翻译小技巧:和"猪"一样蠢? PDF转换可能丢失图片或格式,建议阅读原文

https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/273/2021_2022__E7_BF_BB_ E8_AF_91_E5_B0_8F_E6_c83_273570.htm 刚才我在一个英语学 习论坛上,看到有一篇"中翻英"的短文,译的很不错,只 是其中的一句话有点问题。这句话是as stupid as a pig (像猪一 样愚蠢),您看出问题了吗?在汉语中,我们确实经常说" 蠢猪"这个词,来形容某个人很笨,因此在一般中国人的感 觉中,猪就代表愚蠢。但在西方文化中,代表愚蠢的动物并 不是猪,而是驴,因此这句话应当翻译成as stupid as an ass.写 到这里,我想顺便再多说一句,在西方文化中,猪不仅不代 表愚蠢,有时甚至还代表快乐,比如as happy as a pig(像猪一 样快乐),因此我们有必要在这里为猪先生平反昭雪(笑) 通过这个小例子,我们可以看出,在翻译这种与动物有关 的比喻性句子(metaphoric sentence)时,我们一定要考虑西 方文化的因素,避免用中国人的习惯说法代替西方人的习惯 说话。由于这个问题并不是一个很重要的问题,一般的英语 教科书上很可能没有介绍,因此我特意收集了一些常用的形 容词与动物的搭配,供初学者朋友们参考,请看: as blind as a bat (像蝙蝠一样盲目) as hungry as a bear (像熊一样饥饿) as busy as a beaver (像河狸一样忙碌) as busy as a bee (像 蜜蜂一样忙碌) as songful as a bird (像鸟一样动听) as angry as a bull (像公牛一样愤怒) as changeful as a chameleon (像变 色龙一样多变) as bald as an eagle (像鹰一样秃顶) as sly as a fox (像狐狸一样狡猾) as tall as a giraffe (像长颈鹿一样高) as silly as a goose (像鹅一样愚蠢) as fast as a hare (像野兔一

样快)as playful as a kitten(像小猫一样喜欢嬉戏)as gentle as a lamb(像小羊一样温和)as brave as a lion(像狮子一样勇敢)as stubborn as a mule(像骡子一样顽固)as wise as an owl(像猫头鹰一样聪明)as quick as a rabbit(像兔子一样快)as slow as a snail(像蜗牛一样缓慢)as graceful as a swan(像天鹅一样优美)as slow as a turtle(像乌龟一样缓慢)as hungry as a wolf(像狼一样饥饿)最后我还想再补充一句:上面的搭配,并不是固定不变的,比如bull(公牛)这种动物,经常跟angry(愤怒)搭配,但它也可以跟mad(疯狂)、strong(强壮)等搭配,因此初学者朋友们千万不要搞教条,一定要灵活运用。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