Broadcast News English (Fourth Edition)





Part A 17th Anniversary of 9/11

Vocabulary Preparation

anniversary /ˌænɪ'vɜːsərɪ/	n.	a date on which something special or important
		happened in a previous year 周年纪念
donate /dəu'neɪt/	V.	to give something to a person or an organization in
		order to help them 捐赠;赠予
florist /'florist/	n.	a person who owns or works in a shop/store that
		sells flowers and plants 花商; 花农
memorial /mɪ'mə:rɪəl/	n.	a structure built in order to remind people of a
		famous person or event 纪念碑;纪念馆
paramedic / pærə'medık/	n.	a person whose job is to help people who are sick or
		injured, but who is not a doctor or a nurse 护理人员;
		医务辅助人员
remembrance /rɪ'membrəns/	n.	the act or process of remembering an event in the
		past or a person who is dead 纪念;回忆
ritual /ˈrɪt∫ʊəl/	n.	a series of actions that are always performed in the
		same way 典礼; 仪式
tribute /'trɪbju:t/	n.	an act, a statement or a gift that is intended to show
		your respect or admiration, especially for a dead
		person 悼念; 致敬
unfold /ʌn'fəʊld/	V.	to open to the view 呈现;显露



1. 9/11 Memorial (also known as the 9/11 Memorial & Museum) is a memorial and museum in New York City commemorating the September 11, 2001 attacks. The memorial is located at the World Trade Center site, the former location of the Twin



Towers that were destroyed during the attacks. "9·11" 事件纪念博物馆

- 2. The Pentagon is the building near Washington DC that is the headquarters of the US Department of Defense and the military leaders. 五角大楼(指美国国防部)
- 3. NBC Nightly News (titled as NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt) is the flagship daily evening television news program for NBC News, the news division of the NBC television network in the United States. First aired on August 3, 1970, the program is currently the most watched network newscast in the United States, with an average of 9.3 million viewers, just a few thousand more than its nearest rival, ABC's World News Tonight. Since 2015, the broadcast has been anchored by Lester Holt on weeknights, José Diaz-Balart on Saturday and Kate Snow on Sunday. 美国全国广播 公司晚间新闻
- 4. Lester Holt is an American journalist and news anchor for the weekday edition of *NBC Nightly News* and *Dateline NBC*. On June 18, 2015, Holt was made the permanent anchor of *NBC Nightly News*, making him the first African-American to solo anchor a weekday network nightly newscast. 莱斯特·霍尔特(美国记者)

Exercise 1: Listen to the news report and get the main idea.

What is the main point of the report?

- A. Many people were killed in 2001 during the September 11 attacks.
- **B.** Many people really care about those killed in the September 11 terrorist attacks.
- C. It's meaningful to give a flower to the person who died on their birthday.
- **D.** A woman's special way of memorizing those died in the September 11 terrorist attacks.

Exercise 2: Listen to the news report again and fill in the blanks with the exact words or phrases.

Lester Holt: Finally in our "Inspiring America" report tonight, as our nation comes together to mark the 17th anniversary of 9/11, we meet a woman who <u>1</u> someone close in the attacks and is now helping keep the memory of the fallen alive, not just on this day, but each and every day. A ritual of remembrance...



Liza Yonis: Happy birthday, Angela.

Lester Holt: ... unfolds every day at the 9/11 Memorial in New York. Liza Yonis is 2 a single white rose on the names of victims on their birthday.

Liza Yonis: There isn't one day through the year where there isn't a birthday of a victim.

Lester Holt: How many? How many today?

Liza Yonis: Today there are a total of 11.

Lester Holt: From Angela Haut who worked at the Pentagon, to John Pepé Salerno, a trader and <u>3</u> dad, to Elaine Minor Greenberg, known as the Cool Aunt by her family. Happy birthday. Must be hard not to get <u>4</u>. I find myself... This is heavy.

Liza Yonis: It really is heavy.

Lester Holt: For Liza, it's personal. Her brother, Bobby, was a firefighter in the South Tower on September 11. Remembering his birthday has helped her <u>5</u>.

Lester Holt: There he is. This is your brother?

Liza Yonis: Yes. Not only do I come out here on his birthday, but I come out here on my own very early in the morning. It's just he and I, with a cup of coffee.

- **Lester Holt:** The flowers, all <u>6</u> by Mikey Caleone, a florist, who was a volunteer paramedic on 9/11.
- **Mikey Caleone:** It actually helps me deal with the loss of the people here on that <u>7</u> day, knowing that we've never forgotten and always remember them.

Lester Holt: The roses never go <u>8</u>.

Mikey Caleone: My family and I are deeply touched.

Lester Holt: And families reaching out after discovering the <u>9</u> tribute.

Mikey Caleone: It really tears at my heart and just makes me want to continue what I'm doing.

Lester Holt: A single rose, celebrating those who were lost and who will always be loved. Liza and Mikey are just two of the people <u>10</u> in the birthday roses project. We want to thank them for paying tribute every day on our behalf to these families. That's *Nightly News* for this Tuesday. I'm Lester Holt. We leave you with a moving image captured today from the air—the World Trade Center—on this anniversary of 9/11 towering in the distance above the clouds. Good night, everyone.



Part B A Debate for the Internet Age

Vocabulary Preparation

Citadel /'sitədəl/	n.	a meeting hall of the Salvation Army 救世军会议厅
crush /krʌʃ/	n.	a strong feeling of romantic love for someone,
		especially one that a young person has for someone
		older who they do not know well 爱慕;迷恋
cyberspace /'saibəspeis/	n.	the notional environment in which communication
		over computer networks occurs 网络空间
fair game		the person who is the aim of an attack (especially a
		victim of ridicule or exploitation) by some hostile
		person or influence 可据理加以抨击的对象
freak /fri:k/	V.	to cause to act in a wild and irrational way 使表现
		狂妄; 使失去理智
mock /mpk/	V.	to tease or laugh in a scornful or contemptuous
		manner 嘲笑, 讥笑
pay off		(of a course of action) to yield good results; to
		succeed 取得好结果;成功
presidential /.prezi'den∫əl/	adj.	of a president or presidency 总统的; 总统(职
		位)的
primp /primp/	V.	to spend time making minor adjustments to (one's
		hair, make-up, or clothes) 打扮(整理头发、着装等)
rebuttal /rɪ'bʌtəl/	n.	a refutation or contradiction 反驳, 驳斥
ridicule /'rɪdɪkju:l/	V.	to subject to mockery and derision 嘲笑, 嘲弄
self-anointed /.selfə'nɔıntıd/	adj.	nominated or chosen as leading candidate for a
		position by oneself 自行指定的;自行选定的
sign off		to conclude a letter, broadcast, or other message 结
		束写信、广播等信息
smooth /smu:ð/	adj.	charming in a way that usually persuades people to



takeoff /'teɪk'ɒf/	n.	do things; considered to be oily 圆滑的; 油腔滑调的 the action of becoming air-borne; an act of
		mimicking someone or something 起飞;模仿
über-hip /ˈjuːbəhɪp/	adj.	following the latest fashion, especially in popular
		music and clothes in an extreme way 极为新潮的
unprecedented /An'presidentid/	adj.	never done or known before 史无前例的;前所未
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- Hillary Clinton is the 67th United States Secretary of State, serving in the administration of President Barack Obama. She was a United States Senator from New York from 2001 to 2009. As the wife of Bill Clinton, the 42nd President of the United States, she was the First Lady of the United States from 1993 to 2001. She was a leading candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in the 2008 election. 希拉里·克林顿
- 2. CNN, Cable News Network, is a major US cable news network founded in 1980 by Ted Turner. 美国有线电视新闻网
- 3. South Carolina is a state in the southern region (Deep South) of the United States. It borders Georgia to the south and North Carolina to the north. Columbia is the capital and the largest city. 南卡罗莱纳州
- **4. YouTube** is a video sharing website where users can upload, view and share video clips. YouTube 视频分享网站
- 5. Broadway Theatre, commonly called simply Broadway, refers to theatrical performances presented in one of the 39 large professional theaters with 500 seats or more located in the Theatre District, New York (plus one theatre in Lincoln Center) in Manhattan, New York City. Along with London's West End Theatre, Broadway Theatre is usually considered to represent the highest level of commercial theatre in the English-speaking world. 百老汇
- 6. The Beach Boys is an American rock band. Formed in 1961, the group gained popularity for its close vocal harmonies and lyrics reflecting a Southern California youth culture of cars and surfing. 海滩男孩乐团 (美国冲浪摇滚音乐的经典代表)



- 7. *The Sopranos* is an American television drama series created and produced by David Chase. A major commercial and critical success, it is the most financially successful cable series in the history of television and has frequently been described by critics as one of the greatest television series of all time. 《黑道家族》/《人在江湖》(美国热门警匪系列剧)
- 8. 24/7 is an abbreviation which stands for "24 hours a day, 7 days a week", usually referring to a business or service available at all times without interruption. 全天候提供服务(一天 24 小时,一星期 7 天的缩写)
- **9.** A viral video is a video clip that gains widespread popularity through the process of Internet sharing, typically through email or instant messaging, blogs and other media sharing websites. 病毒视频(通过互联网共享而流行的视频剪辑内容)
- **10.** *I Feel Pretty* is a song in *West Side Story*, a Broadway musical with a book by Arthur Laurents, music by Leonard Bernstein, and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. The musical is based on William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. 歌曲《我觉得我很美丽》
- Rudy Giuliani is an American lawyer, businessman and politician from the state of New York who was Mayor of New York City from 1994 to 2001. Giuliani ran for the Republican Party nomination in the 2008 United States presidential election. 鲁迪·朱 利安尼(1994年至 2001年纽约市市长)
- 12. The G.O.P., or the Grand Old Party refers to the Republican Party, one of the two major contemporary political parties in the United States, along with the Democratic Party. The party supports a conservative and/or center-right platform, with foundations in supply-side fiscal policies, social conservatism, and personal responsibility. 大佬党; (美国)共和党
- **13. John McCain** is the senior United States Senator from Arizona. He was the Republican nominee for president in the 2008 United States election. 约翰 · 麦凯恩
- **14. Mitt Romney** is an American businessman and former Governor of Massachusetts. Romney was a candidate for the Republican nomination in the 2008 United States presidential election. 米特·罗姆尼
- **15.** The Holy Grail (in Christian mythology) was the dish, plate, or cup used by Jesus at the Last Supper, said to possess miraculous powers. Now it is often referred to as a thing which is being earnestly pursued or sought after. 圣杯; (喻)渴望得到的东西



Exercise: Listen to the news report and choose the best answer to each question.



1. What makes tonight's Democratic debate so special?

- A. It is the first online presidential debate.
- **B.** CNN will work with YouTube to broadcast the debate.
- C. Questions for the candidates can be submitted via YouTube.
- **D.** People can use YouTube to vote for the candidates.

2. How did Robert Thompson comment on the online video of Barack Obama?

- A. It is not authorized by his campaign for promotional purpose.
- B. His consultants wouldn't like the image created in the video.
- C. The sexual message in the video is too offensive.
- **D.** It suggests the insulting fact that he is a black man.

3. How do people react to Hillary Clinton's online appeal for campaign song suggestions?

- A. Most of them welcome the appeal.
- **B.** Some challenge it with a musical.
- C. It gets 24 million hits on YouTube.
- **D.** A lot of people sneer at it.

4. Why do many candidates like to have a huge web presence, according to the news?

- A. There are a lot of announcements to make on the web during the campaign.
- **B.** The more frequently they appear on the web, the more money they will raise.
- C. They want to promote the image that they are following the trend of the times.
- **D.** The Internet is more popular than TV today as a means of communication.

5. What can we infer from the report?

- **A.** Politicians would have to spend a lot of time handling any upcoming problems online.
- B. The cyberspace can not only be used by politicians but also use politicians.
- C. Online enthusiasm of the netizens can be translated into votes in the election.
- **D.** The ultimate goal for the politicians to use the Internet is to raise money online.

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Part C The Candidates Assess Each Other

Vocabulary Preparation

carbon copy choke /tʃəʊk/	v.	a copy, especially of something that has been typed using carbon paper; something that is very similar to another thing 副本; 一模一样的东西 to overwhelm and make someone speechless with a strong and typically negative feeling or emotions(因
eloquence /'eləkwəns/	n.	强烈的情感)使哽噎 fluent or persuasive speaking or writing 雄辩;流 利的口才
forge /fɔ:dʒ/	V.	to create 创造,缔造
gallantly /'gæləntlı/	adv.	bravely, heroically 勇敢地,英勇地
get to		to make someone feel annoyed or upset 打动;影响
non-descript /'npndiskript/	adj.	lacking distinctive or interesting features or characteristics 无特征的;毫无个性的
sentimental /.senti'mentəl/	adj.	(of a person) excessively prone to feelings of tenderness, sadness, or nostalgia 多愁善感的
stellar /'stelə(r)/	adj.	of or relating to a star 星似的;星形的
stump speech		a speech made by a politician who is travelling around
		in order to gain political support, or the politician who
		gives this speech 竞选巡回演说
well up		to come up 涌出; 冒出



1. POW is the abbreviation of **prisoner of war**. It is a combatant who is held in continuing custody by an enemy power during or immediately after an armed conflict. 战俘



- 2. Montana is a state of the northwest United States bordering on Canada. Helena is the capital and Billings the largest city.(美国)蒙大拿州
- 3. The Jonas Brothers are an American pop-rock boy band. The band gained their popularity from the Disney Channel children's television network. The band consists of three brothers: Kevin Jonas, Joe Jonas, and Nick Jonas. 乔纳斯兄弟乐队
- Beyoncé is an American singer, songwriter, record producer, dancer and actress. 碧昂斯(美国歌手)

Exercise: Listen to the news report and decide whether the following statements are true or false.

- 1. John McCain's policies have had a great influence on the Bush administration for the last eight years.
- 2. Barack Obama implies that the government should pay attention to the benefits of every citizen while focusing on the economic development of the country.
- 3. John McCain has great respect for Barack Obama's sound judgment although his lack of experience is obviously his greatest weakness.
- 4. Barack Obama and his staff organized a big public celebration on his daughter Malia's birthday because she was born on the National Day of the United States.
- 5. John McCain's greatest weakness is that he is too sentimental and cries regularly.

Part D Journey Through History with David McCullough

Vocabulary Prepa	arat	ion
adultery /ə'dʌltərɪ/	n.	voluntar person a
nuthenticity /.ɔːθen'tɪsətɪ/	n.	spouse ji the quali



glib /glɪb/	adj.	readily fluent, often thoughtlessly, superficially, or insincerely(演讲者或演讲)油腔滑调的;不诚 恳的;未经思考的;肤浅的
glory hound		a person seeking fame, popularity and glory 好大喜功之人;追逐名利的人
hermaphrodite /hɜː'mæfrədaıt/	n.	a person, animal, or flower that has both male and female reproductive organs 两性体; 阴阳人; 雌雄同体
incest /'Insest/	n.	the crime of two members of the same family having sexual intercourse, for example a father and daughter, or a brother and sister 乱伦;近亲通婚
mudslinging /ˈmʌdslɪŋɪŋ/	n.	an attempt to discredit one's competitor, opponent, etc., by malicious or scandalous attacks 揭发隐私
pundit /'pʌndɪt/	n.	a person who knows a lot about a subject and is often asked to give information or opinions about it to the public 权威人士;专家;评论员
punk /pʌŋk/	adj.	poor in quality or condition 没价值的,低劣的
rape /reip/	n.	the crime of forcing someone to have sex, especially
		by using violence 强奸
rhyme /raɪm/	V.	to end with words that have very similar sounds 押 韵; 用韵诗表达
self-indulgent /،selfin'dʌldʒənt/	adj.	tending to indulge one's own desires, etc. 放纵自己的
slander /'sla:ndə(r)/	n.	an untrue statement about someone which is intended to damage their reputation 诽谤;造谣中伤
squabble /ˈskwɒbl/	n.	a petty quarrel (为小事而)争论, 吵嘴
symphony /ˈsɪmfənɪ/	n.	a piece of music written to be played by an orchestra 交响乐,交响曲
tongs /toŋz/	n.	a tool that you use to grip and pick up objects that you do not want to touch, consisting of two long narrow pieces of metal joined together at one end 夹具; 火钳
unconscionable /ʌnˈkɒnʃənəbl/	adj.	not guided by conscience; unscrupulous; unreasonable, excessive 不合理的,过分的;昧着良心的



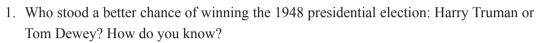
Notes



- 1. David McCullough is an American author, narrator, historian, and lecturer. He has been widely acclaimed as a "master of the art of narrative history". He is twice winner of the Pulitzer Prize. 大卫·麦卡洛(美国知名作家及史学家)
- 2. Harry Truman (1884–1972) was the 33rd President of the United States (1945–1953). As the final running mate of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1944, he succeeded to the presidency on April 12, 1945, when Roosevelt died after months of declining health. 哈里·杜鲁门(美国第 33 任总统)
- 3. Tom Dewey was the 47th governor of New York (1943–1954). In 1944 and 1948, he was the Republican candidate for President, but lost both times. 托马斯·杜威(第47任纽约州州长)
- 4. Saint Louis is an independent city and a major United States port on the eastern line of the state of Missouri. 圣·路易斯(美国第19大城市,密苏里州东部重要港口)
- 5. Thomas Jefferson (1743–1826) was an American Founding Father, the principal author of the *Declaration of Independence* (1776) and the 3rd President of the United States (1801–1809). 托马斯·杰斐逊(美国第三任总统,开国元勋,《独立宣言》的主要起草人)
- 6. John Adams (1735–1826) was the 2nd President of the United States (1797–1801), having earlier served as the first vice president of the United States. 约翰·亚当斯(美国第二任总统)
- 7. The United States Congress is the bicameral legislature of the federal government of the United States, consisting of two houses, the Senate and the House of Representatives. 美国国会
- 8. George Washington (1732–1799) was the first President of the United States (1789–1797), the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War, and one of the Founding Fathers of the United States. 乔治・华盛顿 (美国首任总统)



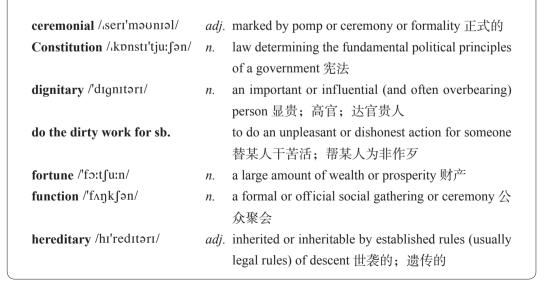
Exercise: Answer the following questions.



- 2. What strategy did Truman use in his campaign to help him win the election? Why did McCullough say "Can you imagine a politician taking that as his approach?"
- 3. Why did McCullough give low marks to both sides in the presidential campaign?
- 4. What was remarkable about the presidential election of 1800 between John Adams and Thomas Jefferson?
- 5. Do you agree with McCullough that George Washington was the greatest president of the United States?

Part E Let's Have a Queen

Vocabulary Preparation





ranch $/r \approx nt f/$ <i>n</i> . farm consi	sting of a large tract of land along with
装模作样	posture as for artistic purposes 摆姿势;



Texas is a state in the south central United States, nicknamed the Lone Star State. Texas is the second largest US state in both area and population. (美国)得克萨斯州

Exercise: Summarize the commentary and give your opinion on the subject.



Part F Projects

Directions: Choose one of the following projects, or design one of your own, concerning the theme of this unit. Finish the project by giving a presentation in class and leading a discussion afterwards.

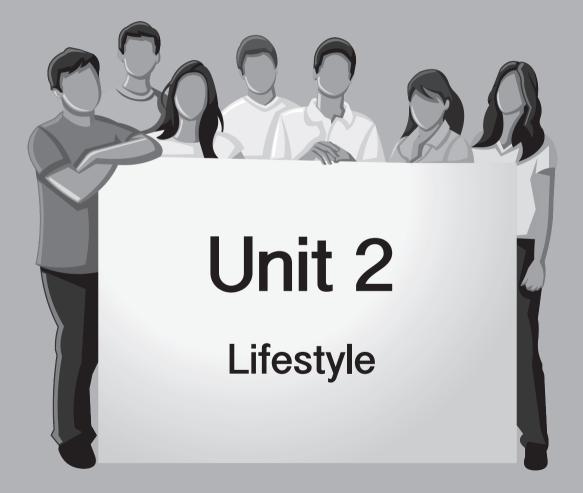
1. Explain how Americans elect their president. You might begin by identifying the powers of the presidency, examining the function of the Electoral College, identifying the role of the two major political parties, and exploring the methods used to promote presidential candidates, etc. Then give your comment on the system. Is it a fair way of electing the president? You may draw information from the 2016 presidential



campaign to illustrate your point.

- 2. There are a multitude of political systems in the world. Three in particular stand out: the presidential system of countries such as the United States; the parliamentary system of countries such as the United Kingdom; and the semi-presidential system of countries such as France, Finland, and Senegal. There are many similarities between these three systems. Each, however, is also unique from each of the others. It is these similarities and contrasts, which will be the topic of your project. Please compare the political system in the US with that in the UK.
- 3. British newspapers are forever making fun of the royal family. And a significant number of Britons are in favor of abolishing the monarchy. Search the Internet and find more information on the history of the British Monarchy. Should the current Queen be the last monarch? Share your opinion with your classmates.

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Part A Age Bank in China

Vocabulary Preparation					
errand /'erənd/ n.	a short journey in order to do something for someone, for example, delivering or collecting something for them 差使; 差事				
log book	an official record of events, especially on a journey in a ship or plane 日志簿;记录簿				
rack up	to get a number or an amount of something, especially a number of points in a competition 累积;累计				
spry /sprai/ adj.	lively, active; vigorous 精力充沛的;充满活力的				





- 1. CBS (Columbia Broadcasting System) is a major radio and television network in the United States. From the beginning of its existence to the present day, CBS has generally been the most watched network in the United States. 哥伦比亚广播公司
- 2. The two-step is a dance with long sliding steps, a step found in many folk dances. It consists of two steps in approximately the same direction onto the same foot, separated by a closing step with the other foot. 拍圆舞

Exercise 1: Listen to the news report and get the main idea.



What is the main point of the report?

- A. The problems concerning old people in China.
- **B.** The hours the old people can make a deposit in Bank of China.
- C. The new way of caring for the elderly citizens in China.
- **D.** The public attitude toward the traditional family in China.

Unit 2 Lifestyle



Exercise 2: Listen to the news report again and fill in the blanks with the exact words or phrases.

- **Bob Schieffer:** Reporting this week, on how American families are dealing with the needs of <u>1</u> as our population ages. Well, tonight, we wanna show you what they're doing in China. A community there is coming up with <u>2</u> for helping the elderly. Barry Petersen concludes <u>3</u> "Caring for Mom & Dad".
- **Barry Petersen:** 88-year-old Song Rongxiu is very well taken care of. She lives with her daughter, her grandson and his family in Beijing. That's the way the elderly have <u>4</u> been cared for in China. But modern times have created a lot of <u>5</u> for China's young people—often far from home, and that means leaving the elderly behind. So here in the city of Chongqing, they had an idea: making a rather unique promise to get people to help their elderly neighbors. The idea is <u>6</u> itself. Call it the "Age Bank". People rack up hours, noting them in a log book. They give their time caring for senior citizens—hours they can <u>7</u> in their golden years as the next generation takes care of them. This community leader came up with the idea. "There were a lot of retirees in this neighborhood," he told us. "They weren't very busy and the very elderly needed help." It can be anything from running a quick errand to just stopping in for a daily chat. Wang Dingru is 92 years old.
- **Barry Petersen:** What do the helpers do to help you through the day? "They treat me like I'm their mother." She says, "cooking meals, buying groceries." <u>8</u> Mrs. Zhai does this work with an eye on her future. "I've been <u>9</u> time in the bank," she says, "so one day people will help me." To these elderly, the age bank has made volunteers feel like family, and kept Mrs. Wang so spry she can teach me the China two-step—and so happy because even without family, thanks to the "Age Bank" she has the next best thing: people <u>10</u>. Barry Petersen, CBS News, Chongqing, China.



Part B Teens React to Giving up Social Media for a Week

Vocabulary Preparation

at one end of the spectrum		on the one hand 一方面
detox /'di:toks/	n.	treatment given to people who are addicted to drugs
		or alcohol in order to stop them from being addicted
		脱瘾治疗
psychiatrist /sai'kaiətrist/	n.	a doctor who treats people suffering from mental
		illness 精神病专家;精神科医生
shoot /ʃuːt/	exc	l used to show that you are annoyed when you do
		something stupid or when something goes wrong (to
		avoid saying "shit") 糟糕 (感叹词, 避免说 shit)
sign off on		to express one's approval of something formally
		and definitely 同意;认可
twitchy /'twɪt∫ɪ/	adj.	behaving in a rather nervous way; feeling anxious
		and cannot relax 焦躁不安;神经紧张的
unplug /ʌn'plʌg/	v.	to pull a wire out of a socket so that it stops working
		拔去(电源)插头;拔去的塞子
unwind /An'waInd/	V.	to stop worrying or thinking about problems and
		start to relax 放松;轻松

Notes



- 1. Linzie Janis is an American television journalist. Currently she is a correspondent at ABC News based in New York. She reports for all ABC News programs and platforms, including "Good Morning America", "World News Tonight with David Muir", "Nightline" and "20/20". 林茨·贾尼斯
- 2. Snapchat is a free image messaging application. Messages (in the form of photos)