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## UK Music Festivals 英国音乐节

### Summer Fun 盛夏娱乐

Summer in the UK is traditionally the time when people go on holiday. It is also the time for quiet **picnics** and spending **lazy** days doing nothing.

Alternatively, you could watch the Wimbledon Tennis Championship, or spend five days watching **cricket**, a sport nobody seems to understand.

Does this sound too **dull**? Well, it is also the time for outdoor **music festivals**. Let's look at some of the most famous ones.

The Glastonbury Festival first started in 1970, and is often seen as the standard to judge other festivals by. It **takes place** on a farm in the south-west of England over 3 days, and visitors **camp** in the fields around the site.

Acts in 2005 included Coldplay, The White Stripes and Basement Jaxx, among others. The only problem with Glastonbury is the **unpredictable weather**. Heavy rain meant that last year many of the fields **flooded**, **spoiling** the fun for those whose **tents** were **washed away**.

While Glastonbury tries to keep an air of peace and love, the Reading Festival is a noisier, more **aggressive** weekend. It is much easier to attend as it is in the centre of the city of Reading, and although you can camp you can also go just for the day. Up to 55,000 people are expected to attend on the weekend of the **August Bank Holiday**, and top British acts such as Franz Ferdinand and The Kaiser Chiefs will entertain the crowds.

If you prefer **house music** to **rock**, then Creamfields is probably the place for you. Since 1998, this festival of dance music has taken place in Liverpool, also on the final weekend of August, but only for one day, so there is no need to bring your tent. Instead, just enjoy a **boogie** to top DJs and live acts.

Finally, Knebworth - Knebworth is a huge **manor house** and the festival takes place in the gardens. It first took place in 1974, and since then acts such as The Rolling Stones, Queen, Elton John and Paul McCartney have all featured. More recently, Robbie Williams has **sold out** concerts to crowds of fans. In fact, his concert in 2003 was the largest ever in the UK with over 375,000 fans attending and more than 3.5 million watching live on TV.

So, whatever your **tastes in music** there is a festival taking place in England to suit you. Just don't forget to pack your raincoat.



## Glossary 词汇表

picnics – 野炊, 野餐	lazy – 懒惰的
cricket – 曲棍球	dull – 乏味的, 无趣的
music festivals - 音乐节	takes place – 举行
camp - 露营地	unpredictable weather – 变幻无常的天气
flooded – 洪水浸没的	spoiling – 扫兴
tents – 帐篷	washed away – 被水冲走
aggressive – 大张旗鼓	August Bank Holiday – 八月的公共假日
house music – 大众化舞曲 (也称“浩室”舞曲)	rock – 摇滚
boogie - (随着摇摆舞音乐节奏)摆动身体	manor house – 庄园主的住宅
sold out – 销售一空	tastes in music – 对不同音乐种类的喜好

### 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. Glastonbury is the oldest festival in the UK. **True / False**
2. The Reading Festival is quite calm. **True / False**
3. Bad weather can spoil a festival. **True / False**
4. You need to take a tent to Creamfields. **True / False**
5. The largest concert in the UK was performed by Queen. **True / False**

## 2. Phrasal Verbs 短语动词

Match the following phrasal verbs with their definitions.

请看下列短语动词，请将它们与各自的定义对应起来。

- |               |                                   |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. take place | a. organise (a concert)           |
| 2. put on     | b. have no more tickets remaining |
| 3. call off   | c. happen                         |
| 4. put off    | d. cancel (a concert)             |
| 5. sell out   | e. postpone (a concert)           |

Now complete the following sentences using one of the phrasal verbs.

现在请用以上的某个短语动词完成下列句子。

1. Following heavy rain, the concert was \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Glastonbury \_\_\_\_\_ in July every year.
3. I was supposed to go there at 6, but I \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ until 8.
4. I'm sorry sir. The Robbie Williams concert has \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Robbie Williams \_\_\_\_\_ a concert at Knebworth in 2003.

### **3. Jumbled Sentences** 打乱词序的句子

请将下列句子中的单词重新排列，组成一个正确的句子。

**Put the following words into the correct order to make correct sentences.**

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2. the farm it place a in of on England takes south-west

3. only Glastonbury the is weather the with problem

4. concerts has out crowds sold to of Robbie Williams fans

5. you in a tastes your whatever in there music is taking festival place to  
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#### 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with UK Music Festivals 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，找出与英国音乐节有关的英语单词来。

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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tent	camp	acts	perform	weather
rock	dance	tickets	fun	entertain

## Answers 答案

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