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Golf's Place in Today's World



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Golf's Place in Today's World 今日高尔夫

The Business of Golf 高尔夫之道

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习。

The Scottish are certain that they invented the game of golf over 500 years ago but the Chinese, the French and even the Dutch have also made such claims in the past.

We may never know who first played the game but does this ancient sport really have a place in the modern world?

When the US golf team stepped off the plane in Ireland recently at the beginning of the Ryder Cup competition they were dressed head to toe in matching tweed suits and Fair Isle knitwear. It seemed they wanted to invoke golf's history, roots and traditions but in fact, most commentators and spectators thought they just looked plain daft.

At the Royal and Ancient golf club of St Andrews in Scotland the traditions, rules and regulations of golf are still alive and well. Some say the numbers of dos and don'ts can seem pretty overwhelming while others say the golfing code of conduct allows golf to maintain its sporting values in spite of becoming a multi-million pound international industry.

At the heart of golf's rules are two principles - respect for the course and respect for fellow golfers. Examples include not talking during a player's swing, not disturbing a player who's putting on the green and replacing divots.

Tiger Woods, the Thai-American player, is currently the world's number one golf professional. He is also the face of one of the world's biggest management consulting companies – Accenture. In today's global marketplace everyone is looking for a way to get ahead and having the trusted Tiger Woods as a spokesperson might just give this company the edge it's looking for.

In China golf lessons are going to be compulsory for some students at Xiamen University where its president Zhu Chongshi, recently said "It will teach students communication skills and benefit their future careers."

So it seems the ancient art of golf and the modern world of commerce have found a happy balance together all around the globe.



Glossary 词汇表

invented – 发明	claims – 声称
head to toe – 从头到脚	matching tweed suits – 上下一致的粗花呢套装
Fair Isle knitwear – (有费尔岛特色的) 杂色图案毛线针织品	roots – 起源
commentators and spectators – 解说和观众	plain daft – 难看; 傻乎乎
rules and regulations – 规章	alive and well – 有效力的
dos and don'ts – (打球) 须知	at the heart of – 核心
respect for the course – 尊重场地(规则)	a player's swing – 球员击球
putting on the green – 果岭推杆	divots – (高尔夫击球过低时) 削起的一块草皮
the face of – 头面人物	global market-place – 全球市场地位
the edge – 棱角	compulsory – 必修

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. Everyone agrees that the Scottish were the first to play golf. True / False
2. Everyone liked the recent American Ryder cup team's clothes. True / False
3. St Andrew's golf club is very traditional. True / False
4. Tiger Woods is the best golf player in the world. True / False
5. All university students in China will have to take golf lessons soon.
True / False

2. Play, go or do 动词

There are three main verbs we use with sports – play, go or do. Put the following sports into the correct column depending of which verb we use with it.

英语中有三个和运动连用的动词，它们是play, go or do. 完成下列句子，根据正确的动名搭配，把正确的运动名词填入空格中。

play	go	do
golf	skiing	

golf

skiing

football

basketball

yoga

jogging

gymnastics

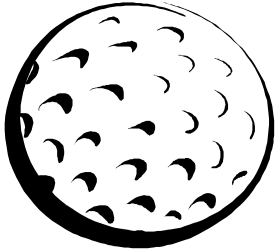
volleyball

fishing

3. Label the Picture 标注图片

Look at the pictures below of things you can find on a golf course. Use the words in the box at the bottom of the page to label the pictures

请看下列图片。它们都同高尔夫球场有关。 请选词标注图片。



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____

bunkers golf clubs drive golf ball putt golf glove

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with golf in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (g), vertically (i) or diagonally (m).

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与高尔夫球有关的英语单词来。

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

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

golf	caddie	course	green	club
tee	ball	bunker	putt	hole

Answers 答案

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2. golf glove
3. drive
4. putt
5. bunkers
6. golf clubs

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football	jogging	gymnastics
basketball	fishing	
volleyball		

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	h	o	l	e		b		t		
					g		u		e	
		c			r			n		e
		a			e				k	
b		d			e		p			e
a		d			n			u		r
l		i				c			t	
l		e					o			t
								u		
		g	o	l	f				r	
										s
				c	l	u	b			e