

Reflecting on the Olympics 奥运反思

Vocabulary: Being impressed 印象深刻的词语

After years of anticipation, the greatest show on earth has ended. The London 2012 Olympic Games have come and gone, and the city must begin to return to what life was like before the two weeks of intense sport.

Any Londoner could scarcely avoid the build-up to the games, which had gathered momentum steadily since the announcement in 2005 that the capital would hold the prestigious title of host Olympic city.



Many people were sceptical before the games about whether the promises could be delivered, but as soon as the countdown clock reached zero, Londoners were treated to an awesome display of sporting prowess in some stunning venues. The breathtaking Olympic park was the location for countless sports, including athletics and swimming, with visitors commenting on the beauty of the buildings' designs as well as the excitement of the events.

BBC Learning English producer, Jennifer, visited the Olympic park to see the athletics: "It was really out-of-this-world. I was looking forward to seeing some of my sporting heroes, such as Usain Bolt, but the actual experience of the Olympics really surpassed my expectations. The crowds were incredibly supportive and the athletes were so sporting, even when they lost."

The games have certainly turned up some unforgettable moments. Whether it was the spectacular opening ceremony, Usain Bolt's world record-breaking consecutive wins, or Team GB picking up more gold medals than in any time in recent history, it's been an amazing time to live in London.

Colourful bunting and flags have adorned shops and streets, visitors have been kitted out in support of their favourite teams, and even the English weather was kind to the spectators, helping to create a real, once-in-a-lifetime experience. London has been buzzing with talk of sport, celebration, achievement and success.

But, just as our passion for sport was reaching fever pitch, the time came for the closing ceremony; a celebration of a fortnight of sport and human achievement. Although the Olympic torch has been extinguished here and will be lit in Rio in 2016, hundreds of thousands of Londoners will still feel its glow for many years to come.

词汇表请参看答案与词汇部分

Quiz 测验

阅读短文并回答问题。

1. According to the article, as well as the sports, what impressed visitors at the Olympics?
2. What adjective means to have a fair and courteous attitude to winning or losing?
3. What word describes something that will not happen again?
4. What expression is used to describe a high degree of excitement?
5. What noun means places where events take place?

Exercise 练习

请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. The groom waited with _____ to see his future bride walk down the aisle.

intensity	anticipation	scepticism	awesomeness
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2. The Olympics Games in London really _____ all expectations.

surpassed	surprised	supressed	supported
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3. My holiday to the Caribbean was amazing. I had so many _____ experiences!

unbearable	uneventful	unforgivable	unforgettable
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4. David felt _____ about the idea of bungee jumping, but his girlfriend convinced him to give it a go.

sceptical	stunning	sporting	spectacular
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5. Summer is nearly over and we'll see the shops _____ with Christmas decorations before too long.

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Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

Quiz 小测验

1. According to the article, as well as the sports, what impressed visitors at the Olympics?
The buildings in the Olympic park
2. What adjective means to have a fair and courteous attitude to winning or losing? Sporting
3. What word describes something that will not happen again? Once-in-a-lifetime
4. What expression is used to describe a high degree of excitement? Fever pitch
5. What noun means places where events take place? Venues

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Glossary 词汇表

anticipation	期待
intense	紧张的, 繁忙的
build-up	(为)作准备
gathered momentum	集聚能量 不断兴起
sceptical	(对...)表示怀疑的
promises could be delivered	能够兑现的承诺
awesome	令人吃惊的
stunning	使人大吃一惊的
brehtaking	惊人的
beauty	美
excitement	兴奋
out-of-this-world	出色的
looking forward	期盼, 渴望
surpassed my expectations	超过了我的期待
unforgettable	难忘的
spectacular	精彩的
amazing	绝妙的, 非常棒的
once-in-a-lifetime	一生仅有一次的, 千载难逢
buzzing	高谈阔论, 人声鼎沸
fever pitch	极度兴奋, 狂热
celebrations	庆祝