

## The Word "Green" and its Different Meanings

### "绿色"一词及其不同含义

Sometimes, the word "Green" means young, fresh and growing. Sometime, it describes something that is not yet ripe or finished.

有时，绿色这个词的意思是年轻、新鲜和成长。有时，它描述的是尚未成熟或未完成的事情。



For example, a greenhorn is someone who has no experience, who is new to a situation. In the fifteenth century, a greenhorn was a young cow or ox whose horns had not yet developed.

例如，greenhorn是指没有经验、对某个情况不熟悉的人。在15世纪，greenhorn是幼年有角的小母牛或小公牛。

A century later, a Greenhorn was a soldier who had not yet had any experience in battle.

一个世纪后，greenhorn是一个还没有任何战斗经验的战士。

By the eighteenth century, a greenhorn had the meaning it has today—a person who is new in a job.

到了18世纪，greenhorn就有了今天的含义：一个刚工作的人。

Someone who has the ability to grow plants well is said to have a green thumb. The expression comes from early nineteen hundreds.

有能力把植物种好的人据说叫做green thumb。这个表达来自19世纪初。

A person with a green thumb seems to have a magic touch that makes plants grow quickly and well.

一个拥有green thumb的人似乎有一种神奇的触觉，能使植物生长得又快又好。

You might say that the woman next door has a green thumb if her garden continues to grow long after your plants have died.

如果你的植物死了，而隔壁妇人的花园还存活很长时间，你就可以说她拥有green thumb。

The Green Revolution is the name given some years ago to the development of new kinds of rice and other grains.

The green Revolution是几年前为开发新型稻米和其他谷物而命名的。

The new plants produced much larger crops. The Green Revolution was the result of hard work by agricultural scientists who had green thumb.

这些新植物产量要大得多。The Green Revolution是有green thumb的农业科学家努力工作的结果。

Green is also the color used to describe the powerful feeling, jealousy.

绿色也是用来形容强烈的感情——嫉妒的颜色。

The green-eyed monster is not a frightening creature from outer space. It is an expression used about four hundred years ago by British writer William Shakespeare in his play Othello.

green-eyed monster并不是来自外太空的可怕生物，而是大约四百年前英国作家威廉·莎士比亚在他的戏剧《奥赛罗》中使用的一种表达方式。

It describes the unpleasant feeling a person has when someone else has something he wants.

它描述了一个人想要的东西却被别人得到时的不愉快的感觉。

A young man may suffer from the green-eyed monster if his girlfriend begins going out with someone else. Or, that green-eyed monster may affect your friend if you get a pay rise and he does not.

如果一个年轻人的女朋友开始和别人约会，他可能会患上green-eyed monster病症。或者，如果你得到加薪，而你的朋友却没有，那么这个green-eyed monster可能会影响他。