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Celebrity Divorce 名人离婚

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

Kate Winslet, the English star of the film Titanic, has announced that she has **split up** from her film director husband Sam Mendes after six years of marriage.

The couple released a statement saying that the split was entirely **amicable** and by **mutual agreement**. The **press release** went on to say that both **parties** were committed to the **joint parenting** of their children.

It is not the first time that the Oscar-winning actress has **faced tragedy** in her private life.

In 1997 Winslet became an international star with the release of the massive **box-office hit** Titanic, but for her the success of the film was **overshadowed** by the death of her **then partner** from bone cancer shortly before the film **came out**.

Winslet then met and married film director Jim Threapleton with whom she has a daughter, but the couple divorced three years later.

Both Mendes and Winslet have had **stellar careers** – she was **nominated** five times for an Oscar before finally winning the best actress award for her performance in the 2009 film The Reader.

Mendes has enjoyed great success as a theatre director in London and **on Broadway**, as well as winning the best picture and best director Oscar awards for his 1999 **debut** movie American Beauty.

The couple only worked together, however, on a single film project, the 2008 **melodrama** Revolutionary Road.

But fans of both Mendes and Winslet needn't worry that the divorce will affect their **creative output** as Mendes has five films **in development** and is reportedly **in talks** to direct the next James Bond movie.

As for Winslet, with two films and a TV show in **pre-production**, her fans can be sure her heart will go on.

Glossary 词汇表

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| split up 分手 | amicable 心平气和的, 不伤和气的 |
| mutual agreement 协议 | press release 新闻稿 |
| parties 当事人 | joint parenting 联合抚养子女 |
| faced tragedy 面对悲剧 | box-office hit 票房热门电影 |
| overshadowed 蒙上了阴影 | then partner 当时的伴侣 |
| came out 上映 | stellar careers 辉煌的事业 |
| nominated 被提名 | on Broadway 在百老汇上 |
| debut 初次, 第一个 | melodrama 情节剧 |
| creative output 具有创造力的作品 | in development 在发展中 |
| in talks 在会谈中或谈判中 | pre-production 前期制作 |

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. Winslet and Mendes got married in 1999. **True / False**
2. The couple remain friends despite their separation. **True / False**
3. Winslet has been married three times before. **True / False**
4. Mendes began his career directing for the stage. **True / False**
5. Both Winslet and Mendes have won Oscars for their work. **True / False**

2. The Language of Heartbreak 和心碎有关语言

Look at the phrases below. Each phrase is related to the subject of heartbreak and broken relationships. Some of the phrases are from famous plays and poems.

请看以下短语。每个短语都与心碎和失恋有关。其中有些短语出自著名的剧本和诗歌。

Match the phrase to its definition.

请把短语和其相应的解释连线。

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| 1. Star-crossed lovers | a. A failed relationship is worth more than no relationship at all |
| 2. There are plenty more fish in the sea | b. A couple from very different backgrounds whose relationship is unlikely to succeed |
| 3. The course of true love never did run smooth | c. If this relationship fails, you will be able to find another partner |
| 4. 'Tis better to have loved and lost than never loved at all | d. Relationships often face serious difficulties and challenges |

Now complete the following sentences with the phrases from above.

现在请用以上短语完成下面的句子。

- "I can't believe she's left me. I'll never find another girlfriend!"
"Don't worry. _____."
- My friend Richard and his girlfriend Wei are really a pair of _____.
He's English and she's Chinese and neither speaks much of each other's language.
- "I hate being alone now we've split up. I wish we'd never met."
" Don't say that. After all _____."
- "I don't know if I can continue going out with him when he's always at work or travelling."
" _____ . Couples always face problems."

3. Jumbled Sentences 打乱词序的句子

Rearrange the words in the sentences below to make correct sentences.

请将下列句子中的单词重新排列，组成一个正确的句子。

1. Oscars The won 11 director including film the Titanic best award.

2. following became an star success Kate Winslet international the film's.

3. was director to another Kate Winslet before married Sam Mendes meeting.

4. New York staged has plays that directed were London Sam Mendes in and.

5. the married Mendes 2003and Winslet in Carribean got in.

6. bitter couple say friends The divorce their is not that remain and they.

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with relationships 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，找出与情爱关系有关的英语单词来。

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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| argue | make up | engaged | roses | honeymoon |

Answers 答案

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5. Both Winslet and Mendes have won Oscars for their work. **True**

3. Jumbled Sentences 打乱词序的句子

1. The film Titanic won 11 Oscars including the best director award.
2. Kate Winslet became an international star following the film's success.
3. Kate Winslet was married to another director before meeting Sam Mendes.
4. Sam Mendes has directed plays that were staged in London and New York.
5. Mendes and Winslet got married in the Caribbean in 2003.
6. The couple say that their divorce is not bitter and they remain friends.

2. The Language of Heartbreak 和心碎有关语言

1. b
2. c
3. d
4. a
1. "I can't believe she's left me. I'll never find another girlfriend!"
"Don't worry. **There are plenty more fish in the sea.**"
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" Don't say that. After all **'tis better to have loved and lost than never loved at all.**"
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" **The course of true love never did run smooth.**
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