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The Comeback King and Queen 冰上王子和公主复出夺冠

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

Chinese **figure skaters** Shen Xue and Zhao Hongbo **rolled back the years** to win China's first gold medal at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics on Monday.

Their victory came as a **fairytale ending** to a story that seems more like a Hollywood movie than real life.

The **veteran** husband and wife duo were **lured out of retirement** for one last **crack** at Olympic gold, having previously won bronze medals in the 2002 and 2006 Winter Games.

At the age of 36 and 31 respectively Zhao Hongbo and Shen Xue **defied sporting convention** by **overcoming** the figure-skating world's young **whippersnappers**.

Ordinarily at such an age the married couple should not be competing in international events **let alone** bringing home Olympic gold.

To add to the drama the pair had been the **lowest-ranked** competitors going into the competition due to their **lengthy absence** from the ice.

But **against all odds** their superb **short programme** score from Sunday was enough to see them win the overall competition despite some small errors in Monday's **free skate** event.

An **emotional** Zhao said, "It's been so many years - to finally get this gold is so exciting. So many years have been **devoted** to this dream."

China has now won three medals at the Vancouver Games – one gold, one silver, and one bronze for Wang Beixing in the women's 500m **speed skating**.

So what next for Zhao and Shen? Will they **defend** their medals in the next games?

Well, Shen **indicated** that the couple may have other plans:

"It's hard to continue skating - maybe it's time to have a baby," she said.

Glossary 词汇表

figure skaters 花样滑冰选手	rolled back the years 时光倒流
fairytale ending 神话般的结尾	veteran 经验丰富的老手
lured out of retirement v	crack 尝试
defied sporting convention 反运动常规的	overcoming 克服, 战胜
whippersnappers 自以为了不起的年轻人	let alone 更别说
lowest-ranked 排名最低的	lengthy absence 长期缺席
against all odds 克服了重重困难	short programme 短节目
free skate 自由滑	emotional 情绪激动的
devoted 挚爱的, 全身心地投入	speed skating 速滑
defend 捍卫, 保住	indicated 表示

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. This is Shen Xue and Zhao Hongbo's third Olympic Games. **True / False**
2. They have won bronze and silver medals in the past. **True / False**
3. They had given up competitive figure skating. **True / False**
4. They performed better on Sunday than Monday. **True / False**
5. They now plan to start a family. **True / False**

2. Skating and Ice Idioms 和滑冰、冰有关的成语

Match each idiom to its definition.

请把以下成语和其解释连接。

1. get your skates on	a. to choose to be in a risky situation
2. to be skating on thin ice	b. delay or postpone a project
3. to break the ice	c. hurry up
4. put something on ice	d. to start a conversation with someone you don't know

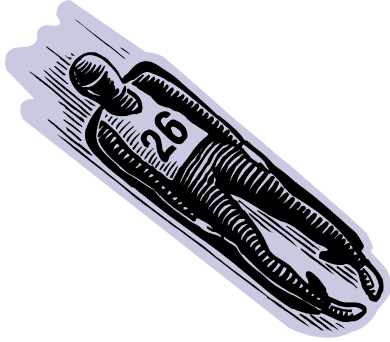
Now complete the sentences below with the appropriate idiom.

请用以上成语来完成下面的句子。

1. I'm very shy at parties and never know how to _____.
2. Our funding has been so cut so the project will be _____.
3. You need to _____ or we'll miss our flight!
4. You are _____ by coming in to work late all the time. You could lose your job.

3. Winter Olympic Sports 冬季奥运会项目

What are the names of the Winter Olympic sports shown below?
请看以下冬季奥运会的比赛项目图片，并在横线上填写出其名称。



1. _____



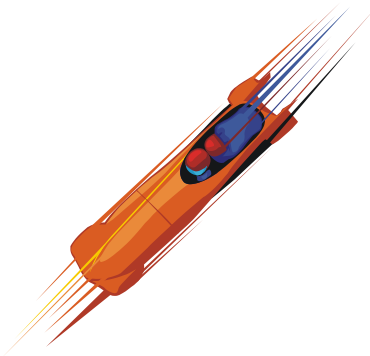
2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____

ice hockey
ski jumping

luge
bobsleigh

figure skating
snowboarding

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with winter fun 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，找出与冬季娱乐有关的英语单词来。

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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ski	sled	husky	bell	sleigh
skate	curling	luge	jump	snowball

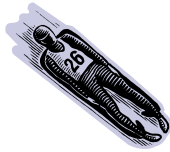
Answers 答案

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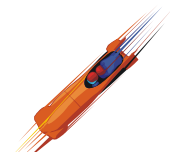
2. ski jumping



3. ice hockey



4. figure skating



5. bobsleigh



6. snowboarding

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1. c
 2. a
 3. d
 4. b
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