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### First Female Best Director 第一位最佳女导演

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

One film was the **highest-grossing** of all time, making £1.32bn (13bn yuan) at the box office; the other had taken just £10m (100m yuan).

One film was a **sci-fi fantasy**, rich in the latest CGI and 3D techniques, set on a **lush, leafy, fictional planet** called Pandora; the other was a **gritty, realistic war drama** set in the deserts of Iraq.

And perhaps most interestingly of all, one film was by Hollywood **mega-director James Cameron**, with the Oscar-winning movie **Titanic** under his belt; the other was by the less celebrated Kathryn Bigelow, who also happened to be his **ex-wife**.

Both films were nominated for nine awards apiece.

Yet it was Bigelow's **The Hurt Locker** that **stole the show**, winning six awards including best picture, as opposed to Cameron's **Avatar**, which won just three.

It was also, significantly, the first time a woman had won the best director award. Bigelow, however, is **reluctant** to be referred to as a 'female director', and made no reference to her **gender** in her **Oscars acceptance speech**.

"I'd love to think of myself as a filmmaker, and I long for the day when a **modifier** can be a **moot point**," she said.

"But I'm ever grateful if I can inspire some young, **intrepid, tenacious** male or female filmmaker and have them feel that the impossible is possible and never give up on your dream."

Nonetheless, her victory does highlight the position of women in cinema. At present only around 10% of films in the UK and 7% of Hollywood films are directed by women. Many hope Bigelow's win will help change this.

So, did James Cameron **begrudge** his ex-wife landing the top honours? Speaking on the red carpet ahead of the ceremony, he said:

"I've **extolled her virtues** to the world and supported her as a filmmaker. I'd be **tremendously proud** if she won."

## Glossary 词汇表

highest-grossing - 创票房最高纪录的	sci-fi fantasy - 科幻片
lush - 草木茂盛的, 肥沃的	gritty - 纪实风格的、暴露性的
mega-director - 超级大导演	under his belt - 已经有了
less celebrated - 没有那么出名的	ex-wife - 前妻
apiece - 每个, 各	stole the show - 抢尽风头
reluctant - 不情愿的	gender - 性别
acceptance speech - 受奖演讲	modifier - 修饰语
moot point - 争论点	intrepid - 无畏的
tenacious - 顽强的	begrudge - 嫉妒
extolled her virtues - 盛赞她的美德	tremendously proud - 非常自豪

### 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. Avatar was the highest-grossing film to win best picture. True / False
2. James Cameron keeps his Oscar in his belt. True / False
3. The Hurt Locker was nominated for nine awards. True / False
4. Kathryn Bigelow sees her gender as unimportant. True / False
5. James Cameron was bitter about Kathryn Bigelow's win. True / False

## 2. Professional Women 职业女性

Kathryn Bigelow has become the first woman to win best director at the Academy Awards. The job title 'director' is the same for both men and women, but this is not the case for all jobs.

Sometimes, the female form of a job title adds the suffix –ess, though this is becoming less common as some see it as sexist.

Fill in the table below with the correct form for men and women. Be careful, sometimes it is the same.

凯瑟琳·毕格罗是奥斯卡金像奖史上第一位最佳女导演。虽然'导演'这个职称不分男女，但不是所有的职称都是这样的。

有的时候，一些由女性担任的职称后面会加上后缀 *ess*，不过这种情况出现得越来越少，因为那样做被认为有性别歧视的嫌疑。

请在以下练习中填写合适的职称，注意有些职称有男女之别，但有些职称没有性别之分。

Male	Female
Actor	
	Teacher
	Engineer
Waiter	
	Songstress (another word for singer)
Manager	
Prince	
	Duchess
Steward	
Banker	

### 3. Clothes Idioms 和服饰有关的成语

In the text we taught you the idiom 'under his belt', which means to have something.

Connect the idioms on the left with their meanings on the right.

在本期文章中，我们用到了成语'under his belt'，意思是拥有什么。

请在下面练习中，把左面的成语和其右面相应的解释连线。

a. in someone else's shoes	1. start to think seriously about a problem
b. old hat	2. get ready for hard work
c. wear the trousers	3. be in control (in a family or household)
d. roll up your sleeves	4. old fashioned, not new
e. put on your thinking cap	5. in someone else's position

Now put the correct idiom in the gap to complete the sentences below.

请用以上成语来完成下面的句子。

1. This restaurant is great but the menu is a bit \_\_\_\_\_. I've eaten all these foods a thousand times.
2. It's going to be a long, hard day at work. I suggest you \_\_\_\_\_ and get started early.
3. You're going to have to \_\_\_\_\_ and come up with some new ideas I'm afraid. There are no easy answers this time.
4. You really should put yourself \_\_\_\_\_. Then you might realise how lucky you are.
5. She definitely \_\_\_\_\_ at home. Her husband is only allowed to go out once a week.

#### 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with this week's text 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，找出与本周话题有关的英语单词来。

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。

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r	w	d	h	e	l	j	p	w	t	s	e
f	i	n	t	r	e	p	i	d	o	t	f
i	n	t	e	r	p	i	d	s	r	s	y
d	i	r	e	c	t	t	o	r	d	a	w

lush	intrepid	gender	gritty	tenacious
apiece	director	proud	award	speech

## Answers 答案

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- a - 5
- b - 4
- c - 3
- d - 2
- e - 1

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