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### Final Designs for London's New Buses Unveiled 伦敦推出最新版巴士设计

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

What is red but green, open but closed and old but new? Answer: London's stunning new double-decker buses.

The traditional red double-deckers are a symbol of London. Their iconic status was sealed in 2008 when one bus made the longer-than-usual trip to Beijing to collect a very special passenger: the Olympic Flame.

Now a new bus design has been unveiled and it has been wowing Londoners.

The new bus uses more efficient green technology and has two staircases and an open platform, enabling people to hop on and hop off. It also has a unique asymmetric design for the front end which gives it a futuristic look.

Despite its innovations the design is not all new. Its exterior is very reminiscent of London's faithful old double-decker, the Routemaster.

In December 2005 the original Routemaster was withdrawn from general service for accessibility and environmental reasons, but it can still be seen on two heritage routes in London.

In July 2008 a competition was launched by the London Mayor, Boris Johnson, to design a new Routemaster bus for the capital. There were over 700 entries, with several designers jointly winning the £25,000 (244,000 Yuan) prize.

The new double-deckers, which have three doors to speed up boarding, are expected to be in service in 2012.

Mr Johnson said: "This iconic new part of our transport system is not only beautiful, but also has a green heart beating beneath its stylish, swooshing exterior".

He expects cities around the globe to be "beside themselves with envy" for what he described as a "stunning red emblem" of 21<sup>st</sup>-century London.

However, Mr Johnson has not yet persuaded everyone to climb on board. The mayor has been criticised by some for the high cost of the new buses. A

normal double-decker bus costs around £190,000 (around 1,900,000 Yuan) but it has cost £7.8m (76,000,000 Yuan) to design and build five new ones.

### Glossary 词汇表

<b>double-decker</b> 双层巴士	<b>iconic</b> 标志性的
<b>sealed</b> 盖上印章	<b>unveiled</b> 揭开面纱/剪彩
<b>wowing</b> 让人惊叹	<b>hop on and hop off</b> 跳上 跳下
<b>asymmetric</b> 不对称的	<b>futuristic</b> 极新潮的
<b>reminiscent of</b> 怀旧的	<b>Routemaster</b> 马路大师 (伦敦老版巴士车的名字)
<b>accessibility</b> 便于残疾人使用	<b>heritage routes</b> 游览线路
<b>launched</b> 发布	<b>entries</b> 参赛作品
<b>boarding</b> 登车、船或飞机	<b>swooshing exterior</b> 旋弧形外观
<b>beside themselves with envy</b> 羡慕生嫉妒	<b>stunning</b> 惊艳的
<b>emblem</b> 标志、象征	<b>on board</b> 上车/入伙

### 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. London's double-decker buses are an icon of the city. True / False
2. The new London buses have a symmetric exterior design. True / False
3. The Routemaster was the previous version of the London double-deckers. True / False
4. The London Mayor does not like the new double-deckers. True / False
5. The cost of London's new buses is lower than that of the traditional ones. True / False

## 2. Vocabulary Practice 词汇练习

a) Sort the following words into different word groups. Some words may go under more than one heading.

请把下面的单词根据词性分类。请注意，有些单词可能会有不同的词性。

iconic	asymmetric	launch	entries	reminiscent
stunning	boarding	unveil	jointly	accessibility

Verbs 动词

Adjectives 形容词

Adverbs 副词

Nouns 名词

b) Now choose words from the box above to go into the following sentences.

现在你可以把上面的单词，填入下面的句子里。

1. Have you seen her new haircut? This time she's gone for a really radical \_\_\_\_\_ look.
2. The Duke of Kent was invited to \_\_\_\_\_ the new statue.
3. Attention all passengers! \_\_\_\_\_ will commence in five minutes.
4. I have some profound concerns about \_\_\_\_\_ on our new website.
5. Across its eighty-year history the company has barely changed its \_\_\_\_\_ logo.
6. I really think our companies should issue a press statement \_\_\_\_\_.
7. How many \_\_\_\_\_ have we had for the award this year?
8. For me lavender is so \_\_\_\_\_ of Provence in France.
9. Wow! You look absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ tonight!
10. Have you prepared everything for the product \_\_\_\_\_ on Tuesday?

### 3. Prepositions 介词

Complete the following sentences by writing the correct prepositions after the verbs.

完成下列句子，把正确的介词填入空格中。

1. The traditional red double-deckers are an icon \_\_\_\_\_ London.
2. The new bus designs are very reminiscent \_\_\_\_\_ London's old double-deckers.
3. Mr Johnson was criticised \_\_\_\_\_ spending too much money on the new buses.
4. Some new features of the bus will speed \_\_\_\_\_ boarding.
5. The new double-deckers are expected to be \_\_\_\_\_ service in 2012.
6. There is a green heart \_\_\_\_\_ the new bus's stylish exterior.
7. London's new buses might cause other cities to be \_\_\_\_\_ themselves with envy.
8. In July 2008 a competition was launched \_\_\_\_\_ the London Mayor.

up   beneath   of   by   in   beside   for   of
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#### 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words you have learned about London's new buses in the puzzle below. Try to think of their meanings while you are looking for them

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，找出你刚才学到的有关伦敦新巴士的英语单词来。一边找，一边考虑它们的意思。

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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exterior	route	emblem	platform	stunning
unveil	boarding	futuristic	launch	iconic

# Answers 答案

## 1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

1. London's double-decker buses are an icon of the city. **True**
2. The new London buses have a symmetric exterior design. **False**
3. The Routemaster was the previous version of the London double-deckers. **True**
4. London Mayor does not like the new double-deckers. **False**
5. The cost of London's new buses is lower than that of the traditional ones. **False**

## 3. Prepositions 介词

1. The traditional red double-deckers are an icon **of** London.
2. The new bus designs are very reminiscent **of** London's old double-deckers.
3. Mr Johnson was criticised **for** spending too much money on the new buses.
4. Some new features of the bus will speed **up** boarding.
5. The new double-deckers are expected to be **in** service in 2012.
6. There is a green heart **beneath** the new bus's stylish exterior.
7. London's new buses might cause other cities to be **beside** themselves with envy.
8. In July 2008 a competition was launched **by** the London Mayor.

## 2. Vocabulary Practice 词汇练习

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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Verbs</b> 动词   | <b>Adjectives</b> 形容词 |
| launch            | iconic                |
| boarding          | asymmetric            |
| unveil            | reminiscent           |
|                   | stunning              |
| <b>Adverbs</b> 副词 | <b>Nouns</b> 名词       |
| jointly           | launch                |
|                   | boarding              |
|                   | accessibility         |
|                   | entries               |

- b)
1. Have you seen her new haircut? This time she's gone for a really radical **asymmetric** look.
  2. The Duke of Kent was invited to **unveil** the new statue.
  3. Attention all passengers! **Boarding** will commence in five minutes.
  4. I have some profound concerns about **accessibility** on our new website.
  5. Across its eighty-year history the company has barely changed its **iconic** logo.
  6. I really think our companies should issue a press statement **jointly**.
  7. How many **entries** have we had for the award this year?
  8. For me lavender is so **reminiscent** of Provence in France.
  9. Wow! You look absolutely **stunning** tonight!
  10. Have you prepared everything for the product **launch** on Tuesday?

## 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

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