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Ready for the Beijing Olympics 翘首企盼 2008 北京奥运

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

You might have heard a lot about the Chinese Olympic team competing in the Beijing Olympics, but how much do you know about the British squad?

Team GB (Great Britain), as they are also known, have been training in Macau. The team are using the sports facilities that were used for the East Asian Games in Macau in 2005. Special gym equipment has been shipped in for them and the sportsmen and women are spending a week or so there before they head up to Beijing.

The idea behind the camp is to give the British team time to overcome the time difference between China and the UK. The team also need to adjust to the hot temperatures and the humidity. A tropical storm this week has however affected training.

UK Sport is an organisation responsible for managing the development in sport in the UK and they have set targets for the British team's achievements in Beijing. They want the team to achieve a minimum of 35 medals in total. Sports experts are predicting the British team will exceed this target but only time will tell.

The British team has plenty of strong contenders for medals. Ben Ainslie is a sailor and he is aiming for his third gold medal in Beijing. He has been described as Britain's top hope for a medal.

Katherine Grainger is a female rower and she will lead the women's rowing team. The team have scored other medals including an Olympic silver but they are aiming for a first British women's rowing team Olympic gold.

Everyone is talking about diver Tom Daley. He is only 14 years old and it's a great achievement to make it into the Olympic team at such a young age.

Paula Radcliffe is very well known in the UK for completing marathons in record time. In spite of her achievements, she has not won any Olympic medals, and at 34 years old Beijing may be her last chance. Her participation in the Olympics has however been in some doubt because of a thigh injury.

We wish both the Chinese and the British teams great Olympic success over the next couple of weeks.

Glossary 词汇表

competing – 竞争, 竞赛	squad – (英国) 队
sports facilities – 体育设施	shipped in – 海运
head up – 出发	time difference – 时差
humidity – 湿度	tropical storm - 热带风暴
set targets – 制定目标	exceed – 超出, 超越
only time will tell – 只有时间能证明	contenders – 竞争者
sailor – 水手	rower – 划船运动员
scored – 得到 (奖牌)	diver – 跳水运动员
to make it into the Olympic team – 能进入 (英国) 奥运代表队	in record time – 打破 (多项) 纪录
in some doubt – 不确定的	thigh – 大腿

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. The British Olympic team are sometimes called Team GB. True / False
2. The British team are spending time training in Macau to get used to the heat and the time difference between China and the UK. True / False
3. UK Sport expect the British team to win at least 35 medals at the Beijing Olympics. True / False
4. The highest Olympic achievement so far in women's rowing is a silver medal. True / False
5. Paula Radcliffe is a very young Olympic team member at the age of 14 years old. True / False

2. Who? Where? When? What? 1 谁? 在哪儿? 什么时候? 干什么? 1

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2012

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gym equipment

the UK

3. Who? What? When? Where? 2 谁? 在哪儿? 什么时候? 干什么? 2

Answer the questions using the words from the previous exercise.

请用上一练习中的十个词语来回答以下的问题。

1. Who is the famous marathon runner who has yet to win an Olympic medal?

2. Where is the Olympics being held in 2008?

3. Where are the British team training before they go to Beijing?

4. When were the East Asian games held in Macau?

5. When will the next Olympics be?

6. Who is Britain's top hope for an Olympic gold medal?

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8. What is everyone aiming to win at the Olympics?

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4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with the British Olympic Team 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，找出与英国奥运代表团有关的英语单词来。

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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i	v	s	i	d	e	r	m	e	i	l	g
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m	a	r	a	t	h	o	n	h	o	p	a
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contender	compete	facilities	humidity	diver
training	sailor	rowing	marathon	hope

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