Talking Sport 伦敦谈体育 Episode 48: Merlin Diamond Sprinter



## 1) 'Home' idioms 包含'Home' 一词的成语

In the video we heard that Merlin Diamond was 'homesick' when she was in Mauritius:

"But injured with a pulled hamstring and homesick, Merlin found her preparations for London ground to a halt in the Indian Ocean."

Homesick is an adjective which describes someone who is missing home.

下面是包含**'Home'** 一词的一些成语 feel/be at home: to be comfortable and confident because a situation is familiar a home truth: to tell someone a home truth is to tell them something true (usually negative) that they may not want to hear the home straight: the last part of a difficult activity

现在请你从以上成语中选择正确的来完成以下句子填空,注意调整短语的形态。

- 1. I think someone needs to tell her a few \_\_\_\_\_\_ about what she has done.
- 2. Keep going, don't give up. You have nearly finished this project. You are on
- 3. After a few months at the company, I \_\_\_\_\_ in my new job.

Talking Sport 伦敦谈体育

<sup>©</sup> British Broadcasting Corporation 2012

Page 1 of 5

bbcukchina.com/learningenglish

# 2) 'Run' idioms 包含'Run' 一词的成语

In the video we heard about runner Merlin Diamond:

"The 20-year-old runner spent much of 2011 at a training camp in Mauritius organised by the IOC."

### 下面是包含'Run' 这个词一些的成语

in the long run:	a long time in the future
run a tight ship:	to run an organisation very strictly
run its course:	something that over time comes to a natural end
run something into the ground:	to treat something very badly until it is destroyed

现在请你从以上成语中选择正确的来完成以下句子填空,注意调整短语的形态。

1. The boss \_\_\_\_\_\_ in this office. He is very strict.

2. Sometimes relationships \_\_\_\_\_\_ and don't last forever.

- 3. He really did \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It broke after three months.
- 4. Making our house energy efficient is expensive, but \_\_\_\_\_\_ it will save us money on our heating bills.

<sup>®</sup> British Broadcasting Corporation 2012 Page 2 of 5

### Answers 答案

# 1) 'Home' idioms 包含'Home' 一词的成语

- 1. I think someone needs to tell her a few <u>home truths</u> about what she has done.
- 2. Keep going, don't give up. You have nearly finished this project. You are on the home straight.
- 3. After a few months at the company, I <u>felt/was at home</u> in my new job.

## 2) 'Run' idioms 包含'Run' 一词的成语

- 1. The boss <u>runs a tight ship</u> in this office. He is very strict.
- 2. Sometimes relationships <u>run their course</u> and don't last forever.
- 3. He really did <u>run</u> that car <u>into the ground</u>. It broke after three months.
- 4. Making our house energy efficient is expensive, but <u>in the long run</u> it will save us money on our heating bills.

## <u>Script</u> 文字稿

### <u>Presenter</u>

Hi I'm Natalie and welcome to Talking Sport.

Today we're hearing about a Namibian sprinter and learning the word 'frustration'.

The road to the Olympics isn't always easy.

Some athletes train for years and still don't make it to the Games.

Today Matthew Pinsent has been catching up with Merlin Diamond.

Merlin is a sprinter from Namibia.

So how has her training been going?

Listen for the word 'frustration'.

#### <u>Clip</u>

Merlin Diamond's road to London has not been easy. The 20-year-old runner spent much of 2011 at a training camp in Mauritius organised by the IOC. But injured with a pulled hamstring and homesick, Merlin found her preparations for London ground to a halt in the Indian Ocean. Back home in Namibia Merlin is feeling the frustration only stalled athletes seem to know. She's not running as fast as she used to or needs to, to qualify.

#### <u>Presenter</u>

Listen again for the word 'frustration'.

#### <u>Clip</u>

Merlin Diamond's road to London has not been easy. The 20-year-old runner spent much of 2011 at a training camp in Mauritius organised by the IOC. But injured with a pulled hamstring and homesick, Merlin found her preparations for London ground to a halt in the Indian Ocean. Back home in Namibia Merlin is feeling the **frustration** only stalled athletes seem to know. She's not running as fast as she used to or needs to, to qualify.

#### <u>Presenter</u>

So we heard Merlin's training programme was affected by her injury and she hasn't run as fast since.

Talking Sport 伦敦谈体育

<sup>®</sup> British Broadcasting Corporation 2012 Page 4 of 5 Did you hear the word 'frustration'?

<u>On screen</u>

frustration 失望,挫败感

<u>Presenter</u>

back home in Namibia Merlin is feeling the frustration

Well we have heard that Merlin has had difficulties training for this year's Olympics and we have learnt the noun frustration. Now let's hear from some people in London using the adjective form of this word 'frustrated'.

Vox pops

I get frustrated when I can't afford expensive clothes.

I get frustrated when I don't get a seat on the train.

I get frustrated with traffic jams on the road.

<u>On screen</u>

I get **frustrated** when I can't afford expensive clothes.

I get **frustrated** when I don't get a seat on the train.

I get **frustrated** with traffic jams on the road.

<u>Presenter</u>

I'm Natalie and that's all from Talking Sport.

See you next time.