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### A Poor Night for Britain 让英国失意的夜晚

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

This year's Eurovision Song Contest has been won by a singer from Serbia with a powerful **ballad** about an **estranged lover**. But it was a disappointing night for the UK, whose team **tied with** France in joint second-last place.

The Eurovision Song Contest is an annual competition between more than 40 European countries, which is **broadcast** live on television throughout Europe and the rest of the world.

Each participating country sends one **musical act** to the competition to sing a song. Once all the acts have performed, each country awards points to the singers they liked best – these points are usually based on phone and **text message votes** sent in by viewers in the various countries.

However, the contest has faced **mounting criticism** in recent years as countries have **tended** to vote for their neighbours and “friends” rather than judging each entrant on their **merits**.

This process, known as “**block voting**”, often sees **Scandinavian, Baltic** and **Balkan** countries voting for each other while other countries receive few votes or even no points at all – the dreaded “**nul points**”.

But some commentators say the competition should not be taken too seriously and that **national partisanship** is all part of the fun.

Whatever the result, the Eurovision Song Contest is always a **spectacle** featuring **camp acts, baffling lyrics** and incomprehensible titles such as “Diggi-Loo Diggi-Ley” and “Ding-A-Dong”.

The competition has acted as the **springboard** for a few successful musical careers and many failed ones. Eurovision winners who have gone on to **superstardom** include Abba, who won the competition in 1974 with the hit song “Waterloo” and Celine Dion, who won the competition in 1988 representing Switzerland despite being a French –Canadian.



## Glossary 词汇表

<b>ballad</b> – 民谣	<b>estranged lover</b> – 离异的情人
<b>tied with</b> – 并列;平手	<b>broadcast</b> – 广播
<b>musical act</b> – 表演曲目; 表演团体	<b>text message votes</b> – 短信投票
<b>mounting criticism</b> – 越来越多的批评	<b>tended</b> – 有...倾向
<b>merits</b> – 成绩	<b>block voting</b> – 盟友互投票
<b>Scandinavian</b> – 斯堪的纳维亚(的)	<b>Baltic</b> – 波罗的海(的)
<b>Balkan</b> – 巴尔干(的)	<b>nil points</b> – 零分
<b>national partisanship</b> – 国家派系	<b>spectacle</b> – 壮观的场面
<b>camp acts</b> – 夸张的表演	<b>baffling lyrics</b> – 难懂的歌词
<b>springboard</b> – 跳板	<b>superstardom</b> – 超级明星的地位

### 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. The winning song was a fast-paced, loud rock song about meeting a new lover. **True / False**
2. Britain and France shared second place. **True / False**
3. Some critics say the competition is not judged on the quality of the songs. **True / False**
4. Sometimes it is hard to understand the lyrics of the songs. **True / False**
5. Winning the competition may act as a boost to a musical career. **True / False**

## 2. Jumbled Sentences 打乱词序的句子

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

请将下列句子中的单词重新排列，组成一个正确的句子。

1. held in Eurovision Contest Song was The first 1956.

2. is live to The an 100m audience of broadcast than people competition more.

3. number won UK has competition not for The a of the years.

4. successful artists have after become the competition Some winning very.

5. songs are Eurovision have that often confusing lyrics.

6. most successful Abba Eurovision is world who became The famous group.

### 3. Idioms 习惯用语

Look at the idioms below. Each one is connected to music and songs.

Match the idiom to its definition.

请看下列习惯用语，它们都与音乐和歌曲有关。

请将习语与各自的定义对应起来。

- |                                             |                                                            |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. music to my ears                         | a. to be sold cheaply                                      |
| 2. to face the music                        | b. to make something seem more important than it really is |
| 3. to go for a song                         | c. to accept punishment for something you have done        |
| 4. to make a song and dance about something | d. very good news                                          |

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. I bought my car at a bargain price. It was \_\_\_\_\_ in the local car dealership.
2. When I heard I had got the job it was \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I had to \_\_\_\_\_ and tell my boss about my poor sales figures.
4. She made a real \_\_\_\_\_ about the work she did even though it wasn't really very much.

#### 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with music and songs 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，找出与音乐和歌曲有关的英语单词来。

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。

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

points	winner	lyrics	chorus	verse
act	spectacle	show	ballad	anthem

## Answers 答案

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- d
- c
- a
- b

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- The Eurovision Song Contest was first held in 1956.
- The competition is broadcast live to an audience of more than 100m people.
- The UK has not won the competition for a number of years.
- Some artists have become very successful after winning the competition.
- Eurovision songs often have lyrics that are confusing.
- The most successful Eurovision group is Abba who became world famous.

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a			w	i	n	n	e	r				
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	o		v	e	r	s	e		l			t
	w								y			a
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	b	a	l	l	a	d			c			e
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