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Portrait of a Lady 一位女士的肖像

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

Even though she lived more than 200 years ago, the famous English novelist Jane Austen has been in the news a lot recently.

The only known **portrait** of Jane Austen is to be sold by **auction** in New York this week, and is expected to fetch between £200,000 (RMB 3m) and £400,000 (RMB 4m).

The **oil painting**, which experts believe was commissioned by the novelist's great-uncle in 1790, has been **handed down** from generation to generation and currently belongs to one of Jane Austen's descendants.

There has been some **doubt** over the **authenticity** of the portrait because some experts say the type of dress she is wearing in the painting is from the wrong **historical period**.

However, other **academics** and the auction house Christie's, who are selling the painting, say the picture is a "true depiction" of the writer.

This is not the first time Jane Austen's image has caused **controversy**. Earlier this year her **publishers** were criticised for giving her a **makeover** on the cover of a book about her life.

The publishers made changes to a **sketch** of Jane drawn by her sister. In the original picture Jane is wearing a cap, but in the new image the publishers have removed the cap, and added **make-up** and **hair extensions**.

Whatever she looked like, Jane Austen remains a **British national treasure**. Her books, such as Emma, Sense and Sensibility, and Pride and Prejudice, remain widely-read and have been successfully adapted for television and cinema.

In fact, her work is still so popular that in a recent **survey** to mark World Book Day, the British public voted Pride and Prejudice the nation's favourite read – ahead of Harry Potter and The Lord of the Rings!

Glossary 词汇表

novelist - 小说家	portrait – 肖像
auction – 拍卖	oil painting – 油画
handed down – 传下来	descendants – 后代
doubt – 怀疑	authenticity – 真实性
historical period – 历史时代	academics – 学术家
true depiction – 真实的描绘	controversy – 争议
publishers – 出版商	makeover – 重新包装
sketch – 素描	make-up – 化妆
hair extensions – 假长发	national treasure - 国宝
survey – 调查	voted – 投票

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. Jane Austen was a famous English portrait painter. True / False
2. Her portrait will be sold to the person who offers the highest price.
True / False
3. All the experts agree that the painting is a fake. True / False
4. The picture of Jane Austen drawn by her sister depicted her as having long blonde hair. True / False
5. Television and cinematic adaptations have been made of Jane's works.
True / False

2. Idioms 习惯用语

Look at the idioms below. Each one is connected to books and writing.

Match the idiom to its definition.

请看下列习惯用语，它们都与书和写作有关。

请将习语与各自的定义对应起来。

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| 1. Don't judge a book by its cover | a. A person who has a boring office job |
| 2. The pen is mightier than the sword | b. To follow the rules exactly |
| 3. A pen pusher | c. You shouldn't make a decision based on the appearance of things |
| 4. To do something by the book | d. Reason and thought is more influential than force |

Now complete the sentences below by using one of the idioms above.

现在请用以上的某个习语完成下列句子。

1. My boss always insists I follow the proper procedures at work. He says we should always _____.
2. I love working outdoors. I'd hate to be a _____ stuck inside all day.
3. You should never _____. My ex-girlfriend was beautiful but she had a terrible personality.
4. I think that it is better to convince people by explaining your arguments to them carefully rather than shouting at them. After all, _____.

3. Jumbled Sentences 打乱词序的句子

Rearrange the words in the sentences below to make correct sentences.

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4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with 伯哦看谛听 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，找出与书和写作有关的英语单词来。

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。

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Answers 答案

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