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The London Marathon



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## London Marathon 伦敦马拉松

### Fancy running 26.2 miles? 想试试26.2英里吗?

**Read the text below and do the activity that follows.**

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

This weekend, around 35,000 runners filled the streets of London, running the 26<sup>th</sup> **annual** London Marathon. The course is 26.2 miles long (42 km), and goes past many of London's landmarks, such as the Tower of London, the famous 19<sup>th</sup> century ship Cutty Sark, the Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace. The runners actually run over Tower Bridge.

Among the **elite athletes** running, Britain's Paula Radcliffe was unable **to defend her title** from last year's race due to an injury. The women's race was won by American Deena Kastor in 2 hours 19 minutes, and Felix Limo from Kenya won the men's race in 2 hours 6 minutes.

However, Britain still made **a good showing**, as British woman Mara Yamauchi **came in** sixth, whilst in the wheelchair marathon, Britain's athletes **excelled**. Shelly Woods came second in the women's race, and David Weir not only won the men's race for the second time, but also set a new record of 1 hour 29 minutes.

But in the London Marathon, everyone who finishes is a winner – for many thousands of people their **goal** was merely to complete the race and gain their finisher's medal. The oldest competitor was 88 years old and the youngest just 18. About 80% of the 'fun runners' – those not competing professionally – were running the race **to raise money** for their chosen charity, and it is estimated that this year **good causes** will receive more than £35 million.

Some of the athletes ran or walked in **fancy dress**, ranging from monkey suits to fairies, clowns and **superheroes**. One couple chose to get married half-way round the race, and ran in traditional wedding **attire** – a full length white dress for the **bride**, and for the **groom**, a **top hat and tails**.

The event is very popular with spectators, and around 400,000 people **braved** London's **drizzle to cheer on** the runners and give them encouragement by cheering, waving flags and balloons and blowing whistles.

A **challenging** but **fulfilling** day for the runners, and an inspiring and exciting event for spectators too.

## Glossary 词汇表

<b>annual</b> - 年度的; 每年一次的	<b>elite athletes</b> - 精英田径运动员
<b>to defend her title</b> - 卫冕	<b>a good showing</b> - 成绩尚佳
<b>came in</b> - 进入	<b>excelled</b> - 优胜
<b>goal</b> - 目标	<b>raise money</b> - 募捐
<b>good causes</b> - 公益事业	<b>fancy dress</b> - 奇装异服
<b>superheroes</b> - 超级英雄	<b>attire</b> - 服装, 服饰
<b>bride</b> - 新娘	<b>groom</b> - 新郎
<b>top hat and tails</b> - 礼帽和燕尾服	<b>braved</b> - 勇敢 (冒雨)
<b>drizzle</b> - 蒙蒙细雨	<b>to cheer on</b> - 助威
<b>challenging</b> - 具有挑战性的	<b>fulfilling</b> - 充实的

### 1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

**Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.**

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. The marathon course is 42 miles long. **True / False**
2. The oldest competitor was 88 years old. **True / False**
3. All the runners wear silly costumes. **True / False**
4. Only the winners get a medal. **True / False**
5. A British man won the wheelchair race. **True / False**

## 2. Jumbled sentences 打乱词序的句子

Put the words in the right order to make the sentences correct.

请将下列句子中的单词重新排列，组成一个正确的句子：

1. winner the finishes Everyone marathon who a is

2. Paula injury did defend due title to not Radcliffe her

3. athletes Some fancy wore dress raise to charity money for

4. runners the spectators cheered 400,000 on 35,000

5. wheelchair Weir set David record new a in race the

6. landmarks goes marathon past route The London many

### 3. Sports People 运动员类别

Select which is the correct name for the person who does each sport.

将运动项目与相应运动员称呼配对：

1. Football	footballist
	footballer
	footman

2. Athletics	athlete
	athleter
	athletist

3. Basketball	basketball player
	basketballer
	basketballist

4. Golf	golf player
	golfman
	golfer

5. Sport	sporter
	sportsman
	sportist

6. Cycling	cycler
	cycleman
	cyclist

7. Running	runner
	runninger
	runnist

#### 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with the London Marathon in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (→), vertically (↓) or diagonally (↘)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与运动员类别有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的(→) 垂直的(↓) 或对角的(↘)形式出现。

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k	t	a	n	n	u	a	l	t	m	m	r
u	f	l	a	j	e	u	l	n	z	z	p
d	f	y	b	v	e	r	a	c	e	k	o

marathon	annual	wheelchair	race	runner
competitor	flags	charity	drizzle	balloons

## Answers 答案

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4. 400,000 spectators cheered on the 35,000 runners.
5. David Weir set a new record in the wheelchair race.
6. The marathon route goes past many London landmarks.

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