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Troubled Songstresses 困惑的女歌手

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

One of the UK's top young **female vocalists** has cancelled a series of high-profile European concerts following a short stay in hospital after suffering "**severe exhaustion**".

Smokey-voiced jazz and soul singer Amy Winehouse has **backed out of** a number of **dates**, including two concerts supporting veteran UK rockers The Rolling Stones.

Fears are growing for the health of the 23-year-old singer who has cancelled a number of live performances already this summer **citing** "exhaustion", a word often used by **publicists** to **mask** more serious problems.

The **pressures of fame** may be **taking their toll** on Amy who has frequently appeared in newspapers and celebrity magazines clearly **the worse for wear**.

The award-winning jazz star has admitted to battling **anorexia** and **bulimia** in the past and has appeared to be drunk while participating in television shows.

Amy herself has cited **perfectionism** as one reason for some of her recent cancellations.

She said: "I know it's **last-minute** and a bit irresponsible. But I'm a perfectionist and would rather reschedule a show than do it **half-heartedly**."

Amy is not the UK's only new female star who is becoming as famous for her **party lifestyle** as her music.

Other young artists like Lily Allen and Joss Stone have also cancelled concerts and been portrayed **behaving erratically** in the media.

Lily however has a **doctor's note** to prove her illness – she posted the note on her **blog** along with an entry saying she was now "back in London eating my mum's chicken soup".

Glossary 词汇表

female vocalists 女歌唱家	severe exhaustion 筋疲力尽
smokey-voiced 嘶哑低沉的声音	backed out of 退出; 谢绝
dates 日期	citing 措辞
publicists 新闻发布人士	mask 面具
pressures of fame 成名的压力	taking their toll 付出其代价
the worse for wear 穿得破旧不堪, (喻) 精疲力尽/醉醺醺的	anorexia 厌食症
bulimia 贪食症	perfectionism 完美主义者
last-minute 最后一刻	half-heartedly . 半心半意地
party lifestyle 派对生活方式	behaving erratically 怪僻/反常的表现
doctor's note 医生证明	blog 博客

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. Amy Winehouse has cancelled a number of concerts in Europe.
True / False
2. The singer must stay in hospital for the rest of the summer. **True / False**
3. Her publicity people say she is very tired and must rest. **True / False**
4. Amy has said she suffered from eating disorders in the past. **True / False**
5. Lily Allen has said on television that she is not well. **True / False**

2. Idioms 习惯用语

Look at the idioms below. Each one is connected to health and ill health.

Match the idiom to its definition.

请看下列习惯用语，它们都与健康和体弱有关。

请将习语与各自的定义对应起来。

1. to feel under the weather	a. to be in excellent health
2. to have a frog in your throat	b. to die
3. to be as fit as a fiddle	c. to have a sore throat
4. to kick the bucket	d. to feel unwell

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 grandfather is 90 years old but he's _____ and still plays football.
2. I'm sorry, _____ so I can't really speak right now.
3. I don't think I can go to work today as I'm feeling _____.
4. If you smoke cigarettes you'll probably _____ younger.

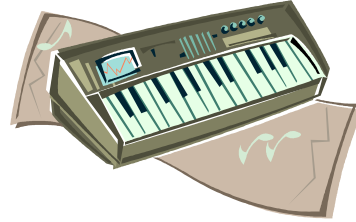
3. Label the pictures 标注图片

Look at the pictures below. Do you know what these items are? Write the name of the object underneath the picture.

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1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____



7. _____



8. _____

electric guitar
saxophone

bass guitar
keyboard

amplifier
microphone

studio
drum kit

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with the story 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，找出与课文有关的英语单词来。

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

vocal	voice	jazz	soul	party
troubled	exhausted	blog	drunk	music

Answers 答案

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2. keyboard



3. saxophone



4. bass guitar



5. electric guitar



6. drum kit



7. microphone



8. studio

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- d
- c
- a
- b

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