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Nice Legs 漂亮的腿

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

We all like to eat well, and sometimes it's worth spending that little bit extra in order to get the best food available, but how many of us would consider spending nearly £2,000 (22,000 yuan) for a pig's leg?

British **gourmets** with **money to burn** are **licking their lips** at the thought of a Spanish ham that has gone on sale this week at shop in London.

The 7kg leg of **Iberico** ham costs £1,800 (19,800 yuan) and even comes with its own **DNA certificate** to **guarantee authenticity**.

Cured ham has long been enjoyed as an expensive delicacy around the world but the **hefty price tag** attached to these hams sets them apart from other similar products.

The reason they are so costly is because they come from a group of only 50 black Iberian pigs personally selected and **reared** by a **third-generation** Iberian pig farmer and curer.

Each pig has been fed on a special diet of **acorns** and roots to give the ham its distinctive flavour, and given a **pasture** of ten **hectares** each to live in.

After, what is by pig standards, an **idyllic life** of **roaming oak groves** and feeding naturally, the pigs are **slaughtered** and the curing process begins.

To make jamon iberico, as it is called in Spanish, the hams are salted and left to dry for two weeks, then they are **rinsed** and dried for another four to six weeks.

The dry hams are then hung in a cool, dry place for between 12 and 36 months before being made available to the public.

These kinds of ham are served **raw** in very thin slices and usually eaten as an appetiser. According to the London store selling the world's most expensive ham, the taste more than justifies the price tag.

"**Connoisseurs** will appreciate the **melt-in-the-mouth texture** of this truly amazing Spanish ham," said a spokesman.

Glossary 词汇表

gourmets – 美食家	money to burn – 超有钱的
licking their lips – 舔嘴巴 (嘴馋), 期待尝试	Iberico – 来自于一种黑毛猪
DNA certificate – DNA 测试证书	guarantee authenticity – 确保可信 赖性
cured - (用腌,晒,熏等方法)保存(食品)	hefty price tag – 昂贵的标价
reared – 养殖	third-generation – 第三代
acorns – 橡子	pasture – 放牧场
hectares – 公顷	idyllic life – 田园生活
roaming oak groves – 在橡树丛中漫游	slaughtered – 被屠宰了
rinsed – 冲洗了	raw – 生的
connoisseurs – 鉴赏家, 行家	melt-in-the-mouth texture – 入口 即化的感觉

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. Spanish ham is made from a pig's back. **True / False**
2. The expensive ham is on sale in the UK. **True / False**
3. The pigs the ham is made from lived to be 50. **True / False**
4. Those pigs eat oak trees. **True / False**
5. The curing process takes around six weeks to complete. **True / False**

2. Pig Idioms 有猪的成语

Match the pig-related idioms to their explanations.

请把有猪的成语和其相关解释搭配。

Vocabulary tip:

词语提示:

- sow = a female pig

1. pigs might fly	a. to eat too much food in a greedy way
2. to pig out	b. to make something wonderful from poor materials
3. make a silk purse out of a sow's ear	c. an unbelievable or unlikely situation
4. make pig's ear of something	d. to do a job very badly

Now complete the sentences below using one of the expressions from above.

请用以上成语来完成下面的句子。

1. "I am sure the most beautiful girl in town will marry me."
"Yeah, and _____. You've got no chance."
2. I'm so hungry I'm really going to _____ at the restaurant tonight.
3. My teacher shouted at me for _____ my homework.
4. Trying to repair my old car was like trying to _____. It would be better just to get rid of it.

3. Animal Meat 肉类

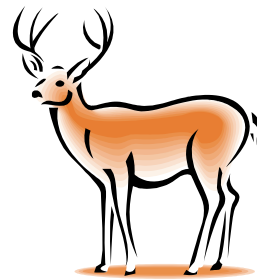
In English we often use different words to describe the meat that comes from an animal rather than using the animal's name.

在英语里，肉类的名称往往和其动物的名称不一样。

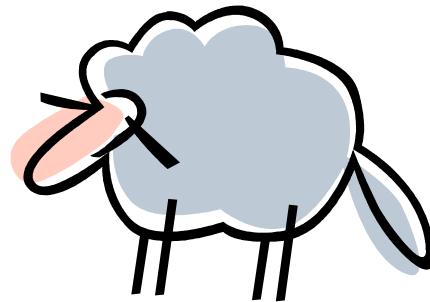
Match the meat to the animal that it comes from.

请把以下各种肉类名称和其动物相搭配。

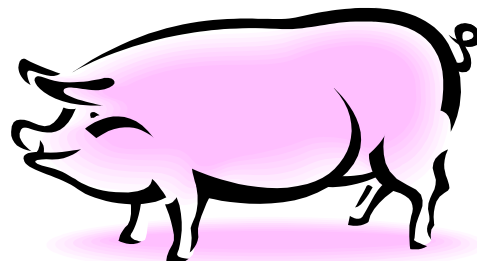
1. beef



2. pork



3. mutton



4. venison



4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with pigs 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，找出与猪有关的英语单词来。

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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pork	sow	snout	curly	bacon
sausage	trotter	ear	chop	boar

Answers 答案

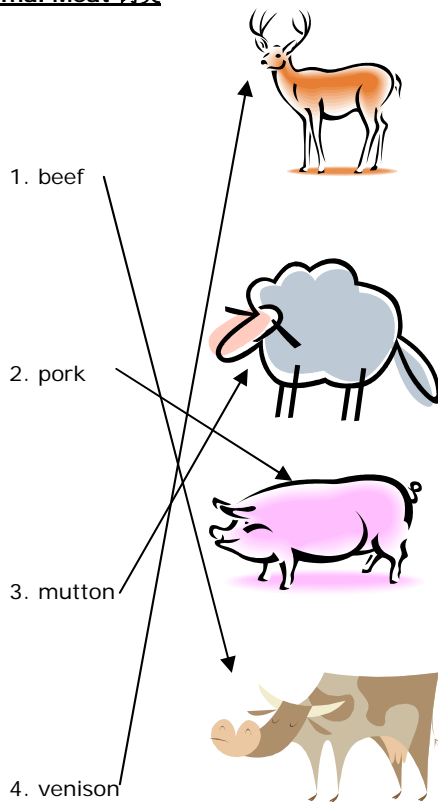
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