

Unit 2 Pandora's Box

Reading

1. “**Curiosity** killed the cat” is an old English **saying**. It is a **warning** not to be too curious. According to Greek **mythology**, too much curiosity can **lead to** more serious **results** than a dead cat.
curiosity 好奇心
saying 諺語，格言
warning 警告
mythology 神話
2. *Epimetheus* and *Prometheus* were brothers. They angered Zeus, the king of the gods, and Zeus decided to **punish** them. He **created** a beautiful woman, called her *Pandora*, and sent her to *Epimetheus* as a gift. *Prometheus* warned his brother not to **accept** gifts from the gods, but *Epimetheus* fell in love with *Pandora* and married her.
lead to 導致
result 結果，後果
punish 處罰
create 創造
accept 接受
3. Zeus gave *Pandora* a beautiful box as a wedding gift. However, she had to promise one thing: never to open the box. *Pandora* was so curious that she couldn't stop thinking about what was inside it. Why would someone give her a box if she was not allowed to open it? Her curiosity grew stronger every day. She **badly** wanted to know the secrets of the box. Zeus's plan was **working**.
badly 非常；嚴重地
work 起作用，成功
4. Finally, *Pandora* couldn't **stand** it anymore. One day, when *Epimetheus* was out, she found the key and **unlocked** the box. At the last moment, she almost changed her mind because she knew how angry her husband would be. In fact, she unlocked and relocked the box three times before she finally opened the lid.
stand 承受，忍得住
unlock 打開(鎖...)
5. Right away, lots of **buzzing** creatures came flying out. These were the terrible **evils** that Zeus had put in the box—**disease**, **poverty**, **famine**, **and so on**. The creatures **stung** Pandora over and over before they flew out to attack the world. She quickly closed the lid.
buzz 發出嗡嗡聲
evil 邪惡之事
disease 疾病
poverty 貧窮
famine 飢荒
and so on... 等等
6. Then *Pandora* heard a tiny voice calling out from inside the box. She opened it again, and saw the last creature left inside. It was Hope, and it flew out of the box to help **heal** the **wounds** that the evil creatures caused. Even though *Pandora* had **released** pain and **suffering** upon the world, she had also allowed hope to follow these troubles.
sting 叮，刺，螫
heal 治療；癒合
wound 傷，傷口
release 釋放，放出
suffering 苦難，折磨
7. The story of *Pandora's* box was **originally** a warning— people should not let their curiosity **go too far**. These days, “to open a *Pandora's* box” means to begin something that might lead to many problems. Before you make any decision, it is a good idea to **consider** the possible results, and not just do things out of curiosity.
originally 原先，起初
go too far 做得過分
consider 認為；考慮

摘要 SUM

1. 有一個古老的英文諺語：好奇心殺死一隻貓。這諺語警告人們不要太好奇。這一句來自希臘神話的諺語意思是說太好奇的話會導致嚴重的後果。
2. 這故事是說有兩個兄弟惹怒了宙斯，所以宙斯要懲罰他們。懲罰的方法很奇怪，宙斯創造一個女人叫做潘朵拉，然後將潘朵拉送給兩兄弟中的弟弟 **Epimetheus** 當作禮物，儘管哥哥普羅米修斯警告他不要接受這個禮物，但是弟弟不聽。而且弟弟愛上了潘朵拉，並且準備結婚。於是宙斯就送一個盒子當作結婚禮物，但是非常奇怪的是宙斯跟他們說絕對不可以打開那個盒子。
3. 潘朵拉感到非常好奇，怎麼可能送他們禮物又不准他們打開呢？但是，儘管好奇他仍然沒有開，可是他的好奇心日漸增加。
4. 終於他再也無法忍受了。於是她趁著她丈夫不在，她找到鑰匙將盒子打開。
5. 打開之後，從盒子裡面飛出很多嗡嗡叫的生物，這些生物就是疾病、貧窮、饑荒，等等。
6. 潘朵拉知道她真不應該打開盒子，於是立刻關上蓋子。但是盒子裡面有一個微弱的聲音向外呼叫，潘朵拉又打開盒子，在盒子裡面的是希望。接著希望也飛到了人間。雖然潘朵拉釋放災難到人間，但是希望也來到了人間，帶給人們勇氣。
7. 這整個故事一開始是警告人們不要太好奇，但是後來這個故事告訴人們在做任何決定之前一定要想清楚，出於好奇而做出決定有可能會導致更多的麻煩。

文法重點：感官動詞

$$S + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{hear / see / watch / feel /} \\ \text{notice / observe / spot ...+O+} \\ \text{listen to / look at / ...} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{V} \\ \text{V-ing} \\ \text{p.p.} \end{array} \right.$$

Examples:

1. Then Pandora **heard** a tiny voice **calling** out from inside the box.
2. She opened it again, and **saw** the last creature **left** inside.
3. I really enjoy **listening to** birds **sing**.

習作：圈選正確選項

1. The students are listening to their professor (making / made) a long speech.
2. It's so hot. I can feel the sweat (flowing / flowed) down my back.
3. I spotted a poor kitten (desert / deserted) in a trash can in the park.
4. After waving goodbye to Lynn, I watched her (getting / gotten) into a taxi.
5. I have never heard Eric (yell / yelled) so loudly. He must have been very angry.
6. The tourists are looking at a painting (draw / drawn) by an 8-year-old boy.

