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Don't Leave Home 最好别出门

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

If you are thinking about coming to Britain for Christmas, it might be a good idea to think again.

That's because thousand of Christmas travellers have been **stranded** in the UK as **adverse weather conditions** cause massive disruption to the **transport infrastructure**.

Roads, railway lines and airports have been closed as **blizzard** conditions have swept across the UK, leaving people **stuck** in their homes or even their cars.

Some of the worst affected travellers are those who had hoped to take the **Channel Tunnel** rail service to France and Belgium.

Eurostar, the company that operates the service was forced to cancel all trains for three days after extreme weather in France caused trains to **break down**, leaving some passengers **trapped** under the English Channel for up to 16 hours.

In parts of England hundreds of **motorists** were forced to abandon their vehicles, as **black ice** and **drifting snow** turned the roads into **slippery toboggan runs**.

Police and **transport agencies** have warned travellers to avoid making any non-essential journeys to reduce the "**mayhem**" that has been seen on British roads.

Gritters and **snow ploughs** are working overtime to keep the roads clear but for many people around the country the Christmas holidays have come early this year.

And for every **frustrated** traveller who just wants to get home, there is probably a delighted child, whose school has been closed early.

So with more bad weather **forecast**, if you are absolutely determined to come to the UK over the Christmas then you ought to **wrap up warm**, pack your snowshoes and even bring a **sledge**.

Glossary 词汇表

stranded – 被困	adverse weather conditions – 不好的天气状况
transport infrastructure – 交通设施	blizzard – 暴风雪
stuck – 被堵	Channel Tunnel – 英吉利海峡隧道 (连接英法两国)
break down - 发生故障, 停运	trapped – 被困在
motorists – 使用公路的司机	black ice – 透明薄冰
drifting snow – 飘雪	slippery toboggan runs – 湿滑的雪橇冰道
transport agencies – 交通部门	mayhem – 大混乱
gritters – 铺砂机	snow ploughs – 扫雪机
frustrated - 受挫的, 无奈的	forecast – 预报
wrap up warm – 穿暖和, 包严实	sledge – 雪橇

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. Heavy snow has paralysed the UK's transport system. **True / False**
2. The Channel Tunnel links Britain to France and Holland. **True / False**
3. Some travellers were trapped in a tunnel for many hours. **True / False**
4. Roads have sand and stones thrown on them to help motorists.
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5. Some schools have been closed early for Christmas. **True / False**

2. Snow and Ice Idioms 与雪和冰有关的成语

Match the idioms below with their definitions

请把下面的短语与它们的解释连线

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| 1. to be snowed under | a. to initiate social interchanges and conversation |
| 2. as pure as the driven snow | b. to be in a dangerous situation |
| 3. to break the ice | c. to have too much work to do |
| 4. to skate on thin ice | d. morally good |

Now complete the sentences below by adding the correct idiom.

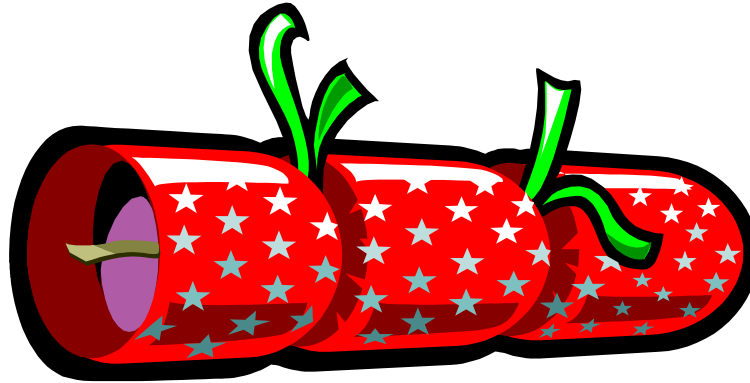
请用上面的成语来完成下列句子。

1. I'm warning you. You are _____. If you don't improve you will be sacked.
2. I can't come for a drink tonight. I'm completely _____ and won't leave the office till midnight.
3. He pretends to be _____ but I know he sees other women behind his wife's back.
4. I always find it quite hard _____ at parties.

3. Christmas Cracker Jokes 圣诞拉炮里面的笑话

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Try to match the joke to its punch line. 请把下面有趣的谜语和其答案连线。

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| 1. What do you call a deer with no eyes? | a. Hungary |
| 2. What country has a good appetite? | b. A cloud |
| 3. What is a sheep with no arms or legs? | c. A puffin |
| 4. Which bird is always out of breath? | d. No idea |

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with winter weather 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，找出与冬天有关的英语单词来。

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。

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snow	ice	frost	sleet	slush
thaw	flurry	melt	blizzard	flake

Answers 答案

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