



# BBC WORLD SERVICE LEARNING ENGLISH

King Arthur

## King Arthur 亚瑟王

### A Legendary King 一个具有传奇色彩的国王

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习。

The story of King Arthur is one that has been told for hundreds of years. There have been poems, books and even films made of his life, all of them telling the story a little differently.

The basic story is this. There was a sword stuck in a stone. The legend said that whoever could remove the sword would become King of England and save the country. Many brave knights tried to pull the sword out, but they all failed. One day, a young boy called Arthur was walking past the stone. He didn't know it, but he was in fact the son of an old king. He pulled the sword out of the stone and became the new King of England.

The stories of Arthur as King are tales of bravery and nobility. His closest advisor was Merlin, a powerful wizard. Arthur lived in a castle called Camelot with his beautiful wife, Guinevere. In the castle he had a round table, where he sat with his knights. It was round so that there was no one at the head of the table (which is where the most important person would usually sit) and Arthur and his knights were all equal.

Arthur, with his famous magical sword Excalibur, and his closest knights Sir Lancelot and Sir Galahad, fought against the forces of evil in England. These were led by Arthur's half-sister, Morgan, who was a witch. After many battles, there was only one left to fight. Arthur and his knights finally won the battle against Morgan's army, and England was safe! However, Arthur had been hurt, and was dying. He threw his sword into a lake, where the magical Lady of the Lake could look after it, and then he died. He was buried in Avalon, in the south-west of England. According to the legend, Arthur will rise again to save England if it is ever in danger in the future.

But did Arthur really exist? Some say he was a Roman, others say a Briton fighting the invading Saxons, but there is no proof of his existence. But perhaps this doesn't matter. The story of a great, noble and brave king, who died to save his country, is one that people of all generations find fascinating, even today.

## Glossary 词汇表

sword - 剑	legend - 传说, 传奇
brave knights - 勇敢的骑士	tales - 传说
nobility - 高贵	advisor - 顾问
wizard - 男巫	the head of the table – 首领
equal - 平等	magical – 有魔力的
evil - 邪恶的	half-sister - 同父异母姐妹或同母异父姐妹
witch - 女巫	battles - 战争
army - 军队	exist - 存在
Roman - 罗马人	Briton - 大不列颠人
invading Saxons - 侵略撒克逊人	proof - 证明

### 1. Reading Quiz 1 阅读测验 1

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 the stories about Arthur are exactly the same. True / False
2. Arthur pulled the sword from the stone. True / False
3. Arthur wasn't married. True / False
4. Arthur's enemy was a member of his family. True / False
5. Arthur kept his sword when he was dying. True / False

## 2. Reading Quiz 2 阅读测验 2

Answer the following questions about the text. You should write a short answer (1 to 6 words).

用1-6个词简单回答以下问题.

1. Where was the sword stuck?

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2. Who tried to take the sword before Arthur?

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3. Who was Merlin?

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4. What did Arthur have in his castle?

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5. Who was Morgan?

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Now choose the best answer, a, b or c.

从a, b, c中选择最佳答案.

6. What did Arthur throw into the lake?

a. his wife      b. a magical lady      c. his sword

7. Perhaps Arthur didn't \_\_\_\_\_.

a. exist      b. die      c. win

8. There is no \_\_\_\_\_ of his existence.

a. book      b. proof      c. story

9. Arthur's story has been told for \_\_\_\_\_ of years.

a. hundreds      b. thousands      c. millions

### 3. Summary Completion 完成短文

Complete the summary with words from the box.

从下列词表中选词填空.

bravery	evil	exist	look after	half-sister
nobility	stone	sword	threw	hurt

When Arthur was a boy, he pulled the (1)\_\_\_\_\_ from the (2)\_\_\_\_\_ and became king. The story of Arthur is about (3)\_\_\_\_\_ and (4)\_\_\_\_\_. He fought against (5)\_\_\_\_\_ and went into battle against his (6)\_\_\_\_\_. In the final battle he was (7)\_\_\_\_\_. He (8)\_\_\_\_\_ his sword into a lake so that the Lady of the Lake could (9)\_\_\_\_\_ it, then died. However, perhaps it is just a story. Maybe he did not (10)\_\_\_\_\_.

#### 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with ARTHUR 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，找出与亚瑟王有关的英语单词来。

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。

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

brave	knights	table	sword	wizard
stone	castle	witch	legend	existence

# Answers 答案

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True
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False

## 3. Summary Completion

1. sword
2. stone
3. bravery OR nobility
4. nobility OR bravery
5. evil
6. half-sister
7. hurt
8. threw
9. look after
10. exist

## 2. Reading Quiz 2

1. in a stone
2. many brave knights
3. his closest advisor OR a powerful magician
4. a round table
5. his half-sister / a witch
6. c
7. a
8. b
9. a

## 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

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	e						w	i	t	c	h
		x	w					o			
	k	n	i	g	h	t	s		r		
			z	s						d	
			a		t						
t		b	r	a	v	e					l
a			d				n				e
b								c			g
l					s	t	o	n	e		e
e											n
	c	a	s	t	l	e					d