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Two Wheels or Four? 双轮还是四轮?

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

What's the furthest you have ever cycled?

Perhaps you cycle to school or to work, or maybe at most a short cycling trip with friends?

How would you feel about spending months on the road travelling solo from the UK to China, by bike?

For British cyclist Pete Jones, **camping rough** and cycling long distances through **inhospitable terrain** are **second nature**.

A veteran of expeditions through places such as the Tianshan mountains and the Tibetan plateau, Mr Jones is currently undertaking a **mammoth trip** across the Eurasian continent from Britain to China.

Having lived **on and off** in Xinjiang for three years, and having visited the country many times since 1992, Pete Jones is no stranger to China.

But he says many people there are **puzzled** by his passion for cycling, asking why he would choose to cycle when he can afford a car.

Indeed, while there are an estimated 400 million bicycles in China, where it has long been the preferred form of transport, **rapid economic growth** has fuelled an **explosive expansion** in car ownership.

Edward Genochio, another British cyclist who completed a 41,000km trip to China and back, said one of his aims was to "promote cycling as a safe, **sustainable and environmentally benign** means of getting about."

In the UK, the last few years have seen a rise in the number of people choosing two wheels over four, with some estimates saying the number of people cycling to work has almost doubled in the last five years.

Politicians also see cycling as a way to **boost their eco-credentials**, with people such as London mayor Boris Johnson often riding to work **under his own steam**.

But we may have to wait some time before we see him **emulating** Pete Jones in attempting to cycle all the way to China.

Glossary 词汇表

trip 旅行, 旅游	travelling solo 单人旅行
camping rough 野外露宿	inhospitable terrain 不适合人居住的地带
second nature 第二天性	veteran 经验丰富的人
expeditions 远征, 探险	plateau 高原
mammoth 巨大的, 庞大的	on and off 断断续续的
puzzled 不明白, 感到疑惑	rapid economic growth 快速的经济 发展
fuelled 刺激	explosive expansion 爆发性的扩张
car ownership 汽车拥有率	sustainable 可持续性
environmentally benign 有利于环境	boost their eco-credentials 促进他们的环保凭据
under his own steam 靠自己的力量来完成某件事	emulating 仿效

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。

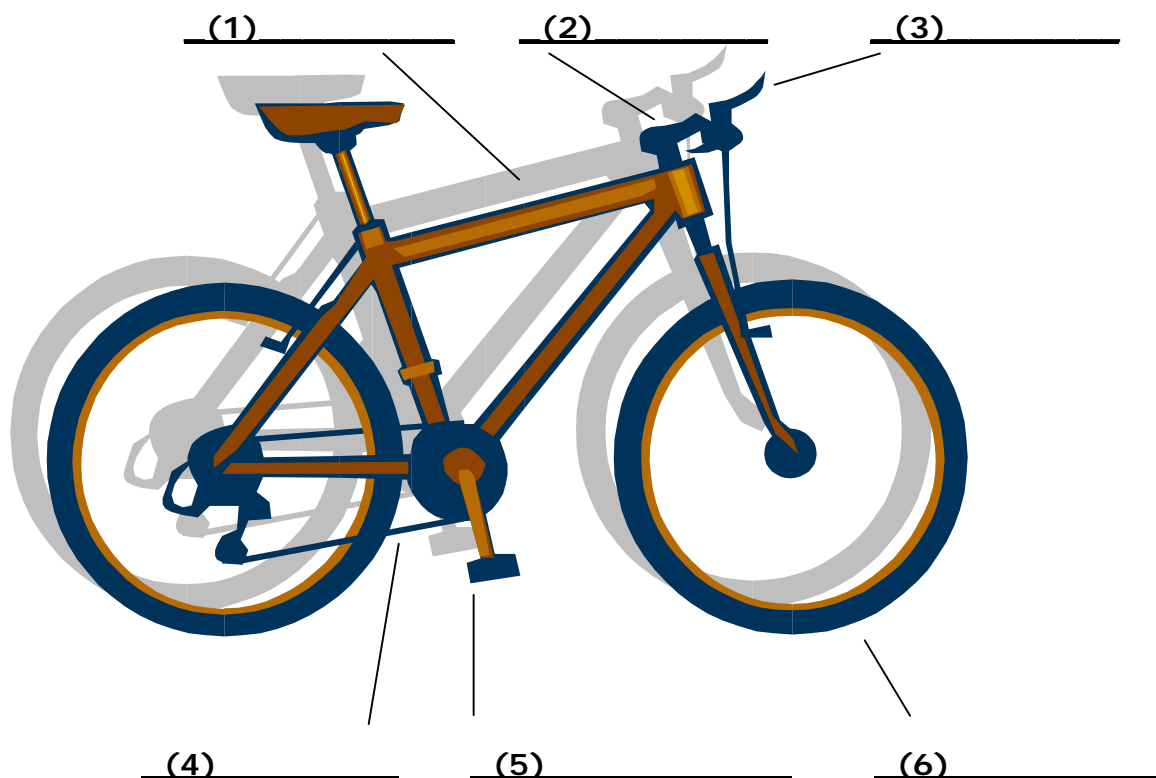
1. Mr Jones is travelling on his own. True / False
2. Mr Jones only stays in hotels. True / False
3. Mr Jones has lived in Xinjiang for three years non-stop. True / False
4. Edward Genochio is concerned about the environment. True / False
5. Cycling is becoming more popular in the UK. True / False

2. Parts of a bicycle 自行车部件

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

请看以下自行车图片并将正确的表达填入横线中。

pedal	handlebars	wheel frame	chain	brakes
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3. 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。

on and off trip	sustainable puzzled	second nature expeditions	fuelled under his own steam
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1. My friend was a bit _____ when I said I didn't want to earn lots of money.
2. I went on a lovely _____ to the seaside last week.
3. These days there is a lot of talk amongst politicians about _____ development.
4. When I started using email I was a bit confused, but now it's _____.
5. Tom is an experienced traveller, he's been on many _____ to exotic parts of the world.
6. Barbara's been working in that café for two years, _____.
7. A lot of China's economic growth has been _____ by the manufacturing sector.
8. Martin was going to ask a friend to pick him up from the airport, but in the end he got home _____.

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with the expeditions 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，找出与有关探险的英语单词。

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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v	e	t	e	r	a	n	a	p	d	i	p
y	l	r	x	j	t	i	f	i	l	t	z
i	l	i	s	s	i	j	n	t	g	i	y
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Answers 答案

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1. frame
2. handlebars
3. brakes
4. chain
5. pedal
6. wheel

3. Vocabulary Exercise 词汇练习

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2. I went on a lovely **trip** to the seaside last week.
3. These days there is a lot of talk amongst politicians about **sustainable** development.
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