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https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/230/2021_2022_2008_E5_B9_B4_E6_96_87_c73_230971.htm 第二篇 A Dictionary For These Times Dear Mr. Martian, (1) I understand you may be somewhat confused by the confusing, science-fiction ways you encounter here on our alien planet. I ' m hoping this may help you find your way around them. (2) Affirmation means _____. (Thus, for example, Magic Johnson approaches his life-threatening disease with optimism and good nature. This means he is “ in denial. ” An optimist is only a pessimist who hasn ' t yet come out. Yes, in short, means no. This is different however, from the fact that no means yes. That is what men say when women don ' t say yes to them.) (3) Challenge means _____. (A “ Physically challenged ” person is one who used to be called “ disabled ” or “ handicapped ” to wit, one who has been dealt a bad blow by circumstance. To give him this more friendly sounding title is an attempt to affirm possibility on his behalf in other words, to be in denial.) (4) Cool means hot. (This, of course, you ' ve known for a while. Almost anything that people say is “ cool ” is sure to be “ hot. ” If something ' s “ bad, ” that means it ' s “ good. ” If it ' s “ in, ” though, that means it ' s on the way out. After all, “ give in ” and “ give out ” mean the same thing.) (5) Diversity means _____. (If someone wants a “ diverse ” student body, say, that means he wants one in which everyone is more or less like him. This is only logical, because “ minorities ” tend to be in the majority now. Thus “ equal opportunity ” usually

means “ unequal, ” since some are more equal or is it unequal? than others. (6) East means west. (The “ Far East ” is naturally to the west of the “ Far West, ” and the East Coast is one of the westernmost parts of the Western world. Don ’ t worry, though: according to a U.S. President, yes means no in the East anyway, while in the more logical West, “ a fat chance ” means a very thin one.) (7) Father means son. (Thus, for example, Bill Wyman ’ s son is marrying the mother of Bill Wyman ’ s wife. Bill Wyman will soon be his son ’ s son-in-law, as well as father of his father-in-law. It ’ s easy to tell a girl from a boy, however. Boys are the ones with earrings? and long hair. girls are the ones with trousers and short hair. “ Mother, ” of course, is the worst name you can call someone. That is because mothers are not, in many contexts, objects of worship.) 100Test 下载频道开通 , 各类考试题目直接下载。 详细请访问 www.100test.com