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Bad Weather Causes Chaos 坏天气导致混乱

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

The British usually expect one or two snowfalls each year but the amount of snow rarely affects everyday life. However, this week Britain has had the worst snow it has seen in around 18 years. Some places had more than 30cm in a day.

The bad weather caused severe disruption. More than 3000 schools had to close as teachers and pupils were unable to get to school.

School children weren't too unhappy about it though as they headed out to play in the snow, building snowmen, having snowball fights, sledging and some even snowboarding and skiing.

In London, bus services were withdrawn for a day and tubes and trains were cancelled. Major motorways in the country had to close.

Many people were unable to get to work and it is thought the cost of this lost labour is around £1 billion (10 billion yuan) to businesses and the economy.

Anyone wanting to leave the country had problems too. Runways were closed at all the UK's major airports because of the amount of snow. Hundreds of flights were cancelled leaving some passengers stranded at airports.

So why is the UK so ill-prepared for snow? The mayor of London, Boris Johnson, explained that there aren't enough snow-ploughs and gritters and it doesn't make sense to buy such equipment when it snows so infrequently.

The south-east of England was the hardest hit at the beginning of the week but the snow is now moving northwards where the chaos continues.

More ice and snow is forecast throughout the week and the advice from travel and weather organisations is to stay indoors unless you really need to venture out!



Glossary 词汇表

snowfalls – 降雪；下雪	severe disruption – 严重干扰
snowmen – 雪人	snowball fights – 打雪仗
sledging – (坐) 雪橇	withdrawn – 撤回；停运
tubes – 伦敦地铁	motorways – 高速公路
£1 billion – 10亿英镑	runways – 跑道
stranded – 搁浅；被困	ill-prepared – 措手不及
mayor – 市长	snow-ploughs – 铲雪机
gritters – 撒沙机	it doesn't make sense – 不划算的
infrequently – 不经常的	the hardest hit – 受袭最重的
forecast – (天气) 预报	to venture out – 冒险出门

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. Britain has very harsh winters and heavy snowfall every year. True / False
2. Schools had to close because teachers and students could not travel into school in the snow. True / False
3. It was extremely difficult to take a bus or a tube in London after the snow. True / False
4. The UK doesn't have enough equipment to help clear the snow because it doesn't snow often enough to spend that much money. True / False
5. The worst of the snow could be found in the north of England at the start of the week. True / False

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stick

ball

fall

flake

man

storm

shoe

car

house

dog

1. snowfall

4. _____

2. _____

5. _____

3. _____

6. _____

3. More Compound Nouns 更多的复合名词

Read the following paragraph and circle the compound nouns. How many can you find?

阅读下文，你能找出多少复合名词？请一一圈出来。

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It was hard work so we had a break and watched some football on the TV. I cooked some seafood for lunch.

There was lot to do in the new apartment so I wrote a list on a blackboard to help me. We wanted to get a lot done before the daylight disappeared and it got dark.

Now complete the following sentences using one of the compound nouns from the paragraphs above.

现在请用上文中的复合名词完成下例句子填空练习。

1. I moved to the front of the classroom so I could see the _____ better.
2. I love to eat meat but I'm not a big fan of _____ dishes.
3. David Beckham is famous for playing _____.
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5. This room is very dark with the curtains closed. Open them up and let in some _____.
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4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with bad weather 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，找出与恶劣天气有关的英语单词来。

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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chaos	sledging	disruption	ice	snowfall
snowmen	forecast	gritter	skiing	stranded

Answers 答案

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