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New Witch of Wookey Hole: Wookey 洞里的新巫婆

Do you ever fancy a career change?

Well if you can cast spells, fly on a broomstick and have a good cackle, then you might be interested in becoming a professional witch. And if you become the Witch of Wookey Hole you could even earn a good salary.

Legend has it that the haunted caves of Wookey Hole in the south of England were home to a witch who laid a curse on the local villagers, until she was turned to stone by a monk.

These days the caves are a tourist attraction which bring in thousands of visitors a year. And they have just appointed a new witch.

On Tuesday, Carole Bonahan beat over 300 applicants with pointy hats, capes and hooked noses to win the £50,000-a-year (around 500,000 RMB) post as Wookey Hole's resident witch.

Carole, who will now be known by her witch's name Carla Calamity, will give up her job as an estate agent in order to become a full-time witch. Her main duty will be welcoming visitors to the caves.

Miss Calamity wears stilettos and describes herself as a "glamorous witch". She said that her old job wasn't perhaps as different to being a witch as you might imagine:

"I am going to be a great witch. All it takes is a little bit of magic and a little pizzazz. It's a natural progression from my old job as an estate agent. I have been using my witching skills to sell houses for a long time."

Handing over the broomstick was Jane Brenner who has been Wookey's witch for the past six years. She said:

"We didn't want anyone who would scare the children. We wanted a good witch to meet and greet people and to act as an ambassador for the attraction. This isn't a cushy job."

Indeed, Carla Calamity had to overcome a wide range of people from all walks of life in order to get the job. Teachers, a photographer, and even an accountant all threw their hats in the ring.

So next time you feel like introducing a little magic into your life, you might want to think about a career in witching.

Glossary 词汇表

cast spells - 用符咒镇住 (某人或某物)	broomstick - 扫把
cackle – 邪恶的笑声	earn a good salary – 挣一份好的年薪
legend has it – 传说中讲	laid a curse - 诅咒
tourist attraction – 旅游景点	appointed – 被任命
capas – 披风, 斗篷	hooked noses – 鹰钩鼻
calamity – 大灾难	estate agent – 房产销售员
stilettos – 细高跟鞋	glamorous – 富有魅力的
pizzazz – 活力	natural progression – 自然发展
meet and greet – 欢迎	a cushy job – 一个容易做的工作
all walks of life – 各行各业	threw their hats in the ring - (比喻) 参加竞争

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. The original witch of Wookey Hole turned villagers to stone. True / False
2. Wookey Hole wanted someone who looked frightening. True / False
3. Carla Calamity thought she could use some skills from her old job in her new job as a witch. True / False
4. The last witch of Wooky Hole said it was an easy job. True / False
5. Most people who applied for the job were from the entertainment business. True / False

2. Vocabulary Exercise 词汇练习

Complete the sentences with the following words. You will need to use each word or phrase once.

请用以下词汇或短语完成每个句子。注意每个短语或词汇只能使用一次。

laid a curse	pizzazz	all walks of life	throw your hat in the
legend has it	a cushy job	ring	meeting and
greeting		earn a good salary	

1. Martha really didn't enjoy her job as a banker but she thought it was important to _____.
2. Taking the bus to work you really do get to see people from _____.
3. _____ that an old witch lives in the forest by the school.
4. Brenda really didn't like taking risks, she was happy doing _____ that paid the bills.
5. In order to be a successful singer it helps to have a little _____.
6. People were scared to go near the old witch's cave in case she _____ on them.
7. I think you've got what it takes to do that job. You should _____.
8. Working in the hotel business means a lot of my day is spent _____ guests.

3. Label the Picture 标注图片

Look at this picture of a witch and match the words to the correct numbers.

请看以下巫婆图片并将正确的表达填入横线中。

broomstick	pointy hat	bat	hooked nose	long chin
wart				

(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____



(4) _____ (5) _____ (6) _____

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(g)垂直的(i)或对角的(m)形式出现。

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s	p	e	l	l	s	h	o	a	t	t	h
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broomstick	spells	cackle	cushy	pizzazz
stiletto	curse	legend	witch	magic

Answers 答案

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5. **long chin**
6. **bat**

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