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Usain Bolt Makes History... Again 博尔特再破世界纪录

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

It's happened again. The world's fastest man has **destroyed the field** to take gold, this time in the men's 100 metres final at the Athletics World Championships in Berlin.

Usain Bolt shaved **0.11 seconds** off the record he set at the 2008 Olympics, **clocking just 9.58 seconds** in a new world record. His feat represents the biggest jump in the record since **electronic timing** was introduced in 1968.

After the race, the **cool-as-a-cucumber** Jamaican expressed satisfaction with his performance, but indicated that he could go faster still – perhaps as fast as 9.4 seconds.

"I think it will stop at 9.4 but **you never know**," he said. "I don't run for world records. I'll just keep on working."

Usain Bolt's **fortuitous** surname is a gift for English language sports writers everywhere. He has been **dubbed 'The Bolt'**, a pun on **lightning bolt**.

They say **lightning never strikes twice** in the same place, but **there is every chance** that The Bolt will strike again later this week, when he will try to break the 200 metres world record he set in Beijing.

British sports fans have also had cause for celebration as Jessica Ennis won gold in the heptathlon, which she led from the start. She told BBC Sport:

"It's been the **longest two days of my life** but the best. I've dreamt so many times about winning medals and becoming world champion, doing a **lap of honour**... it's such an **adrenaline rush** and such an amazing feeling."

Phillips Idowu **clinched** Britain's second gold on Tuesday in the triple jump event. He **edged out** Portugal's Nelson Evora, who **pipped** Idowu in Beijing.

Notwithstanding the absence of Liu Xiang, China has enjoyed some success with a silver medal for Wang Hao in the 20km race walk. Liu Hong won bronze in the women's competition of the same event and Gong Lijiao also won a medal in the women's shot put.



Glossary 词汇表

destroyed the field - 摧毁所有对手	shaved 0.11 seconds off - 减掉了0.11秒
clocking - 时间纪录为	feat - 功绩, 壮举
electronic timing - 电子计时	cool-as-a-cucumber - (比喻) 镇定自如
you never know - 谁会知道	fortuitous - 吉祥的, 碰巧的
dubbed - 被称为	pun - 双关语
lightning bolt - 闪电	strikes - 打击
there is every chance - 很有可能	the longest two days of my life - 生命中最漫长的两天, 比喻这两天里很多事情都发生了。
lap of honour - (比赛优胜者向欢呼观众作答礼的) 荣誉绕场一周	adrenaline rush - 一阵兴奋, 激动
clinched - 抓住, 赢得了	edged out - 险胜, 领先一步
pipped - 险胜, 领先一步	notwithstanding - 尽管

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. Usain Bolt's new 100 metre time is even faster than the record he set in Beijing. True / False
2. It is the fastest time since 1968. True / False
3. Journalists like to make jokes using Usain Bolt's name. True / False
4. Jessica Ennis never imagined winning a gold medal. True / False
5. Phillips Idowu won a silver medal in Beijing. True / False

2. Similes 明喻

“Usain Bolt is as cool as a cucumber.”

We call this kind of sentence a simile. The examples below contain other common English similes. Try to guess which word from the selection in the box goes in each sentence.

上面的例句是一个明喻。下面的句子都是英语的明喻，请把正确的词组填入相对的句子

a post	a bat	ABC	dishwater	a fox
a feather	nails	a bee	a sheet	a furnace

1. “My boss won’t give me the day off on my birthday. She really is as hard as _____.”
2. “Can you read that sign for me? I’m sorry but I’m as blind as _____ without my glasses.”
3. “You’d better get our lawyers to check that contract carefully. He’s as sly as _____.”
4. “The problem with this car is there’s no air conditioning. In the summer it gets as hot as _____.”
5. “I’m as busy as _____ at the moment. I’ve got a dozen things to do before I go on holiday.”
6. “You’ll have to shout if you want him to hear. He’s as deaf as _____ nowadays.”
7. “I think this is the most boring thing I have ever done. It’s as dull as _____.”
8. “Are you OK? You’re as white as _____.”
9. “You won’t have any problems with the new software. It’s as easy as _____.”
10. “I’ve just bought a new bike. It’s got an aluminium frame. Try picking it up – it’s light as _____.”

3. Athletics Vocabulary 有关运动的词汇

How much English vocabulary can you remember from the 2008 Beijing Olympics? See how many of the sports below you can identify.

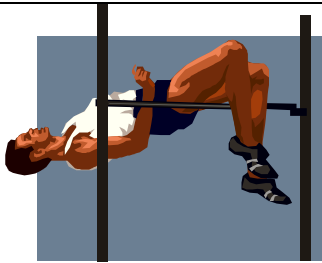
你还记得多少有关2008年北京奥运会的英语词汇？想想下面的这些运动名称是什么？



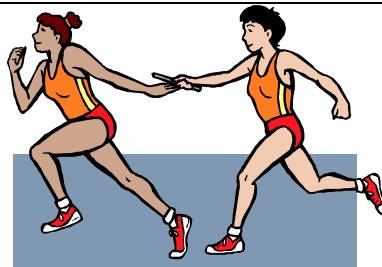
A



B



C



D



E



F



G

1. Javelin _____
2. Pole vault _____
3. Relay _____
4. Hurdles _____
5. Discus _____
6. High jump _____
7. Shot put _____

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with this week's story 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，找出今天的文章有关的英语单词来。

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。

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

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Answers 答案

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- E
- G
- D
- A
- B
- C
- F

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