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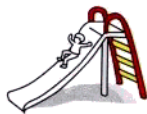
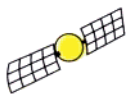


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人物专栏

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Number 001 | » »

Meet J. K. Rowling

"I am an extraordinarily lucky person, doing what I love best in the world. I'm sure that I will always be a writer. It was wonderful enough just to be published. The greatest reward is the enthusiasm of the readers."

Harry Potter has been read by a huge audience of all ages all over the world. In America, there are nearly 80 million books in print. Rowling first thought of Harry while riding a train back in 1990. She worked on the book for several years, finding quiet moments while her daughter napped. Several publishers turned down the book before one took interest. In 1998, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone was published in

知识隧道

【词汇】

- ① nap [næp] *n.* 小睡, 打盹
- ② release [rɪ'li:s] *vt.* 发行
- ③ celebration [selɪ'breɪʃən] *n.* 轰动
- ④ extraordinary [ɪks'trɔ:dnəri] *adj.*
不平常的, 特别的
- ⑤ reward [rɪ'wɔ:d] *n.* 报答, 酬报
- ⑥ enthusiasm [m'θju:ziæzəm] *n.* 巨大的兴趣, 热情, 热忱
- ⑦ in print (书籍) 尚有供应的

the United States. Suddenly, kids were reading again, and their parents wanted to read the same books! The second and third books were published in the spring and fall of 1999. On July 2000, the release of Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire became a major celebration. The book sold three million copies in the first 48 hours of release and according to Publishers weekly is "the fastest-selling book in history".

Joanne Rowling was born in Chipping Sodbury near Bristol, England. After she graduated from exeter University, she found a job as a secretary, and later spent time teaching English in Portugal before moving to Edinburgh, Scotland, with her daughter. She now lives in Scotland with her husband and two children.

TWO

Exercises

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根据短文内容选择正确的答案。

- () 1. J. K. Rowling is _____.
A. an English writer
B. an American bookseller
C. an English businessman
D. an American writer
- () 2. She worked on the book Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone for _____.
A. five years
B. seven years
C. eight years
D. four years
- () 3. Which book is the fast-selling book in history acco-

rding to the passage?

- A. Harry Potter.
- B. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone.
- C. Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire.
- D. Harry Potter and Water.

() 4. Joanne Rowling was born in _____ and now she lives in _____.

- A. England; USA
- B. Scotland; England
- C. England; Scotland
- D. USA; England

ONE

Number 002 | » »

Zhao Ruirui

Zhao Ruirui, 1.97 metres in height, is the tallest player in the Women's volleyball World Cup. Thanks to her baby face, she is one of the most beautiful players. But more importantly, she is also the cup's best player! Without her, China wouldn't have won the cup.

知 识 隧 道

[词汇]

- ① height [haɪt] *n.* 高度
- ② attacker [ə'tækə] *n.* 攻击手
- ③ coach [kəʊtʃ] *n.* 教练
- ④ more importantly 更重要的是
- ⑤ an excellent attacker 一位很出色的主攻手
- ⑥ ShiaHwa 神话组合

"She is young, but she's already an excellent attacker," says Chen Zhonghe, the team's head coach.

She is so tall that the 22-year-old girl finds it hard buying

trousers long enough for her. And sometimes people think she's a boy.

Zhao works very hard to be good at volleyball. And she likes to listen to the songs of Korean Group Shiahwa. She also likes drawing.

She is very pleased to win the cup. Now she wants to win the 2008 Beijing Olympics. "I want to be the best volleyball player in the world," she says. "I still have a long way to go."

TWO

Exercises » »

根据短文内容选择正确的答案。

- () 1. Zhao Ruirui is _____.
A. young B. the cup's best player
C. an excellent player D. all of the above
- () 2. Which of the following is not about Zhao Ruirui?
A. 1.97 meters. B. Korean Group Shiahwa.
C. She. D. The tallest player in the team.
- () 3. Why do people sometimes think she is a boy?
A. Because she is short.
B. Because she is not beautiful.
C. Because she is tall.
D. Because she is not friendly.
- () 4. Which of the following is wrong?
A. She works hard to be good at volleyball.
B. She is a head coach.
C. She is one of the most beautiful players.

D. She says she still has a long way to go.

ONE

Number 003 >>>

Benjamin and Paddle

Even when Benjamin was a boy, he tried to find ways to help people lead better lives. One of his earliest inventions were paddles for swimming. Ben had wondered for some time if there was a way to swim faster, maybe with something on this hands and feet. Slowly a picture of swimming shoes, or paddles, came into his mind.

知 识 隧 道

【词汇】

① paddle ['pædl] *n.* 桨② pond [pɒnd] *n.* 池塘

【好句】

③ The paddles must be neither too big nor too small. 船桨必须既不能大也不能小。

④ The boys near the pond jumped up and down, crying with joy. 池塘旁边的男孩们蹦着、跳着、欢呼起来。

Ben thought for a long time. The paddles must be neither too big nor too small. The right kind of wood was important, too. It must be neither too heavy nor too light. He started to work on the paddles and soon finished them. Now Ben was ready to try them out. He decided to try them the following Sunday afternoon in a pond.

Many boys gathered around the pond as Ben got ready. He got into the water and began to paddle. He swam slowly at first, then faster and faster until he was traveling through the water

like a fish. The boys near the pond jumped up and down, crying with joy. They had never seen such fast swimming.

TWO

Exercises » »

根据短文内容选择正确的答案。

- () 1. Ben _____ when he was a boy.
A. had seen the swimming paddles
B. didn't like inventing things
C. wanted to help people lead better lives
D. was a great scientist
- () 2. Paddles can help _____.
A. children play faster games
B. a child jump higher
C. boys study well
D. people swim faster
- () 3. It took Ben a long time _____.
A. to decide how to make the paddles
B. to make the paddles
C. to buy the paddles
D. to carry the paddles to the pond
- () 4. _____ gathered around the pond on Sunday.
A. A lot of boys
B. Few boys
C. A lot of girls
D. Ben's parents
- () 5. The boys near the pond _____.
A. watched the experiment quietly
B. got into the water to swim with Ben

- C. weren't interested in the paddles experiment
D. were very excited to see such fast swimming

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Number 004 >>>

Nightingale

知识隧道

Florence Nightingale could have lived an easy, comfortable life. But she chose to work hard and care for the sick. She thought the cause of nursing was very great.

Nightingale was one of the world's great nurses.

Every year on her birthday, May 12, people celebrate International Nurses' Day to remember the love and help that she gave to so many people. Nightingale was born into a rich family in 1820 in Florence, Italy. When she was 24, she told her parents she wanted to be a nurse. But they didn't like that idea. The family had lots of money, so they thought it would be better if she didn't work. Nurses were not very well respected at the time. But Nightingale went on with her dream. She went to Germany to learn to be a nurse. There were no nursing schools at the time. She had to learn by practicing.

During a war in 1854, Nightingale and a team of 38 nurses

【词汇】

- ① comfortable ['kʌmfətəbl] *adj.* 舒适的
② cause [kɔ:z] *n.* 事业
③ respect [rɪs'pekt] *n.* 尊敬

【好句】

- ④ At night, she would look after the soldiers. 在晚上, 她要照顾士兵。

from England went to care for soldiers near Turkey. She made the hospital much cleaner there.

At night, she would look after the soldiers. She carried a lamp with her, and the soldiers began to call her "The Lady With the Lamp."

In 1860, after the war, Nightingale opened the first nursing school. She also worked to make hospitals better and make rules for nurses. She died in 1910 in London, England.

Nightingale's birthday became International Nurses' Day in 1974.

TWO

Exercises » »

根据短文内容选择正确的答案。

- () 1. Florence Nightingale was _____.
A. from Turkey B. an Italian
C. from England D. a German
- () 2. Her family didn't want her to be a nurse because _____.
A. nurse could not make much money
B. they wanted her to be a doctor
C. nurses were not very well respected
D. they were rich and people didn't respect nurses
- () 3. Florence Nightingale died at age _____.
A. 90 B. 85 C. 80 D. 95
- () 4. Nightingale's birthday became International Nurses' Day because she _____.