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The Highland Games 苏格兰高原运动

Meet the Highland Heavyweights 苏格兰高原大力士

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

For many foreign people the classic image of summer sport in the UK is that of English gentlemen dressed in **white flannels** playing **cricket** all day in the village park.

However, if you travel north of the border, to Scotland, you may find a very different kind of sporting entertainment – enormous men wearing **kilts** trying to throw **tree trunks** high into the air, or beautiful girls dancing gracefully on top of **swords**, all accompanied by the **haunting music** of the **bagpipes**.

This is the Highland games, a celebration of Scottish and **Celtic** culture which takes place every summer in the north of Scotland. Although many Highland games take place around Scotland each summer, they all share certain **common characteristics**.

At the heart of any Highland games are the **heavy events**. These traditional sports are designed to let competitors show off their **physical prowess** and require great strength.

The most **emblematic** of the heavy events is known as ‘**tossing** the caber’ – in this event a strong man throws a tree trunk (or caber), which is around 5.5 meters in length and weighs 55kg, into the air. In order to win the caber must turn over in the air and land at a good angle to the thrower.

If **burly** men throwing giant pieces of wood around are **not your cup of tea**, then perhaps the musical aspect of the Highland games would be more to your taste.

Music and dance form an enormous part of Scottish and Celtic culture, and traditional Scottish music is immediately **identifiable** because of its use of traditional instruments such as the bagpipes, drums and **fiddle**.

Highland dancing is a competitive event in which kilted dancers try to **outdo each other** in terms of grace and **technical achievement**.

And if that isn't enough, you can enjoy the sight of **mock** battles as historical societies recreate famous battles from Scotland's history. If you enjoyed 'Braveheart' at the cinema, you'll love the Highland games in real life.



Glossary 词汇表

white flannel – (一般是法兰绒质地的) 白色球衣	cricket – 曲棍球
kilts – 苏格兰方格呢短裙	tree trunks – 树干
swords – 剑	haunting music – 不易忘怀的旋律
bagpipes - 风笛	Celtic - 凯尔特人的
common characteristics – 风格相似	heavy events – 大力士比赛
physical prowess - 体力	emblematic - 象征(性), 有代表性的
tossing - 抖动, 摇动	burly - 魁梧的, 结实的
not your cup of tea – 不是你的喜好	identifiable - 可以确认的
fiddle - 小提琴	outdo each other - 互相赶超
technical achievement – 技术成绩	mock – 模仿

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. All Scottish people love to play cricket in the summer. **True / False**
2. A kilt is a kind of pair of trousers. **True / False**
3. A caber is a very long piece of wood. **True / False**
4. Scottish music is played on the bagpipes and violin. **True / False**
5. Real battles often break out during Highland games and many people are killed. **True / False**

2. Scottish Vocabulary 有关苏格兰文化的词汇

Look in the box below. All of these words are Scottish.

下列词语都与苏格兰文化有关.

kilts caber fiddle bagpipes whisky drizzle tam o'shanter

Complete the sentences below with the correct Scottish word.

选用正确词语完成下列句子.

1. I love the sound of the _____. It always makes me think of my holidays in the Highlands of Scotland.
2. In Scotland there is often a light rain that we call _____.
3. The musician played so hard he broke a string on his _____.
4. On special occasions, such as weddings and New Year, many Scottish men wear their _____.
5. Only the strongest men can toss the _____.
6. Traditional Scottish clothing includes the kilt and a special kind of hat known as a _____.
7. _____ is one of Scotland's biggest exports. It is drunk all over the world.

3. Verbs, Adjectives and Nouns 动词、形容词和名词

Decide whether each word is a verb, an adjective or a noun and put them in the correct column in the table.

从下列此表中分辨动词、形容词或名词，然后填入相应的表格中。

high-achieving	identify	strengthen	identifiable	event	celebrate
achieve	enjoyable	strong	identity	achievement	strength
enjoy	celebration	enjoyment	celebratory	eventful	

verb	adjective	noun

Now complete the sentences using the correct verb, adjective or noun.
选用正确的动词，形容词，和名词完成下列句子。

- The police are trying to find out the _____ of the mystery bank robber.
- So many things have happened this year. It's been really _____.
- Passing my driving test first time is my proudest _____.
- I really _____ going to see the Highland games every summer.
- This Chinese rice spirit is really _____. I can only drink one or two.
- I have passed all my exams so I'm going out to _____ with my friends.

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索



Try to find the words associated with the Highland games 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，找出与苏格兰高原运动有关的英语单词来。

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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s	w	o	d	r	e	n	d	l	e	r	e
m	o	s	e	l	t	l	h	i	t	v	n
a	r	l	e	v	e	n	t	i	f	u	g
m	d	e	s	t	o	p	d	i	b	e	t
y	s	o	u	r	d	l	i	d	c	e	h
z	x	f	r	h	u	r	m	i	b	d	e
d	a	n	c	e	k	l	u	b	s	e	n
w	i	t	k	e	n	e	k	m	m	u	i
b	a	t	t	l	e	y	t	o	s	s	r

fiddle	kilt	Celtic	event	drum
dance	battle	swords	strength	toss

Answers 答案

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enjoy	celebratory	celebration
	eventful	enjoyment

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