleɪtəbl/

adj. 可充气的

rubble /'rʌbl/ n. 碎瓦

insistent * /ɪn'sɪstənt/

adj. 连续的, 不断的

boom /bu:m/ v. 轰鸣

waterspout /'wɔ:təspaʊt/

n. 强大的水柱

cleft /kleft/ n. 裂隙, 开口

cavern /'kævən/ n. 在洞穴

stalagmite /'stæləgmɪt/ n. 石笋

stalactite /'stæləktɪt/ n. 钟乳石

limestone /'laɪmstəʊn/ n. 石灰石

glisten /'glɪs(ə)n/ v. 闪烁

dome /dəʊm/ n. 穹窿, 圆顶

rambler /'ræmblə(r)/

n. 漫步者, 散步者

eerie /'ɪəri/

adj. 引塌恐惧的, 可怕的

※ Cave exploration, or pot-holing, as it has come to be known, is a relatively new sport.

Football, or soccer, as it is sometimes called, is very popular in the world.

- Things can go wrong on a big scale, as a number of people recently discovered in Parramatta, a suburb of Sydney. as 引导的非限定性定语从句
- As the Commanding Officer explained later, one half of the station did not know what the other half was doing! as 引导的非限定性定语从句修饰后面的整个主句
- Cave exploration, or pot-holing, as (it) has come to be known, is a relatively new sport. 去掉it 就是一个标准的非限定性定语从句 (美式)

方式状语从句 (英)	非限定性定语从句 (美)
The problem, as I see it, is no big deal.	The problem, as I see, is no big deal.
The author was brought up in a small village, as it is recounted in some of his stories.	The author was brought up in a small village, as is recounted in some of his stories.

『 come to do 开始(逐渐的)... 』

- Future historians will be in a unique position when they come to record the history of our own times.
- He soon made a name for himself and came to be known to the Italians as Giovanni Acuto.
- Mrs. Richards realized that it must be the man from the Electricity Board who had come to read the metre.
- When you come to think about it, there are only four ways you can deal with rubbish...

come to do 偶然的、意外的...	A body came to be found under the bridge.
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造句：H1N1 flu, or swine flu, as it has come to be known, is a highly contagious but preventable, controllable and curable disease. H1N1流感，或称猪流感，正如人们逐渐了解的那样，是一种高度传染性但可防可控可治的疾病。

※ Perhaps it is the desire for solitude or the chance of making an unexpected discovery that lures people down to the depths of the earth.

The desire for solitude **lures** people down to the depths of the earth. 简单句

The chance of making an unexpected discovery **lures** people down to the depths of the earth. 简单句

Perhaps **the desire for solitude** or **the chance of making an unexpected discovery** **lures** people down to the depths of the earth. 主语并列

强调	被强调部分	连接词 that/who/whom	从句
It is	the desire for solitude or the chance of making an unexpected discovery	that	lures people down to the depths of the earth.

『 **desire for ...** 对...的渴求 』

- He was overestimating **their desire for** peace. 他高估了他们对和平的渴望。
- He was imbued with **a desire for** social justice. 他满怀着寻求社会正义的愿望。
- It is sad to see a man so corrupted by **the desire for** money and power. 看到一个人被金钱和权力欲望所腐蚀很可悲。

appetite for ... 对...的欲望	He spent a lot of money in satisfying the appetite for excitement and amusement. 他花了很多钱来满足他对刺激和娱乐的欲望。
lust for ... 对...的欲望	Mercenary men lust for wealth. 唯利是图的人贪求财富。
longing for ... 渴望...	She was longing for some peace and privacy. 她渴望过清静的私人生活。
yearning for ... 渴望...	He spoke of his yearning for another child. 他说起了自己想再要一个孩子的强烈愿望。
hunger for ... 非常渴望...	Nothing seemed to satisfy their hunger for truth. 似乎没有什么能满足他们对真理的渴求。
thirst for ... 渴望...	She teaches kids through sharing her thirst for science. 她通过分享她对科学的渴望来教孩子们。
craving for ... 渴望...	She is craving for love and affection. 她是在渴望得到爱和感情。

『 **the depths of the earth** 在地球的深处 』

- **the depths of** the ocean
- **the depths of** the space
- **the depths of** the forest
- **(in) the depths of** despair (在)绝望的深渊

造句: **It is** the desire for knowledge **that** lures him to the scientific world. 正是对知识的渴望诱使他走进了科学的世界。

❖ **It is impossible to give a satisfactory explanation for a pot-holer's motives.**

『 **give a satisfactory / convincing / logical / ... explanation for sth.** 对于...的解释 』

- The teacher **gave a satisfactory explanation for** the experiment's results. 老师对实验结果做出了令人满意的解释。
- She **gave a convincing explanation for** her absence. 她对她的缺席做出了令人信服的解释。
- The scientist **gave a logical explanation for** the phenomenon. 科学家对这种现象做出了合乎逻辑的解释。

defy explanation 难以解释	There are many scientific observations that simply defy explanation. 已经有了很多科学观察, 可是对以上问题简单地不予解释。
owe sb. an explanation 欠某人一个解释	You owe him an explanation for your sudden departure. 你应该向他解释你突然离开的原因。

『 **it is impossible to give a satisfactory explanation for ...** 不可能对.....作出令人满意的解释 』

- **It is impossible to give a satisfactory explanation for** his sudden disappearance. 对他突然消失的原因无法给出令人满意的解释。

it has never been explained why ... 从来没有人解释过(无法解释)为什么...	It has never been explained why university students seem to enjoy practical jokes more than anyone else.
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造句: **It has never been explained why** Maya civilization vanished from the earth. 谁也无法解释为何玛雅文明从地球上突然消失。

It is impossible to give a satisfactory explanation for the disappearance of Maya civilization.

※ For him, caves **have** the **same peculiar fascination** which high mountains **have** for the climber.

『 **have a / an peculiar / extraordinary / unending fascination for ...** 对...有一种/特殊的/非凡的/持久的魅力 』

- Mars **has an extraordinary fascination** for would-be voyagers.
- Cats **have an unending fascination for** most people.
- She **has a fascination for** ancient history. 她对古代历史有着浓厚的兴趣。
- The old mansion **has a peculiar fascination for** ghost hunters. 这座老宅对鬼魂猎人有一种特殊的吸引力。
- He **has an extraordinary fascination for** space exploration. 他对太空探索有着非凡的兴趣。
- The sea **has an unending fascination for** her. 大海对她有着持久的吸引力。

For him,	caves have the same peculiar fascination	which high mountains have for the climber.
句首强调	Caves have the same peculiar fascination for him.	定语从句

造句：For him, books **have the same peculiar fascination** which cosmetics have for his wife. 书对他有一种独特的吸引力，就像化妆品对他老婆的吸引力一样。

- Antique shops **exert a peculiar fascination on** a great many people.

exert a/an ... fascination on sb.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mysterious forest exerts a peculiar fascination on visitors. 神秘的森林对游客有一种特殊的吸引力。 • The artist's work exerts an extraordinary fascination on critics. 这位艺术家的作品对评论家有着非凡的吸引力。
have a/an ... fascination for sb.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The old castle has an unending fascination for historians. 这座古老的城堡对历史学家有着持久的魅力。 • The strange ritual has a peculiar fascination for anthropologists. 这种奇怪的仪式对人类学家有一种特殊的吸引力。

造句：Stamp collecting **exerts a peculiar fascination on** me. 我很喜欢集邮。
Stamp collecting **has a peculiar fascination for** me. 无灵主语

✳️ They arouse instincts which can only be dimly understood.

『 dim / dimly 昏暗的/地，朦胧的/地 』

- Then, squinting his eyes, he said: 'The light is **dim**. Read the letter to me!'
- I did remember, but only **dimly**. 我的确记得，只是记不太清楚了

sth. can only be dimly understood 某事只能被模糊地理解

The complexities of quantum physics **can only be dimly understood by most people**. 量子物理的复杂性对于大多数人来说只能模糊理解。

造句：His behavior **can only be dimly understood**. 他的行为很难理解。

It is impossible to give a satisfactory explanation for his behavior.

引出文章中心 难度：6 级

✳️ Exploring really deep caves is not a task for the Sunday afternoon rambler.

『 the + 名词 类指 』

- **Horses are** useful **animals**. 主谓一致
- **The horse is** a useful **animal**.
- **A horse is** a useful **animal**.

『 ...is not a task for sb. 不是某人所能胜任的 』

- Studying abroad **is not a task for** the lazy-bones. 出国留学不是懒汉所能胜任的。
- Being a good husband **is not a task for** the playboy. 做个好老公不是花花公子能胜任的。

✳️ Such undertakings require the precise planning and foresight of military operations.

『 require the precise planning and foresight of ... 需要精确的计划和远见... 』

- Speculation in stocks **requires the precise planning and foresight of** a professional investor. 炒股需要一个职业投资人的精密计划和远见。

be a major operation 重大的行动

For them this **is a major operation** which involves considerable **planning**.

❖ It can take as long as eight days to rig up rope ladders and to establish supply bases before a descent can be made into a very deep cave.

『take v.需要...(时间、人、事物)』

- The wound will take a long time to heal.
- It **takes** two people to make a quarrel.
- You're an idiot! —It **takes** one to know one !

Anyone can be passionate, but it **takes** real lovers to be silly. — Rose Franken

it takes ... to do sth.
某事需要...

- **It takes** stamina **to be** a long-distance runner. 做一名长跑运动员需要耐力。
- **It takes** a lot of courage **to stand** up to the boss. 反抗老板需要很大的勇气。
- **It takes** a lot of patience **to take** care of a disabled child. 照顾一名残疾儿童需要很大的耐心。

❖ **rig up** to make sth. quickly out of whatever you can find 草草做成，草草搭起

- They **rigged up** a shelter using a **sheet** and some branches.
- We managed to **rig up** a shelter for the night. 我们匆匆搭了个棚子过夜。

『make a descent = descend 下降』

- ... before pot-holers can **descend** into a very deep cave. 替换为人做主语

❖ Precautions of this sort are necessary, for it is impossible to foretell the exact nature of the difficulties which will confront the pot-holer.

This sort of precaution **is** necessary, ... 替换 (但Precautions习惯用复数)

『precaution n.预防措施 (常用复数)』

- fire / safety / security / sanitary precautions 防火/安全/保安/卫生预防措施

take precautions 采取预防措施

The government **took precautions** to prevent the spread of the disease.

take measures 采取措施

take effective / drastic measures 采取有效/激烈的措施

『 **confront / face sb.** 面对某人 (摆在面前) 』

- She decided to **confront** him about his lies. 她决定直面他对他的谎言。
- He had to **face** his boss with the bad news. 他不得不面对老板说出坏消息。

be confronted with ... 面临	We are often confronted with difficult decisions in life. 我们在生活中常常面临艰难的决定。
be faced with ... 面临	The company is faced with financial difficulties. 公司面临财务困难。

※ The deepest known cave in the world **is** the Gouffre Berger near Grenoble.

『 **known** adj. 已知的、已发现的; 知名的, 出了名的 』

- little-known 鲜为人知的
- unknown 未知的
- well-known 众所周知的

※ It **extends** to a depth of 3,723 feet.

『 **extend to a depth of ...** 深达... 』

- The platforms **extend to a depth of** over 100 feet under the sea.

rise to a height of ... 高达...	Above the surface of the water, the towers rise to a height of nearly 700 feet.
go down to as much as ... 深达...	The cave goes down to as much as 300 meters. 这个洞穴深达300米。
stand ... high/tall 高度(有多高)	The building stands 150 meters tall . 这座建筑物高达150米。
be ... high/tall 高度(有多高)	The mountain is 8000 meters high . 这座山高达8000米。
be ... deep / in depth 深度(有多深)	The lake is 50 meters deep . 这个湖有50米深。
be ... long / in length 长度(有多长)	The river is 1000 kilometers long . 这条河有1000公里长。

be ... wide / across / in width

宽度(有多宽)

The bridge is 20 meters **wide**. 这座桥有20米宽。

※ This **immense chasm has been formed** by an underground stream which **has tunneled** a course through a flaw in the rocks.

『 **chasm** n.深渊, 峡谷 』

- Chasmal definition is resembling a **chasm**. 峡谷的定义是类似于一个裂口。
- It is more of a **chasm** than a gap. 但这显然是一个鸿沟而不是什么缺口。
- So why the growing **chasm**? 差距为什么越来越大?
- The present gap is really more of a **chasm**. 目前的差距越来越大了。
- The tourists luxuriated in the beauties of the **chasm**. 游客们尽情地享受这个峡谷的美景。

『 **tunnel** n.隧道, 地道 v.开凿隧道, 挖地道 』

- The thieves **tunnelled** under all the security devices. 小偷们在所有的那些安全装置下面都挖了地道。
- He passed down the **tunnel**. 他穿过隧道。
- **The tunnel would be well-ventilated if tall chimneys were built above sea level.**

※ The entrance to the cave is on a plateau in the Dauphine Alps.

『 **plateau** n.高原 』

- **The Qinghai-Xizang Plateau** has long been known as the roof of the world. 青藏高原素有世界屋脊之称。

plain n.平原	In ancient times, there were many lakes on the North China Plain . 历史时期, 华北平原曾经有众多的湖泊。
basin n.盆地、流域	The Tarim basin has special geological and seismic characteristics. 塔里木盆地具有特殊的地震地质特征。
savannah n.热带和亚热带草原	The group rested on the hot savannah under the shade of the tree. 这群人就在热带草原的树荫下休息。
prairie n. (北美的) 大草原	But winters on the prairie can still get pretty harsh today. 而草原上的冬天现在依旧是很严寒。
grassland n.草原; 牧草地	In the distance is a stretch of grassland . 远处是连绵一片的草原。

※ * The cave **might** never **have been discovered** **had** not the entrance **been spotted** by the distinguished French pot-holer, Berger.

The cave might never have been discovered 主句	had not the entrance been spotted by the distinguished French pot-holer, Berger.
	条件状语从句（因为had 被提前“if”被省略了）与过去事实相反的虚拟
	if the entrance had not been spotted by the distinguished French pot-holer, Berger.

『 If + S. + **did / were**, S. + **would / should / could / might + do** 与现在的事实相反 』

- 'Young man,' she answered, 'if you ate more and talked less, we would both enjoy our dinner!'
- The tunnel would be well-ventilated if tall chimneys were built above sea level.

If + S. + had done , S. + would / should / could / might + have done 与过去事实相反	If there had not been a hard layer of rock beneath the soil, they would have completed the job in a few hours.
If + S. + should do , S.+ would / should / could / might + do 与未来趋势相反	If it should have rained, we would have stayed at home.
If + S.+ did / were to do , S.+ would / should / could / might + do 与未来趋势相反	If I were to live my life over again, I would have you as my wife.

『 当 were、had 做助动词时、should 放到句首即可倒装并去掉“if” 仅用于正式场合的演讲与作文中 』

- If I were you, I would go abroad at once. → **Were** I you, I would go abroad at once.
- If you had come here a little earlier just now, you might have met her. → **Had** you come here a little earlier just now, you might have met her.
- If it should rain tomorrow, you could stay at home. → **Should** it rain tomorrow, you could stay at home.
- If the sun were to rise in the west, I would lend you the money. → **Were** the sun to rise in the west, I would lend you the money.

※ Since its discovery, it **has become** a sort of potholers' Everest.

『 a sort / kind of ... 好像是...、貌似... 』

- We sometimes imagine a desert island to be **a sort of paradise** where the sun always shines.
- In spite of this, the Italians regarded him as **a sort of hero**.

Since its discovery, it has become, **as it were**, the pot-holer's Everest. 替换

Since its discovery, it has become, **so to speak**, the pot-holer's Everest.

as it were 好像 是	They will be able, as it were , to see and hear us in action.
so to speak 可 以说、好像是	It is said that the nerve poison is the more primitive of the two, that the blood poison is, so to speak , a newer product from an improved formula.

※ **Though a number of descents have been made, much of it still remains to be explored.**

『 remain to be done 有待于.. 』

- Several problems **remain to be settled**.
- It **remains to be seen** how many senior citizens will actually benefit from this new plan.

探索洞穴的过程 难度：3 级

※ **A team of pot-holers** recently **went** down the Gouffre Berger.

『 A team of 一支团队 』

- It was the last day of the year and **a large crowd of people** had gathered under the Town Hall clock.
- Now **a group of enthusiasts** are going to have the plane restored.
- Armed with the new machine, **a search party** went into the cave hoping to find buried treasure.

※ After entering the narrow gap on the plateau, they climbed down the steep sides of the cave until they came to narrow corridor.

『 narrow adj. 狭窄的, 狭小的 』

- the **narrow gap** 狭窄的縫隙

- the **narrow** corridor 狭窄的通道、走廊
- The curriculum was too **narrow** and too rigid. 课程设置过于狭窄和死板。

❖ They had to **edge their way** along this, sometimes **wading** across shallow streams, or **swimming** across deep pools.

『 **edge one's way** 侧着身子走 』

- He **edged** his **way** through the crowded room. 他小心翼翼地挤过拥挤的房间。

squeeze one's way 挤过去	She had to squeeze her way through the crowded hallway. 她不得不挤过拥挤的走廊。
squeeze through ...	Squeezing through a cleft in the rocks, the pot-holers arrived at an enormous cavern, the size of a huge concert hall.
squeeze in ...	We can squeeze in one more chair at the table. 我们可以在桌子旁再挤一把椅子。
squeeze past ...	She squeezed past the people blocking the exit. 她挤过挡在出口的人群。
squeeze by ...	I had to squeeze by the boxes to get to the door. 我不得不挤过这些箱子才能到门口。

『 **动词 + one's way** 』

make one's way 前进, 前行	The hospital had been bombed and Hans had made his way back into Western Germany on foot.
find one's way (人)找到...路、(物)到达某地	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very few of the fifty pence pieces and pound coins I have given him have found their way there. • They had mysteriously found their way there from the wine cellar!
trace one's way 沿着...路(找到路)	We expected the path to end abruptly, but we found that it traced its way through the trees.
weave one's way 迂回前进(穿行)	The cyclist wove his way through the heavy traffic. 骑自行车的人在繁忙的交通中穿行。
wind one's way 蜿蜒	The river winds its way through the valley. 这条河蜿蜒穿过山谷。

force one's way 强行挤过	He forced his way through the crowd to get to the front. 他强行挤过人群到前面。
elbow one's way 用胳膊肘挤过	She elbowed her way to the front of the line. 她用胳膊肘挤到队伍的前面。
Feel one's way 摸索着前进	She felt her way through the dark room. 小心翼翼地摸索着前进。
Lost one's way 迷路	He lost his way while hiking in the dense forest. 在茂密的森林中迷路了。
tunnel one's way 拼命挤着前进	He tunneled his way through the crowded market. 她费力地在人群中穿行。

※ Suddenly they **came** to a waterfall which **dropped** into an underground lake at the bottom of the cave.

Suddenly they came to a waterfall **and the waterfall** dropped into an underground lake at the bottom of the cave. 翻译、理解时按“啰嗦”的并列处理

※ They **plunged** into the lake, **and** after loading their gear on an inflatable rubber dinghy, let the current carry them to the other side.

『 **plunge into ...** “扑通”一声纵身跃入水中 』

- The order to abandon ship was given and hundreds of people **plunged into** the icy water.

※ To protect themselves from the icy water, they had to wear special rubber suits.

To navigate through the dense jungle, they had to rely on machetes to clear a path. 为了在茂密的丛林中穿行，他们不得不依靠砍刀开路。

※ At the far end of the lake, they came to huge piles of rubble which had been washed up by the water.

『 **rubble** n.瓦砾，碎石(不可数) 』

- Brick rubble is useful as the base for paths and patios. 碎砖可用作道路和天井的基石。
- The bomb reduced the houses to rubble. 炸弹把那片房子炸成了一堆瓦砾。

『 washed up 被冲上岸 』

- Thousands of herring and crab are **washed up** on the beaches during every storm. 成千上万的鲱鱼和螃蟹每逢暴风雨都会被冲上岸。

※ In this part of the cave, they could hear an insistent booming sound which they found was caused by a small waterspout shooting down into a pool from the roof of the cave.

『 双重定语从句 (嵌入式定语从句) 』

- She has an adopted son **who she says** is an orphan. 她有一个养子，这个养子据她讲是个孤儿。
- Aleko suddenly acquired a new lamb **which he claimed** was bought. Aleko突然得到了一只新的羊羔，这只羊羔他声称是买来的。

嵌入定语从句 影响句子的意思	插入语 去掉后不影响句子的意思
He's just published an article which I don't think is interesting at all.	He's just published an article that I don't think is interesting at all.
I met a man whom I thought was a lunatic.	I met a man whom I thought was a lunatic.

※ Squeezing through a cleft in the rocks, the pot-holers **arrived at an enormous cavern, the size of a huge concert hall.**

『 the size of 相当于...的面积 』

- The new planet is about ten times **the size of** the earth. 这个新发现的行星大约是地球大小的10倍。
- The largest asteroid is Ceres, which is about a quarter **the size of** the moon. 最大的小行星是谷神星，其体积大约是月球的四分之一。

※ After switching on powerful arc lights, they **saw great stalagmites — some of them over forty feet high — rising up like tree-trunks to meet the stalactites suspended from the roof.**

... — some of them **being** over forty feet high — ...

switch on ⇔ sth. 打开	switch off ⇔ sth. 关掉
He switched on the lights when it got dark. 当天黑时，他打开了灯。	Don't forget to switch off the stove after cooking. 煮饭后别忘了关闭炉子。

造句：After switching on the light, I saw sparkling diamonds —some of them as big as marbles— contained in a small black box. 在打开灯之后，我看到在一个小黑盒子里面装着闪闪发光的钻石，其中有些有玻璃球那么大。

※ Round about, piles of limestone glistened in all the colours of the rainbow.

『glisten in 闪耀在...里』

- Dewdrops **glisten in** the morning sun. 露珠在晨光下闪闪发光。

※ In the eerie silence of the cavern, the only sound that could be heard was made by water which dripped continuously from the high dome above them.

造句：In the eerie silence of the house, the only sound that could be heard was made by wind which blew continuously from a broken window. 在这栋房子可怕的寂静中，唯一能听到的声音就是从一扇打碎的窗子不断吹进的风声。



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- A、consistent B、persistent C、resistant D、insistent

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- A、 could lose B、 would have lost C、 might lose
D、 ought to have lost

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