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Does He Have What it Takes? 他有夺冠的实力吗?

It is that time of year again, everyone is eating **strawberries with cream**, drinking **Pimms with lemonade** and watching the world's best tennis players **battling for supremacy** at the Wimbledon Tennis Championship.

However there is something very different this year. Britain has a **high-ranking** player who just might have a **chance** of winning the title. The British public are very excited and are eagerly following the **progress** of 22-year-old Andrew Murray.

Murray is currently ranked third in the world for men's singles, behind the **legends** that are Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer. This is an even more **impressive feat** when you consider that he only **turned pro** in 2005.

He currently holds three **Masters titles** which include a win over Nadal in Rotterdam in February of this year. So it is not surprising that the public's **expectations** are high. Everyone is waiting to see if Murray can reach and win the 2009 Wimbledon final. Murray clearly thinks he can win. In an interview published on his official website, he says:

"I believe I can win Wimbledon. That's not changed since the first match. But, like I said, I'm gonna have to play great tennis to do it."

Winning Wimbledon would be a feat for any tennis player but if Murray wins, he would become the first British male to take the title since Fred Perry in 1934. And let's hope a win will **put a smile on his face**.

Renowned for being **somewhat dour** and not very **chatty**, Murray is fairly **guarded** about his personal life. What we do know is that he comes from a very sporty family.

His older brother is a successful tennis player and took the mixed doubles title at Wimbledon in 2007. His mother is a **tennis coach** in Scotland and his grandfather used to play football for the Scottish teams Hibernian and Stirling Albion.

His sporty family have fully **backed** and helped develop Murray's tennis career. But it **remains to be seen** whether this young Scot **has what it takes** to get to the final and become a Wimbledon champion.

At least we won't have to wait too long to find out. The 2009 men's final is scheduled for 5 July.

Glossary 词汇表

strawberries with cream 鲜草莓加奶油	Pimms with lemonade 皮恩酒加柠檬汽水
battling for supremacy 争夺最高头衔	high-ranking 高级别的
chance 机会	progress (比赛) 进展
legends 传奇人物	impressive feat 令人惊叹的胜利
turned pro 转为专业球员	Masters titles (网球) 大师杯赛头衔
expectations 期待	put a smile on his face 令他欣慰的笑容
renowned 驰名的	somewhat dour 沉闷的
chatty 健谈的	guarded 不愿透露
tennis coach 网球教练	backed 支持
remains to be seen 拭目以待	has what it takes 拥有夺冠的实力

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. Andrew Murray has been playing tennis for over 30 years. **True / False**
2. Murray has been a professional tennis player since 2005. **True / False**
3. Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer are ranked above Murray in the world men's singles rankings. **True / False**
4. Murray thinks he can win Wimbledon. **True / False**
5. Murray has some very sporty relatives. **True / False**

2. Gapfill 填空

Complete the sentences. Choose one word from the box below to fill each space.

从下表选择一个合适的词填入每句的空格处：

racquet courts	balls trophy	umpire scoreboard
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1. Andrew Murray often throws his _____ in the air at the end of a match.
2. Taking home the Wimbledon _____ would be a great achievement for Murray.
3. Most tennis players keep spare _____ in their pockets during a match.
4. The _____ watches over the match and ensures all the rules are being followed.
5. The _____ will display who is winning throughout the match.
6. Tennis _____ can be clay, grass, or concrete. They can also be indoor or outdoor.

3. Matching 配对

a) Label the pictures. Choose words from the box.

请你从词表中选词并标示在每相应的彩图下面：

strawberries	pepper	egg	bacon	butter
fish	cream	chips	bread	salt



1.



2.



3.



4.



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7.



8.



9.



10.

b) Choose words from above to create common British food combinations.

从上面的词表中选出最合适的词完成下列有关英国民间食品短语的组合练习：

1. strawberries and _____.
2. fish and _____.
3. salt and _____.
4. bacon and _____.
5. bread and _____.

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 (→), vertically (↓) or diagonally (↘)

请找出和本周题目相关的英语单词。

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。

t	e	n	n	i	s	v	g	f	t	a	s
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d	d	d	s	a	r	a	n	k	i	n	g
m	a	t	c	h	t	r	a	n	g	e	d
a	e	c	o	e	y	a	p	r	i	b	a
a	c	s	a	d	l	e	g	e	n	d	s
s	v	s	c	d	s	t	r	e	p	h	y
q	s	s	h	e	f	e	f	s	e	b	e
c	h	a	m	p	i	o	n	s	h	i	p
a	h	c	g	l	e	s	e	h	d	d	r
s	i	n	g	l	e	s	s	s	e	s	o

tennis	match	pro	ranking
coach	singles	doubles	sporty
championship	legends		

Answers 答案

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3. Matching 配对

a)

- cream
- fish
- chips
- salt
- bread
- eggs
- butter
- bacon
- strawberries
- pepper

b)

- strawberries and **cream**.
- fish and **chips**.
- salt and **pepper**.
- bacon and **eggs**.
- bread and **butter**.

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