

Lesson 4

1. 圖解詞語

1. theme

the theme of	theme (n.)	theme music/song 主題曲
on the theme of		theme park 主題樂園

- 1) A theme is a main idea that an event such as a cultural holiday or celebration may express.

例句：The theme of the Christmas party that night was the legend of Santa Claus bringing gifts to children on Christmas Eve.

- 2) A theme may also be the central idea in a piece of writing, such as a paragraph, essay, or book.

例句：The theme of this book is Chinese politics in the early part of the 20th century.”

例句：He gave a talk on the theme of teenage smoking.

- 3) theme of the activity/party– The theme of the activity is the main idea that an activity (or a party) promotes. A club may hold a costume party, for example, and the theme of the party could be “sports.”

例句：The people who came to the party all dressed like baseball players, cheerleaders or referees because sports was the theme of the party.

2. lotus flower (n.) – A lotus flower is a beautiful flower with large, graceful, white petals which is often used in Asian religious ceremonies, or as decorations for a woman’s hair, or as an ornament on a dish of fancy food.

lotus seed 蓮子		lotus flower 蓮花
lotus rhizome/rootstalk 蓮藕	lotus (n.)	lotus field 蓮田

例句：Did you notice the beautiful lotus flower on the altar at the Buddhist temple we

visited yesterday?

例句：The girls at the party all wore a few lotus flower petals in their hair.

3. symbol (n.) – A symbol is a sign that points to a meaning larger than itself. In English, we put an object after the term “symbol of.” For example, the lotus is a symbol/sign of purity and self-respect.

a symbol of		symbolism (n.)
	symbol (n.)	to symbolize (v.)
		symbolic (adj)

例句：A round black circle with an ‘x’ across the drawing of a cigarette is a symbol that smoking is not allowed.

例句：A young man may give his girlfriend a bouquet of roses as a symbol of his tender feelings for her.

例句：The medal the soldier won in the war is a symbol of his courage.

例句：The trophy my friend won in the race is a symbol of his success as an athlete.

例句：For many people cars symbolize personal freedom.

例句：Religious symbolism is often found in western paintings.

例句：The skull in the picture is symbolic of death.

4. purity (n.) – Purity is a condition of innocence or cleanliness.

		purify (v)
	purity (n.)	pure (adj.)

例句：Buddhist and Catholic Sisters often wear long white robes to emphasize their respect for “spiritual purity.”

例句：Tap water is never chemically pure.

例句：Plants help to purify the air.

5. self-respect (n.)- Self-respect is the emotion of feeling satisfied or happy about oneself or one's talents.

self-conscious (adj.)		self-pity (n.)
self-centered (adj.)	self-respect (n.)	self-esteem (n.)
self-evident (adj.)		self-control (n.)

例句：It is easy to feel a sense of self-respect when we get good grades in school.

例句：Knowing they were watching me made me feel self-conscious.

例句：He is suffering from depression and low self-esteem and has lost self-confidence.

6. homework (n.) – Homework is intellectual work that teachers ask students to do outside of class. Homework may also be used in a broad sense, and may then mean a task for which a person carefully prepares.

for homework		to do one's/the homework (v. ph.)
Homework on	homework (n.)	to hand in one's/the homework

例句：Jack showed by his words at the meeting that he had really done his homework the previous night.

例句：We had to write out one of the exercises for homework.

例句：I've got some homework to do on the Industrial Revolution.

7. ingredient (n.) – An ingredient is a part of a whole.

ingredient for		
Ingredient in	ingredient (n.)	

例句：Hard work is one of the ingredients for success in school.

例句： This recipe for chocolate cake requires lemon juice as an ingredient.

例句： Tolerance is an essential ingredient for a happy marriage.

例句： Individualism has been the secret ingredient in developing his chain of fashion stores.

8. cuisine (n.) – A cuisine is a particular kind of food, usually associated by nationality or culture.

To offer [mod.] cuisine		local/regional cuisine (n.ph.)
To serve [mod.] cuisine	cuisine (n.)	traditional/nouvelle cuisine (n.ph.)
		French/Chinese cuisine (n.ph.)

例句： That restaurant across the street is famous for its authentic Italian cuisine.

例句： The hotel has a large dining room serving superb local cuisine.

9. stem (n.) – A stem is the long, often slender bottom part of a plant, flower, or other object.

stem cell (幹細胞)		stem (v.) to stop (something from spreading)
the base of the stem	stem (n.)	stem (v.) to take origin; to be caused by something

例句： Both the petals and stem of this flower are very delicate. (stem used as a noun)

例句： Many of her problems stem from her family. (stem used as a verb)

例句： To stem your tears, try to breathe deeply. [stem used as a verb]

例句： Cut half an inch off the base of the stem.

10. classical (adj.) – Classical may link an object or person to a previous historical period, usually a hundred or more years in the past.

classical music		classic (adj.)
classical mythology	classical (adj.)	classic (n)
classical Arabic		

例句：She likes current pop music, but especially enjoys classical music.

classic (adj): a classic song/book/play/television program is very good and has been popular with a lot of influence for a long time.

Examples of “classic (adj.)”:

A classic suit: when we talk about a classic style, we are talking about its beauty in a simple way and will always be fashionable.

A classic example: completely typical

A classic game: extremely good.

例句：It wasn't a classic game, but we enjoyed it.

例句：Pride and Prejudice is one of the great classics of English literature.

11. breeze (n.) – A breeze is a gentle, sometimes temporary flow of air.

in a/the breeze		breeze (v.) to move casually
to shoot the breeze	breeze (n.)	

例句：We had beautiful weather at the picnic until a soft breeze suddenly turned into a chilly wind and made us uncomfortable.

例句：The curtains fluttered in the night breeze.

例句：She breezed into the room without saying a word.

例句：The students were just standing around shooting the breeze while they waited for the bus to arrive.

12. shooting (n.) – Usually shooting conveys the idea of the firing of a bullet through the barrel of a gun. Here, however, shooting has a much less fearsome meaning because it means the taking of pictures.

to shoot down (v.)		to shoot (v.)
to shoot for (v.)	shooting (n.)	

例句：We're shooting pictures today with his new camera.

例句：A shooting occurred on that street last night, and a man was killed.

例句：He was shot down the minute he walked into the room.

例句：We're shooting for getting there before noon.

