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Lesson 9 Royal espionage

王室谍报活动 并列句 隐喻 比较级

与课文关联的 27 个单词(点击每个单词可查看详细介绍)



espionage /'espjənə:dʒ/

n. 间谍活动

Alfred /'ælfri:d/

n. (849-899) 公元871-899年间任英国国王

Danish /'deɪnɪʃ/

adj. 丹麦的，丹麦人的，丹麦语的

minstrel /'mɪnstrel/

n. 中世纪的吟游歌手

wandering /'wɒndərɪŋ/

adj. 漫游的

harp /hɑ:p/n. 竖琴

ballad /'bæləd/n. 民歌

acrobatic /,ækroʊ'bætɪk/

adj. 杂技的

Chippenham /'tʃɪpən'hæm/

n. 切本哈姆（英国一城市）

assail /ə'seɪl/v. 袭击

Dane /deɪn/n. 丹麦人

conjuring /'kɒndʒərɪŋ/n. 魔术

Athelney /ə'ti:ni:/

n. 阿塞尔纳（英国一个小岛）

slack /slæk/adj. 涣散的

conqueror /'kɒŋkərə(r)/

n. 征服者

casual /'kæʒuəl/

adj. 马虎的，随便的

precaution /prɪ'kɔ:ʃ(ə)n/

n. 预防，警惕

proceeds /'prəʊsi:dz/n. 所得

assemble /ə'semb(ə)l/v. 集合

trivial /'trɪviəl/adj. 微不足道的

prolonged /prə'lɒŋd/adj. 持久的

commissariat /,kɒmɪ'seəriət/

n. 军粮供应

episode /'epɪsəʊd/

n. 一个事件，片断

epic /'epɪk/n. 史诗

harry /'hæri/v. 骚扰

thither /'ðiðə(r)/adv. 向那里

skirmish /'skɜ:mɪʃ/n. 小规模战斗

起因 难度：5 级

※ Royal espionage

『 **Royal** 王室；皇家的 』

- The ceremony took place at **the royal palace**. 王宫
- He joined **the Royal Air Force / Navy**.
- She was dressed in a **royal** blue gown. 高贵的

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| royalty 皇室；版税 | a shop patronized by royalty 皇室光顾的商店 |
| loyal 忠诚的，忠心的 | He is a loyal friend. |
| loyalty 忠诚；忠心 | His loyalty to the company was unquestionable. |

※ Alfred the Great acted as his own spy, visiting Danish camps disguised as a minstrel.

『 **Name + the Great** 历史人名+称谓/外号等（历史人物） 』

- **Alfred the Great** is the only ruler to resist Danish invaders successfully.
- **Peter the Great** modernized Russia in the 17th century.
- **Alexander the Great** ruled over a large empire. 亚历山大大帝统治着一个大帝国。
- The scene in question involves Lucius Cornelius Sulla, a brilliant general who was of the generation just before **the great Caesar**. 刚刚提到的场景里有一个卓越的将军苏拉，他是伟大的凯撒大帝的前辈。
- **Catherine the Great** was a patron of the arts and sciences. 凯瑟琳大帝是艺术和科学的赞助人。
- **Richard the Lion-hearted** was a famous English king.
- **George the Fifth** was the monarch of the United Kingdom from 1910 until his death in 1936.
- **William the Conqueror** invaded Britain in A. D. 1066. 威廉征服者于公元1066年入侵英国。
- Jaime Lannister, also known as **the Kingslayer**, is a knight from House Lannister. 《权力的游戏》 Game of Thrones

『 **act as** 1. (临时) 担任某工作； 2. 当做...来用 』

- My brother speaks French—he can **act as** interpreter. 他可以担任口译员
- This piece of cloth can **act as** a temporary sail. 这块布可以当做临时的船帆来用

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| serve as 当做...来用 | Not all sounds made by animals serve as language ... 并非所有动物发出的声音都可作为语言, ... |
| function as 当做...来用 | A typical PDA can function as a mobile phone and a personal organizer. 一部典型的个人数字助理可以兼具手机和个人记事簿功能。 |

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| be used as 当 做...来用 | The school was used as a hospital for the duration of the war. 战争期间这所学校被用作医院。 |
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『 **disguise A as B** 把...装扮成... 』

- The king **disguised himself as** a peasant. 国王将自己装扮成一个农民
- He escaped across the border **disguised as** a priest. 他装扮成牧师逃离了边境

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| dress (sb.) up as... 把... 装扮成... | The king dressed (himself) up as a peasant. 国王将自己装扮成一个农民 |
| dressed up as... 装扮成... 的 | Alfred the Great acted as his own spy, visiting Danish camps dressed up as a minstrel. 替换 |
| dressed up as... 装扮成... 的 | ...two students dressed up as workmen were tearing up the road with a pneumatic drill. |

※ **In those days** wandering minstrels **were welcome** everywhere.

『 **in those days** 想当初；在那个年代 』

- **In those days**, boxers fought with bare fists for prize money. 想当初
- **In those days** we often went to dig for wild vegetables. 在那个年代
- Though **in those days**, traveling was not as easy as it is today, steam boats carried thousands of visitors across the Channel from Europe.

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| these days 当 今 | These days , people who do manual work often receive far more money than people who work in offices. |
| Nowadays 现如 今 | Nowadays , online learning is becoming more popular. |
| Today 如今 | Today , environmental protection is a global concern. |

※ They **were** not **fighting men**, **and** their harp **was** their passport. 暗喻

『 **passport** 护照，通行证；手段 』

- Do you have a valid British **passport**? 护照
- A good education can be a **passport** to success. 通行证/手段
- Patience and hard work are the **passport** to mastery. 手段

visa 签证

He applied for a student **visa**. 学生签证

※ Metaphor 暗喻;没有比喻词(like、 as ...)

『 1、喻体直陈式 直接陈述喻体是什么 』

- College is a **comma** of a sentence of life.
- She was an **angel** of a wife.
- Their harp was their **passport**.

『 2、喻体全隐式 做比喻、喻体不出现，但读者却知道比喻的喻体是什么；因为往往用动词表现喻体的特征，读者能猜测到是什么 』

- As the time and cost of making a chip drop to a few days and a few hundred dollars, engineers may soon be free to **let their imaginations soar** without being penalized by expensive failures.
- Some books are to be **tasted**, others to be **swallowed** and some few to be **chewed** and **digested**. — Sir Francis Bacon

『 3、喻体半隐式 喻体是通过动词表现出来的、动词的名词形式就是喻体 』

- From every window heads were **craning** for a view of it. 用动词表名词
- He doesn't have an idea of his own. He just **parrots** what other people say.
- A heavy silence **blanketed** the room.
- They **stormed** the speaker with questions.
- I would argue that although it may be a benefit to study classics and be well schooled in diverse disciplines, these pursuits merely refine and **hone** an ability each and every person has, the ability to study human nature. (GRE Issue Model Essay)

※ Alfred **had learned** many of their ballads in his youth **and** could vary his programme with acrobatic tricks and simple conjuring.

『 in one's youth 在某人年轻的时候 』

- The heroine, a dear old lady who had always been so kind to everybody, had, **in her youth**, poisoned every one of her five husbands.
- I live in that solitude which is painful **in youth**, but delicious in the years of maturity.
- He was a very good football player **in his youth**.

in one's childhood 在某人
的童年时期

She spent most of her time reading books **in her childhood**. 她把
大部分童年时间都花在阅读书籍上。

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| in one's early years 在某人早年的时候 | He showed exceptional musical talent in his early years . 他在年幼时就表现出了非凡的音乐天赋。 |
| in one's adolescence 在某人的青春期 | Changes in hormones and mood swings are common in adolescence . 荷尔蒙变化和情绪波动在青春期是很常见的。 |
| in one's middle age 在某人的中年时期 | Many people start focusing on their health more seriously in middle age . 许多人开始在中年时期更认真地关注自己的健康。 |
| in one's old age 在某人的老年时期 | He wrote his best novels in his old age , defying all expectations. 他在老年时期写出了他最好的小说，打破了所有的预期。 |

『 **vary** vt. 改变；使多样化 To obtain the nutrients you need, vary the foods you eat. 』

- To obtain the nutrients you need, **vary the foods** you eat. 使食物多样化
- The costs **vary** depending on the location. 费用有所不同
- The doctor advised her to **vary her diet**. 使她的饮食多样化。

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| add variety to... 增加... 的多样性 | You should add variety to your exercise routine. |
| diversify 使多样化 | The company plans to diversify its investments. |
| add color / spice to... 增添色彩/趣味 | This invariably wins them the love and respect of others, for they add color to the dull routine of everyday life . |

进度 难度：4 级

※ While Alfred's little army slowly **began** to gather at Athelney, the king himself **set out to penetrate** the camp of Guthrum, the commander of the Danish invaders.

『 **little** adj. trivial; insignificant 微不足道的 』

- She complained about every **little** problem.
- The error was so **little** that it was ignored.
- He paid **little** attention to the warning.

『 **gather** v. assemble; collect; mass; congregate ... 聚集；收集；集合 』

- A large crowd began to **gather** in the square. 聚集

- She was trying to **gather** information for her report. 收集
- The whole family **gathered** for Christmas. 集合

『 **set out to do** 开始做...; 有意做某事 』

- Dimitri at once **set out to find** the thief.
- The journalist immediately **set out to obtain** these important facts, but he took a long time to send them.
- True eccentrics never deliberately **set out to draw** attention to themselves. 从未故意打算吸引
- We never **set out to hurt** you, Victor. And I'm sorry we did. Are you done? Yeah. 从未有意要伤害

『 **penetrate (into / through)** 进入、穿过 (尤其表示费力、有抵抗力的情况下) 』

- Our troops have **penetrated (into) enemy territory**. 我们的部队已进入敌方领土。

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| trespass on 非法进入 | I accused him of trespassing on my estate. 非法进入 |
| Trespassers 闯入者 | Trespassers will be prosecuted . 闯入者将被起诉。 |

『 **Guthrum** 丹麦人的国王古特仑 (历史人物) Danish king, he was forced to accept baptism after being defeated by Alfred. 』

- **Guthrum** was the commander of the Danish invaders.
- Alfred defeated **Guthrum** and forced him to accept baptism.
- The Treaty of Wedmore established boundaries between Alfred's kingdom and **Guthrum's** territory.

※ These **had settled down** for the winter at Chippenham: thither Alfred **went**.

『 **settle down** 定居下来、安顿下来; 安静下来 』

- They'd like to see their daughter **settle down**, get married and have kids.
- After a long journey, we finally **settled down** in our new apartment.
- The children **settled down** to watch the film.
- He **had hardly had time to settle down** when he sold the house and left the country.

※ He **noticed at once** that discipline **was** slack: the Danes **had** the self-confidence of conquerors, **and** their security precautions **were** casual.

『 **Discipline is slack / loose / lax** 纪律松懈 』

- The manager warned that **discipline was slack** in the department.
- The school enforced stricter rules because the **discipline was loose**.
- **Lax discipline** led to many mistakes.

『 **precautions** 防范措施 』

- What are Universal **Precautions**? 什么是普遍预防措施?
- **Precautions** before mining a website. 挖掘网站之前的注意事项。
- What **precautions** should we take? 以及我们应该对此做些什么准备呢?

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| security precautions 安保措施 | Their security precautions 安保措施 were casual. |
| safety precautions 安全防范措施 | Always follow safety precautions 安全防范措施 when using power tools. |
| fire precautions 防火措施 | The building must meet all fire precautions 防火措施 regulations. |
| sanitary precautions 卫生保健措施 | Take necessary sanitary precautions 卫生保健措施 when preparing food. |

『 **casual** adj. slack; careless; inattentive 松懈的; 马虎的; 不经意的 』

- His manner was very **casual** about the important meeting. 态度松懈
- The students were **casual** about their deadlines. 不在意
- The security checks were surprisingly **casual**. 安保检查出人意料地马虎

※ They **lived** well, on the proceeds of raids on neighbouring regions.

『 **live by doing** 靠(通过)某种职业为生 』

- He **lives by writing**. 他靠写作谋生
- He **lives by sewing**. 他靠缝纫为生
- **The nomads who made these markings lived by hunting and fishing** during the last Ice Age... 靠狩猎和捕鱼为生

『 **live on sth.** 靠(依赖)某种食物或生活来源为生 (指人) 』

- He lives on meat and milk. 靠某种食物为生
- He lives on salary. 靠生活来源为生
- He still **lives on his parents** despite having a job. 啃老

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| feed on sth. 动物以...为主食 | Cows feed on hay . 牛以干草为主食 |
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prey on sth. 肉食性动物以别的动物为食

Owls **prey on mice.** 猫头鹰捕食老鼠

『 **proceeds** 做某事或卖某事的收益 the money that is obtained from doing sth. or selling sth. 』

- The **proceeds of the concert** will go to charity. 音乐会的收益
- The family received the **proceeds from the sale** of the house. 出售的收益

proceeds of / from sth.
做某事或卖某事的收益

We will not receive any **proceeds from** the sale of shares by the selling Stockholders. 公司将不会获得售股股东出售股份得到的任何收入。

『 **raid on** 对...的抢劫/突袭 』

- The police carried out a **raid on the jeweler's shop.** 对珠宝店的抢劫
- They launched an air **raid on the military base.** 对军事基地的空袭
- The soldiers conducted a surprise **raid on the camp.** 对营地的突袭

『 **neighboring** adj. nearby 临近的 』

- The two countries are **neighboring** states. 这两个国家是临近的
- They often visit the **neighboring regions.** 临近地区
- She borrowed a cup of sugar from her **neighboring** flat. 临近的

※ There they collected women as well as food and drink, and a life of ease had made them soft.

『 **as well as...** 除了...之外还... (强调前者) 』

- She speaks French **as well as** Spanish. 除了...之外还有...
- He's got plenty of brains **as well as** brawn. 他四肢发达，头脑也不简单。
- This year numerous bands are playing, **as well as** comedy acts. 今年有许多乐队在表演，也有喜剧节目。

in addition to... 除了...之外还...

There they collected women **in addition to** food and drink.

besides... 除了...之外还...

There they collected women **besides** food and drink.

along with... 除了...之外还...

There they collected women **along with** food and drink.

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| together with... 除了...之外还... | There they collected women together with food and drink. |
| aside from... 除了...之外还... | There they collected women aside from food and drink. |
| apart from... 除了...之外还... | There they collected women apart from food and drink. |
| not only... but also... 不仅...而且... (强调后者) | There they collected not only food and drink but also women. |

『 **soft** adj. If you are soft on someone, you do not treat them as strictly or severely as you should. 软弱可欺; 心慈手软的

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- If you appear to be **soft**, people will take advantage of you. 如果你显得软弱可欺
- The army had become **soft** after years of peace. 军队已经变得软弱
- Don't go **soft** on them; they deserve the punishment. 不要变软弱

进入敌营 难度: 6 级

※ Alfred **stayed** in the camp a week **before** he **returned** to Athelney.

『 **before** 的译法: 然后; 才; 就 』

- It will be a long time **before** we meet again. (强调主句时间长) adv. 才
- ...the bell struck thirteen times **before** it stopped. (强调主句时间长) adv. 才
- I hadn't waited long **before** he came. (强调主句时间短) 就
- I shaved **before** I went to the party. (连词) 然后
- ..., but I decided to disembark **before** I bought anything. (连词) 然后
- ..., but I decided to disembark **before** **buying** anything. (介词) 然后

※ The force there **assembled** was trivial **compared** with the Danish horde.

『 **assembled / gathered / massed** 聚集的 (作后置定语) 』

- The force there **assembled** was trivial... 聚集的军队
- The information **gathered** was crucial to the investigation. 收集到的信息
- The crowd **massed** outside the building was enormous. 聚集的人群

The force (which was) **assembled / gathered / massed** there **was** trivial ...

『 **compared to / with...** 与...相比 』

- The force there assembled was trivial **compared with** the Danish horde.
- The room was light and lofty compared to the basement. 这个房间与地下室比起来更亮更高。
- I was at a disadvantage compared to the younger members of the team. 与队里较年轻的队员相比，我处于不利地位。

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| in / by contrast to / with... 与...相比 | In contrast with his previous work, this film is much darker. |
| in / by comparison to / with... 与...相比 | His salary is low by comparison with other managers. |

※ But Alfred **had deduced** that the Danes **were no longer fit for prolonged battle**; and that their **commissariat had no organization, but depended on irregular raids**.

『 **be fit for... / to do...** 适合做某事 (达到好的标准) 』

- The food is **fit for human consumption**. 食物适合人类食用
- **Chickens slaughtered in the United States, claim officials in Brussels, are not fit to grace European tables**. 不适合摆上欧洲餐桌
- He is **fit for the job**. 他适合这份工作

『 **no... but...** 不是...而是... 』

- Their commissariat had **no** organization, **but** depended on irregular raids.
- There was **no** one in the room **but** me. 房间里除了...之外没有别人
- He is **no** musician **but** a composer. 他不是一个演奏者，而是一个作曲家

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| not... but... 不是...而是... | The problem is not the cost but the time. 不是...而是 |
| not that..., but that... 不是因为...而是因为... | Not that I love Caesar less, but that I love Rome more. 不是我爱凯撒少，而是我爱罗马多 |

知己知彼 难度：7级

❖ So, faced with the Danish advance, Alfred did not risk open battle but harried the enemy.

『 be faced with 面对着 』

- She is **faced with** a difficult decision.
- We must be prepared to be **faced with** unexpected challenges.

be confronted with 面临着

The company **was suddenly confronted with** a financial crisis.

『 risk sth. / doing 冒着...的风险 』

- They **risked their lives** to save the trapped climbers. 他们冒着生命危险
- We couldn't **risk being caught in a storm.** 冒着被暴风雨困住的风险
- You should never **risk your health** for money.

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| instead of... 代替；而不是 | Alfred harried the enemy instead of risking open battle. 而不是冒着公开战斗的风险 |
| in preference to... 优先于；而不是 | Alfred harried the enemy in preference to risking open battle. 而不是冒着公开战斗的风险 |
| in place of... 代替；而不是 | Alfred harried the enemy in place of risking open battle. 而不是冒着公开战斗的风险 |
| rather than... (副词短语) 而不是 | Alfred harried the enemy rather than risked open battle. 而不是冒着公开战斗的风险 |
| rather than... (连接相同结构) 而不是 | She telephoned rather than wrote. 她打了电话而不是写信 |
| rather than... (连接相同结构) 而不是 | He is to be pitied rather than to be disliked. 他值得同情而不是被讨厌 |

❖ He **was** constantly on the move, drawing the Danes after him.

『 on the + noun 处于某种状态 』

on the move 在移动中；忙碌

He was constantly **on the move.** 他不断地在移动中

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| on the alert 警惕着 | The dog is on the alert . 狗警惕着 |
| on the go 忙碌着 | He is always on the go . 他总是忙碌着 |
| on the recovery 正在康复中 | The patient is on the recovery . 病人正在康复中 |
| on the rise 在上升 | Crimes are on the rise . 犯罪正在上升 |

『 **on + noun** (没有"the") 处于某种状态 』

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| on display 展出 | ...examples of modern sculpture on display in public places. |
| on sale 出售 | The house is on sale . 房子在出售 |
| on strike 罢工 | The workers are on strike . 工人在罢工 |
| on vacation 度假 | I'm here on vacation . 我在这里度假 |
| on business 出差 | I'm here on business . 我在这里出差 |
| on call 随时待命 | The nurse is on call 24 hours a day. 护士随时待命 |

※ His patrols **halted** the raiding parties: hunger assailed the Danish army.

『 **party** 一群人; 一队人 』

- The only regular visitors to the monastery in winter are **parties of skiers** who go there at Christmas and Easter.
- The mountain rescue team organized a **search party**. 搜寻队
- A **rescue party** was immediately dispatched to the scene.

『 **无灵主语** 高级写作 (非人称事物作主语) 』

The Danish army suffered from hunger. 普通写法

- **Panic** seized me. 恐慌攫住了
- **Curiosity** swallowed him. 好奇心吞噬了
- **Confidence** deserted him. 信心离开了
- **That night sleep** eluded me. 睡眠躲避了
- **Sunset** met them halfway. 日落遇到了

- The past few years witnessed the great influx of foreigners to China, for travelling, studies or business. 过去几年见证了

※ Now Alfred began a long series of skirmishes -- and within a month the Danes had surrendered.

『series of 一系列』

- Alfred began a long **series of skirmishes**. 一系列小规模战斗
- The company faced a **series of setbacks** last year. 一系列挫折
- The book is part of a **series of novels**. 一系列小说

※ The episode could reasonably serve as a unique epic of royal espionage!

『reasonably adv. justifiably; legitimately adv. 合理地；相当地；适度地』

- The cost is **reasonably** low. 费用相当地
- We must act **reasonably** in this situation. 我们必须合理地行动
- The judge made a **reasonably** fair decision. 法官做出了合理的

『be unique to... / be peculiar to... 对...来说是独一无二的；是...独有的』

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| be unique to... 对...来说是独一无二的 | Each set of genes is unique to the individual . 对个体来说是独一无二的 |
| be peculiar to... 是...独有的 | Pandas are peculiar to China . 熊猫是中国独有的 |



The ball is in your court

该你采取行动了

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