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UK to Host Games in 2012 and 2014 英国将主办2012和2014年世界级运动会

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

While everyone in China, and in fact around the world, is getting excited about the **upcoming** 2008 Olympics, lots of people in Britain are pleased that two major sporting events will be taking place here in the future.

First there was the announcement that London would be hosting the next Olympics in 2012, and just this week it has been revealed that Scottish city Glasgow will host the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

The Commonwealth Games takes place every four years. It is a competition between all the countries of the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth is a **voluntary association** of 53 countries, most of which are former British colonies. This event has been taking place since 1930.

Glasgow was in competition with the Nigerian capital city Abuja to host the games but the Scottish city comfortably beat its rival.

The hundreds of people who had gathered in the city centre to hear the announcement greeted the result with **jubilation**. The residents of Glasgow are particularly excited, not only because they are proud to have such an event, but also because it will make the area prosper. The government will **pump** lots of much-needed money into housing, retail and leisure developments, which will make Glasgow a more exciting and attractive city.

Preparation is also well under way for the London 2012 Olympics. Last week the design for a new Olympic stadium was revealed. It will cost £496 million (7.5 billion RMB) to build. It's a bowl-shaped design with 80,000 seats.

It is designed in such a way that once the Olympics have finished, temporary seating will be removed and it will become a 25,000-seat venue that will serve the local community.

There is already a well-established team of politicians and officials **taking charge** of all the preparations for the Olympics. They can now look forward to **collaborating** with the organisers of the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth games to ensure both the events run smoothly.

This is an exciting opportunity to **put the UK well and truly on the map** as a very competent host of major international sporting events.

Glossary 词汇表

upcoming – 即将到来的	revealed – 披露；报道
Commonwealth Games – 英联邦运动会	the Commonwealth – 英联邦
voluntary association – 志愿团体	former British colonies – 前英国殖民地
comfortably beat – 轻松击败	rival – （竞赛）对手
jubilation – 欢呼庆祝	prosper – （使）繁荣
pump – 注入	well under way – 筹备早已开始
temporary – 临时的	venue – 地点
serve – 为...服务	taking charge – 主管
collaborating – 协调	run smoothly – 顺利运作
to put the UK well and truly on the map – 使英国真正被列入世界运动主办国的行列	competent – （能）胜任的

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 will host the next Olympics in 2014. True / False
2. There are 53 countries in the Commonwealth. True / False
3. The first Commonwealth Games took place in 1903. True / False
4. The people of Glasgow are disappointed that the Commonwealth Games are going to take place there. True / False
5. The new Olympic stadium in London will be rectangular. True / False

2. Dates 1 日期1

Take a look at the years below. Can you match them up with how we say them in English on the right?

看看下列日期，你能不能把每个日期和正确的英语读法进行搭配？

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|---------|---------------------------|
| 1. 2012 | a. nineteen oh one |
| 2. 1930 | b. twenty twelve |
| 3. 2008 | c. nineteen thirty |
| 4. 1901 | d. twenty fourteen |
| 5. 2014 | e. two thousand and eight |

Now complete the following sentences with correct date from above:

请用以上日期完成下列句子填空练习：

1. The first ever Commonwealth Games took place in Canada in _____.
2. Queen Victoria, the longest reigning Queen of England, died in _____.
3. The Beijing Olympics will be held next year in _____.
4. The _____ Olympics will be held in London.
5. The _____ Commonwealth Games will also be in the UK, in the Scottish city of Glasgow.

3. Dates 2 日期 2

When we're not sure what year something happened, or if something happened over a few years – we might in English talk about the decade it was in. A decade is a period of ten years. 在你不能确定某一事件发生的年头或持续了几年的时候，英语中可以使用一个专门表示年代，即十年概念的词，这就是 A decade.

So for example, 1953 is in the fifties. 2002 is in the naughties (naught is another word for zero). 例如：1953年是五十年代的一年；2002年是二十一世纪头十年里的一年，（注意 naught 是 zero 的另一种说法）。

the forties

the sixties

the nineties

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the eighties

Look at the decades in the boxes above. Can you write the correct decade next to the years? 请看上列不同的年代词，然后试着把正确的年代写在下列横线上。

1. 1949 _____
2. 1982 _____
3. 2002 _____
4. 1962 _____
5. 1997 _____

Now answer the following questions using one of the decades from the boxes above. 现在用上列的年代词回答下列问题。

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In _____.
- b. When was the People's Republic of China founded? In _____.
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- d. When did the Beatles have their first hit? In _____.
- e. When was Hong Kong handed over to China? In _____.

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with big UK sporting events 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，找出与英国重大体育活动有关的英语单词来。

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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Olympics	host	jubilation	events	organisers
games	stadium	venue	upcoming	prosper

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