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Big Scary Scorpions 庞大恐怖的蝎子

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

The trend of 3D blockbuster movies continues with this week's release of Clash of the Titans, a film which delves into the rich world of Greek mythology.

It tells the story of the hero Perseus as he battles a host of fearsome creatures including giant scorpions, a huge sea monster called the Kraken and the terrifying Medusa with writhing snakes instead of hair.

Perseus is played by Australian actor Sam Worthington, who made his name as the lead in Avatar, and who seems to be enjoying his sudden rise to international fame. Talking about filming Clash of the Titans, he said:

"Some movies you do because they're a hell of a lot of fun. That's what this one was. Me in a skirt with a rubber sword, killing monsters. It ain't that hard. That's a good day at the office."

The film also features Irish actor Liam Neeson as Zeus, King of the Gods and father of Perseus, and British actor Ralph Fiennes as Hades, the evil Lord of the Underworld.

This year's film is a remake of a 1981 version of the same name, though the look and feel of the two could not be more different.

The original film made use of stop-motion technology to bring model monsters to life. This painstaking technique animates models by moving them in tiny increments one frame at a time and photographing each frame individually.

These days of course CGI and 3D technology allow directors to realise even their wildest visual fantasies.

Nonetheless, the film's French director Louis Leterrier and the cast and crew still wanted to pay homage to the original movie.

Actress Alexa Davalos, who plays Perseus' love interest in the film, said:

"There's a tip of the hat to the original throughout. It was a labour of love to the original. We all really want to honour it. I hope we did that."



Glossary 词汇表

delves into - 深入研究, 钻研	Greek mythology - 希腊神话
a host of - 许多, 一群	fearsome creatures – 令人害怕的怪物
scorpions – 蝎子	writhing snakes – 蠕动的蛇
a hell of a lot - 好多, 超级	rubber sword - 橡皮剑
Underworld - (神话中的) 阴间	stop-motion technology - 逐格动画技术
model - 模型	painstaking - 极小心的, 需专注的
animates - 使栩栩如生地动作	increments - 增量
frame – (电影里的) 一个画面、画格	wildest visual fantasies – 最漫无边际的视觉幻想
pay homage - 表示敬意	love interest - 爱慕对象
tip of the hat - 致敬	labour of love - 为了兴趣爱好而做的事情

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 not the first Clash of the Titans film. True / False
2. Perseus has to fight a giant snake. True / False
3. Sam Worthington thought shooting the movie was fun. True / False
4. Louis Leterrier used stop-motion to animate his monsters. True / False
5. The team tried to copy the 1981 film exactly. True / False

2. Phrases from Greek Mythology 源于希腊神话的习语

The rich tradition of Greek mythology has given English many words and phrases that are used to this day.

Look at the phrases below and match them to their definitions.

英语中有很多现在还很实用的词汇和习语都来自于引人入胜的希腊神话。

请把以下短语和其相应解释连线。

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| 1. Achilles heel | a. something that attacks the group it belongs to from within |
| 2. Trojan horse | b. a source of troubles you hadn't expected |
| 3. Herculean task | c. a deadly weakness in spite of overall strength |
| 4. Pandora's box | d. something requiring tremendous effort or strength |

Now complete the sentences below by using one of the idioms above.

现在请用以上的某个习语完成下列句子。

1. Some computer viruses make themselves look like normal files but they are actually _____ which steal your data.
2. Mark's been really good at staying on his low-fat diet. Just don't offer him a chocolate cake, that's his _____.
3. When the manager asked what his staff's concerns were, he really opened a _____.
4. I've got a _____ ahead of me: I have to write 5,000 words for my essay by tomorrow morning.

3. Greek Roots in English Words 英语词汇中的希腊语词根

Many English words have Greek roots. One good way to build your vocabulary is to learn these roots so that you can understand words you have not seen before, but contain these roots.

The words on the left have Greek roots. Translate them into Chinese, then try to work the meaning of the root.

The first one has been done for you.

很多英文词汇都含有希腊语词根。学习这些词根有助于扩大词汇量 and 理解包含这些词根的新词的含义。

在左边一栏的单词含有希腊语词根，请翻译成中文，然后解释词根的含义。请参考第一个例子。

Modern Words	Chinese	Greek Root	Meaning of Root
Claustrophobia	<u>幽闭恐惧症</u>		
Agoraphobia	<u>广场恐怖症</u>	phobia	<u>fear, 恐惧</u>
Arachnophobia	<u>恐蜘蛛症</u>		
Microcosm	_____		
Microscope	_____	micro	_____
Micro-organism	_____		
Biology	_____		
Biosphere	_____	bio	_____
Biotechnology	_____		
Phonetics	_____		
Cacophony	_____	phon	_____
Telephone	_____		

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with this week's topic 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，找出与本周文章内容有关的英语单词来。

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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scorpion creature fearsome mythology sword painstaking frame model fantasy Greek
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Answers 答案

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3. Greek Roots in English Words

Microcosm – 缩影、缩图

Microscope – 显微镜

Micro-organism – 微生物

Micro – tiny, 微小的

Biology – 生物学

Biosphere – 生物圈

Biotechnology – 生物工艺学

Bio - life, 生物

Phonetics – 语音学

Cacophony – 刺耳的声音

Telephone – 电话

Phon – sound, 音

2. Phrases from Greek Mythology

1. C
 2. A
 3. D
 4. B
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4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

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