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### Seven nominations for Brit Flick 七部提名英国影片

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 romantic drama **Atonement** is leading the pack of British hopefuls for this year's Oscars. The film is up for seven gongs including best picture. However, the stars of the movie Keira Knightley from *Pirates of the Caribbean* and James McEvoy from *The Last King of Scotland*, haven't been nominated for their acting.

The thirteen-year old Irish actress Saoirse Ronan has eclipsed her *Atonement* co-stars by picking up a nomination for the best supporting actress.

A British-born Irish actor, Daniel Day-Lewis, has been shortlisted as best actor for his role in the film *There Will Be Blood*. In the best actress category the British star Julie Christie is a nominee for playing an Alzheimer's sufferer in *Away From Her*.

Overall, the American movie *No Country For Old Men* has topped the list of Oscar nominations with a total of eight.

The Australian actress Cate Blanchett could pick up both the best actress and best supporting actress awards for her parts as Queen Elizabeth the First of England and in the bio-pic of the rock legend Bob Dylan called *I'm Not There*. Cate, who's a woman, has drawn praise for her portrayal of Dylan, who is, of course, a man.

It's still not certain whether the Oscars ceremony will go ahead this year because of an ongoing strike by screenwriters, though organisers insist it will take place.

But the announcement of this year's Oscar nominations has been tainted with sadness at the news that the actor Heath Ledger has died.

The body of the 28-year-old co-star of the 2005 Ang Lee film *Brokeback Mountain* was discovered in his home in New York. Police are investigating if the actor had taken an overdose of prescription pills.

## Glossary 词汇表

romantic drama – 浪漫剧	atonement – 赎罪，赔罪
leading the pack – 领先于其他的候选影片	hopefuls – 有希望获得成功的人
gongs – 锣	nominated – 被提名
eclipsed – 使...失色	best supporting actress – 最佳女配角
shortlisted – 筛选后的候选人名单	role – 角色
category – 种类	nominee – 被提名的人
alzheimer's – 老年痴呆症	topped the list – 名列榜首
bio-pic – 传记片	drawn praise – 受到称赞
portrayal – 扮演	screenwriters- 编剧，电影剧本作家
tainted with sadness – 带有悲伤色彩	overdose – 过量（服用药物）

### 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. Keira Knightley could win an Oscar this year. True / False
2. A 13-year-old has been nominated for best supporting actress.  
True / False
3. Cate Blanchett plays a man in a film about Bob Dylan.  
True / False
4. Hollywood actors are on strike at the moment.  
True / False
5. A famous Hollywood actor has died recently. True / False

## 2. Reading Quiz 2 阅读测验 2

Answer the following questions about the text. You should write a short answer (1 to 6 words). 熟读了上文后, 请用1-6个词简单地回答下列问题.

1. What kind of film is Atonement?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What have Saoirse Ronan and Daniel Day Lewis got in common?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What is unusual about Cate Blanchett's role in I'm Not There?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Why is this year's Oscars ceremony in doubt?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. How do the police think Heath Ledger died?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Now choose the correct answer, a, b or c. 从a, b, c中选出正确答案.

6. Atonement is a \_\_\_\_\_ film  
a. American                      b. British                      c. Australian
7. Daniel Day Lewis was born in \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Ireland                      b. Britain                      c. America
8. No Country For Old Men \_\_\_\_\_ the nominations list.  
a. won                      b. topped                      c. top
9. The screenwriters' strike is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. about to start                      b. in progress                      c. finished
10. Heath Ledger \_\_\_\_\_ an Oscar in 2005.  
a. won                      b. was nominated for                      c. turned down

### 3. Jumbled Sentences 打乱词序的句子

Rearrange the words in the sentences below to make correct sentences.

请将下列句子中的单词重新排列，组成一个正确的句子。

1. hopefuls is British leading the Atonement of Oscar pack.
2. A Irish has been actor for best actor British-born shortlisted.
3. times has American been nominated eight movie An.
4. plays Cate Blanchett bio-pic a in a man.
5. may ahead not because of a The Oscars strike go.

#### 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with New Year's Eve 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，找出与有希望荣获奥斯卡奖的英国人有关的英语单词来。

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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x	z	a	q	r	t	e	n	j	n	r	a
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atonement gongs nominated category portrayal  
screenwriter tainted overdose role praise

## Answers 答案

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Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

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- Hollywood actors are on strike at the moment. **False**
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- Atonement is leading the pack of British Oscar Hopefuls.
- A British-born Irish actor has been shortlisted for best actor.
- An American movie has been nominated eight times.
- Cate Blanchett plays a man in a bio-pic.
- The Oscars may not go ahead because of a strike.

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Answer the following questions about the text. You should write a short answer (1 to 6 words). 熟读了上文后, 请用1-6个词简单地回答下列问题。

- Atonement is a romantic drama.
- They are both Irish actors.
- She plays the part of a man.
- Because of a strike by screenwriters.
- They think he took an overdose.

Now choose the correct answer, a, b or c. 从a, b, c中选出正确答案。

- Atonement is a **b. British** film.
- Daniel Day Lewis was born in **b. Britain**.
- No Country For Old Men **b. topped** the nominations list.
- The screenwriters' strike is **b. in progress**.
- Heath Ledger **b. was nominated for** an Oscar in 2005.

### 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

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