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Chapter 1 My Idol

我的偶像



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Section One Watch and Learn 看与学

English Video: Chinese Divers 中国跳水运动员

I. Watch the video and fill in blanks with the missing words or sentences.

Chinese Divers

Today we are talking about diving and we will be learning the words “criticism” and “encouragement”.

Diving is a very _____ sport at the Olympics and China has some of the best divers in the world. So what makes the Chinese divers so good? Let's hear from BBC reporter Michael Bristow who has been to the Chinese training base. Listen for how many days a week the divers train and listen for the words criticism and encouragement.

This is where China's top divers come to train. They spend six days a week here, spending around three or four hours in the pool. Now arranged around the side of the pool there are trainers, these watch every dive offering words of criticism and encouragement.

Listen again for how many days a week the divers train for and listen once again for the words criticism and encouragement.

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Michael said the divers spend six days a week training. Michael said the trainers offer words of criticism and encouragement.

Criticism: Criticism is when we look at how another person _____ and say whether they did well or badly.

Encouragement: Encouragement is the words and _____ that we give in order to _____ another person.

Well we have learnt the nouns “criticism” and “encouragement”. Now let's look at the verb form of these words: criticise and encourage.

Let's listen to some people in London using these words.

Vox pops

My lecturer encourages me to read a lot of books.

_____.

My family encouraged me to go to university.

_____.





II. Watch the video again and expand your knowledge by completing the following tasks.

Task 1: Work with your partner(s) and answer the following questions.

1. What makes the Chinese divers so good?
2. What does the word “criticism” mean?
3. What does the word “encouragement” mean?

Task 2: Complete the sentences with the correct “water” idioms listed below. You may need to change the form of the idioms.

be in/get into deep water: to be/get into trouble

be like a fish out of water: to feel awkward as you are in an unfamiliar situation

blood is thicker than water: family relationships are more important than any other relationship

take to sth. like a duck to water: to learn how to do something very quickly

1. A: How is Sarah managing with the new computer system?
B: She is doing great, she has taken to it _____.
2. I don't know what I am doing! I have never done this before. I really am _____.
3. Johnny didn't do his homework again. He is in _____ with the teacher.
4. It is important to visit your parents, Jill. Remember _____.

Task 3: Translate the following sentences into English, using the required key words.

1. 她已出版了二十多本书,其中包括小说、诗歌和文学评论。(criticism)

_____.

2. 因为他的鼓励,我终于实现我的梦想。(encouragement)

_____.

3. 我的好朋友提供我一个在日本工作的机会。(offer)

_____.



Section Two Listen and Learn 听与学

Dialogue: Erin Popovich, Giant in the Pool 泳池巨人:艾琳·波波维奇

I. Listen to the dialogue and decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. _____ Erin Popovich is a famous disabled diver.
2. _____ She is different from others only because she was born with achondroplasia.
3. _____ She sets 4 world records at the 2000 Paralympic Games in Sydney.
4. _____ She twice wins ESPY Award for Best Female Athlete with a Disability.
5. _____ At the 2008 Summer Paralympics in Beijing, she breaks 2 world records and 2 Paralympic records.

II. Listen to the dialogue again and complete the following tasks.

Lisa: Philip, tomorrow will be my turn to make a presentation on one admiring athlete.

Would you like to **recommend** someone special for me?

Philip: I'd love to. Do you know Erin Popovich, giant in the pool? She is my idol.

Lisa: Yes, but I only know _____ 1 _____.

Philip: There are two things that **set her apart** — she was born with **achondroplasia**; and at just under 4 feet 5 inches, she is a world and Paralympic champion.

Lisa: Wow! But her record shows that _____ 2 _____.

Philip: That's why she is the one **idolized** by lots of people. Do you know when she started swimming?

Lisa: No, would you like to share her story?

Philip: Sure. She started at the age of 12 and just 6 months later she was competing in her first international competition. Do you know exactly her **achievements**?

Lisa: No, but it'll make my presentation more attractive and **convincing** if I add the details.

Philip: Definitely. She won 3 gold medals and 3 silver medals while setting 4 world records at the 2000 Paralympic Games in Sydney.

Lisa: _____ 3 _____?

Philip: At the 2004 Summer Paralympics in Athens, she won 7 gold medals, including 2 **relays**, and set 3 world records and 4 Paralympic Games records. In 2005, she won the first **ESPY Award** for Best Female Athlete with a Disability and was named **the Women's Sports Foundation Sportswoman** of the Year. At the 2008 Summer Paralympics in Beijing, _____ 4 _____, breaking 2 world records: 200m individual medley and 100m **breaststroke** and 2 Paralympic records: 100m and 400m freestyle. In 2009, she won the ESPY Award for Best Female Athlete with a Disability for the second time.

Lisa: So, to sum up, she has won 14 career Paralympic gold medals, and 19 in total.

_____ 5 _____.



Task 1: Fill in the blanks with what you hear.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



Task 2: Based on what you have heard, find out the correct word for each of the following definitions.

1. to put forward (someone or something) with approval as being suitable for a particular purpose or role

2. a physical or mental condition that limits a person's movements, senses, or activities

3. to admire, revere, or love greatly or excessively

4. capable of causing someone to believe that something is true or real

5. impossible or difficult to believe

Task 3: Answer the following questions according to the dialogue.

1. What is Lisa's presentation about?

2. Who is Philip's idol?

3. What sets Erin Popovich apart from others?

4. How many gold medals does she win at the 2004 Summer Paralympics in Athens?

5. What are the two Paralympic records that she broke at the 2008 Summer Paralympics in Beijing?

Task 4: Complete the following sentences by translating the given Chinese into English.

1. _____ (明天轮到我做介绍) on one admiring athlete.
2. _____ (有两个东西使她与众不同) — she was born with achondroplasia; and at just under 4 feet 5 inches, she is a world and Paralympic champion.
3. But her record shows that _____ (她的残疾并没有限制她的成功).
4. No, but it'll make my presentation more attractive and convincing _____ (如果我添加细节的话).
5. She won the first ESPY Award for Best Female Athlete with a Disability and was named _____

(女子运动基金会女运动

员) of the Year.

Task 5: Role Play

Suppose you are going to make a presentation on one famous athlete. You are asking your partner for details. Based on the above dialogue, work with your partner and role play it.

Word Tips		
词 项	词性	词 义
recommend [ˌrekə'mend]	vt./vi.	推荐,介绍;劝告;使受欢迎;托付
Paralympic [pærə'limɪk]	adj.	残疾人奥运会的
set sb. apart		使与众不同,使优于(他人或他物)
achondroplasia [əˌkɒndrəu'pleɪziə]	n.	[外科] 软骨发育不全
disability [ˌdɪsə'bɪləti]	n.	残疾;无能;无资格;不利条件
idolize ['aɪdəlaɪz]	vt./vi.	极端崇拜;把……当偶像崇拜
achievement [ə'tʃi:vmənt]	n.	成就;完成;达到
convincing [kən'vɪnsɪŋ]	adj.	令人信服的;有说服力的
relay ['ri:leɪ]	n.	接力;[电] 继电器;接替,接替人员;驿马
	vt./vi.	转播;接替
ESPY		(Excellence in Sports Performance Yearly) 年度卓越体育表现奖
the Women's Sports Foundation Sportswoman		女子运动基金会女运动员
medley ['medlɪ]	n.	混合泳;混合;混杂;混合物
	adj.	混合的;拼凑的
breaststroke ['breststrəʊk]	n.	蛙泳
incredible [ɪn'kredəbl]	adj.	难以置信的,惊人的



Section Three Read and Learn 读与学

Text A

Derek Redmond and the Stunning Olympic Moment

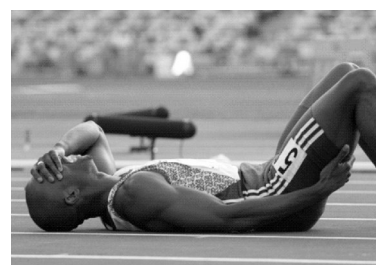
德里克·雷德蒙德和令人震撼的奥运时刻

- ① **Olympians** could fill a pool with their tears, on a **quadrennial** basis. The nature of the competition ensures that however many dreams of glory, most will only experience disappointment. (1) At that moment, the bitter taste not just of a single defeat but of four



years of wasted effort can simply be too much for some to handle. More than that, quite a few athletes can't even win without tears. But no Olympic emotional **outburst** is ever likely to **dislodge** Derek Redmond's in the minds not just of **Britons** but of anyone old enough to remember the 1992 Games. (2) What made this moment special was that it brought into focus not just the near-heroic **desperation** of a single professional athlete but a much more universal theme: the nature of parenthood.

- ② He never had a chance. Redmond travelled to two Olympics and both ended with injury-induced heartache. For all his ability as an athlete — and he was considered likely to win a medal in Barcelona — he will forever be remembered for tearfully completing his 400m semi-final using his father as a **crutch**. His body never gave him the opportunity to **redefine** the way the world **perceived** him: two years after the Barcelona Games, following an 11th operation on his **achilles tendon**, his athletics career was over. This was his last race of any significance.
- ③ His body had given him some hope: in the first round Redmond had run his quickest 400m for four years. “I was feeling absolutely 100% before the race,” he told me in 2006.
- ④ “On the day everything went smooth. I got a really good start, which was unusual for me. I think I was the first to react to the **pistol**. But about three **strides** later I felt a **pop**.”
- ⑤ It was his **hamstring**. Redmond **collapsed** to the floor, **clutching** his leg. Most athletes would have been quietly carried off the track and towards medical attention, but as the Red Cross workers **approached** Redmond insisted going on, saying to himself, “There's no way I'm going to be **stretchered** out of these Olympics. I didn't know where I was. I really, really believed I could still qualify.”
- ⑥ **Bizarrely**, the reason Redmond first started **limping** around the track was a belief that if he limped fast enough he might still **overtake** four people and qualify for the final. “Believe me, at the time I thought I was running,” he said later. “It's only when I see the **playback** I realise I wasn't actually running very quick at all.”
- ⑦ Meanwhile, Redmond's father Jim was fighting his way on to the track. “When I saw Derek **hit the deck**, I thought it was my mind **playing tricks on** me,” The next thing he knew, he was on the track. Jim told his son to stop, **in case** the injury might heal in time for him to compete in the relay. Derek refused. “Well then,” Jim said, “we're going to finish this together.” And finish it they did, slowly, and with the younger man's **anguish** becoming visibly greater with every pace.
- ⑧ Back in Northampton Redmond's mother, Jennie, was watching events **unfold** on television, weeping. She later told the **press** that the last time she had seen her son so unhappy



was when he didn't get the bike he wanted for his sixth birthday. Redmond's 28-year-old sister Karen was nine months **pregnant**; as she watched her brother's world collapse she started to feel **contractions**.

⑨ Back in Barcelona, father and son **batted away** a **succession** of officials who tried and failed to **convince** them to **clear** the track. "Even now, it's hard to say how or why I did it," said Jim. "It was a **spontaneous** reaction, as if I had seen him hit by a car. I certainly didn't run down to help him finish — if anything it was to stop him. (3) I could accept the fact that my son was injured, but not that he was going to **carry on** in pain, causing him even greater damage."

⑩ "After I crossed the line I was taken to the doctors and I was crying like a baby the whole time," Redmond told me. "I had no idea how the crowd had reacted until I saw the video — they were the last thing on my mind. It could have gone one of two ways: they'd either think 'what a complete **prat**' or 'good on him'. Luckily they chose the second one."

⑪ Most observers, though, were truly moved by what they **witnessed**. On his way from the stadium Redmond met Linford Christie, Britain's team **captain**. (4) The pair were far from friendly, and their **enmity** had become public after Christie criticised the 4×400m relay team that won gold at the 1991 World Championships in Tokyo. But that day, Christie approached his team-mate and the pair wordlessly **embraced**. "Tears started and we both **broke down**," said Redmond. "I've changed my views of him completely. It shows that this sport isn't just about coming here and making money."

⑫ Perhaps not, but as it happens Redmond's courage that day allowed him to enjoy a second career as a **motivational** speaker. That wasn't the only lasting effect of those injury-plagued years, however: in Barcelona the swimmer Sharron Davies, another British athlete who had endured a disappointing Games, **sought out** Redmond to express her **sympathy**. The pair married two years later (but divorced in 2000). More long-lasting are the **chronic** stomach **ulcers** caused by Redmond's use of **painkilling** medication.

⑬ (5) "Long after the names of the **medallists** have **faded from our minds**, you will be remembered for having finished, for having tried so hard, for having a father to demonstrate the **strength** of his love for his son. I thank you, and I will always remember your race and I will always remember you — the purest, most courageous example of **grit** and determination I have seen."

⑭ It is as true today as it was 19 years ago.



(986 words)

Word Tips		
词 项	词性	词 义
Olympian [əu'limpiən]	<i>n.</i>	奥运会选手
	<i>adj.</i>	威严的;奥林匹克竞赛的;奥林匹斯山的
quadrennial [kwɔ'dreniəl]	<i>adj.</i>	每四年一次的;连续四年的
outburst ['aʊtbɜ:st]	<i>n.</i>	(火山、情感等的)爆发;破裂
dislodge [dis'lɒdʒ]	<i>vt./vi.</i>	逐出,驱逐;使……移动;用力移动
Briton ['britən]	<i>n.</i>	英国人;大不列颠人
desperation [despə'reɪʃən]	<i>n.</i>	绝望的境地
induce [ɪn'dju:s]	<i>vt.</i>	诱导;引起;引诱;感应
induced [ɪn'dju:st]	<i>adj.</i>	感应的;诱发型
crutch [krʌtʃ]	<i>n.</i>	拐杖;支柱;依靠;胯部
redefine [ˌri:di'faɪn]	<i>vt.</i>	重新定义
perceive [pə'si:v]	<i>vt./vi.</i>	察觉,感觉;理解;认知
achilles tendon		跟腱
pistol ['pɪstl]	<i>n.</i>	信号枪;手枪
stride [straɪd]	<i>n.</i>	大步;步幅;进展
	<i>vt./vi.</i>	跨过;大踏步走过;跨坐在……
pop [pɒp]	<i>n.</i>	砰(或啪)的一声;流行音乐
	<i>adj.</i>	流行的;通俗的;热门的
	<i>vi.</i>	突然出现;发出爆裂声;爆开
hamstring ['hæmstrɪŋ]	<i>n.</i>	腿筋
collapse [kə'læps]	<i>vt./vi.</i>	倒塌;瓦解;暴跌;使倒塌,使崩溃
clutch [klʌtʃ]	<i>vt./vi.</i>	抓住;紧握
approach [ə'prəʊtʃ]	<i>vt./vi.</i>	接近;靠近;着手处理
stretcher ['stretʃə]	<i>vt.</i>	用担架抬送(伤员、病员等)
bizarrely [bɪ'zaɪli]	<i>adv.</i>	离奇般地;奇形怪状地;怪诞地
limp [lɪmp]	<i>vi.</i>	跛行,一拐一拐地走;缓慢费力地前进
overtake [əʊvə'teɪk]	<i>vt./vi.</i>	赶上;压倒;突然来袭;超车
playback ['pleɪbæk]	<i>n.</i>	[电视][广播]重放;录音重放装置
deck [dek]	<i>n.</i>	甲板;行李仓;露天平台
hit the deck		倒在地上;被打倒;起床;准备行动
play tricks on sb.		捉弄某人;给某人开玩笑
in case		万一;假使

Word Tips		
词 项	词性	词 义
anguish [ˈæŋɡwɪʃ]	<i>n.</i>	痛苦; 苦恼
unfold [ˌʌnˈfəʊld]	<i>vt./vi.</i>	打开; 呈现; 展开; 显露
press [pres]	<i>n.</i>	新闻记者; 出版社; 压; 按; 新闻; [印刷] 印刷机
	<i>vt./vi.</i>	压; 按; 逼迫; 紧抱
pregnant [ˈpregnənt]	<i>adj.</i>	怀孕的; 富有意义的
contraction [kənˈtrækʃən]	<i>n.</i>	[医] 子宫收缩; 肌肉痉挛; 收缩, 紧缩; 缩写式; 害病
bat away		避开; 甩掉
succession [səkˈseʃən]	<i>n.</i>	连续; 继位; 继承权; 演替
a succession of		一连串; 一系列
convince [kənˈvɪns]	<i>vt.</i>	说服; 使确信, 使信服
clear [klɪə]	<i>adv.</i>	远离; 不接触
	<i>vt.</i>	通过; 清除; 使干净
spontaneous [spɒnˈteɪniəs]	<i>adj.</i>	自然的; 自发的; 无意识的
carry on		继续
prat [præt]	<i>n.</i>	傻瓜
witness [ˈwɪtnɪs]	<i>vt./vi.</i>	目击; 证明; 为……作证
captain [ˈkæptɪn]	<i>n.</i>	队长, 首领; 船长; (陆军)上尉; (海军)上校
enmity [ˈenməti]	<i>n.</i>	敌意; 憎恨
embrace [ɪmˈbreɪs]	<i>vt./vi.</i>	拥抱; 信奉, 皈依; 包含
break down		失控痛哭; 分解; 发生故障; 失败; 毁掉; 制服
motivational [ˌməʊtɪˈveɪʃənəl]	<i>adj.</i>	励志的; 动机的; 激发性的; 有关动机的
plague [pleɪɡ]	<i>vt.</i>	折磨; 使苦恼; 使得灾祸
sought out		(seek out的过去时) 找出; 搜出; 想获得
sympathy [ˈsɪmpəθi]	<i>n.</i>	同情; 慰问; 赞同
chronic [ˈkrɒnɪk]	<i>adj.</i>	慢性的; 长期的; 习惯性的
ulcer [ˈʌlsə]	<i>n.</i>	[病理] 溃疡; 腐烂物; 道德败坏
painkilling [ˈpeɪnˌkɪlɪŋ]	<i>adj.</i>	止痛的
medallist [ˈmedəlɪst]	<i>n.</i>	奖牌、奖章获得者(同 medalist)
fade [feɪd]	<i>vt./vi.</i>	逐渐消失; 褪色; 凋谢
grit [grɪt]	<i>n.</i>	毅力; 勇气; 砂砾

**Exercises:****I. Based on Text A, choose the best answer for each of the following.**

1. The word “quadrennial” in Paragraph One means _____.
A. regular B. formal C. of four years D. annual
2. A much more universal theme mentioned is _____.
A. the nature of parenthood B. near-heroic desperation
C. competition D. friendship
3. Redmond’s last race of any significance took place in _____.
A. 1991 B. 1992 C. 1996 D. 2006
4. When Redmond’s sister Karen watched her brother’s world collapse, she started _____.
A. to weep B. to shout C. to cry D. to feel contractions
5. The crowd’s reaction to Redmond’s behavior is _____.
A. negative B. neutral C. positive D. vicious
6. Redmond’s chronic stomach ulcers are caused by _____.
A. his divorce B. his failure in the Olympic Games
C. his operations D. his use of painkilling medication

II. Based on Text A, answer the following questions.

1. What made the moment of the 1992 Games special?

2. Why did the author say that Redmond never had a chance in paragraph 2?

3. Why did Redmond insist going on rather than being stretchered out of the Olympics?

4. When was the last time Redmond’s mother saw him so unhappy, and why?

5. What was the fact that Redmond’s father couldn’t accept?

6. Can you infer in which year this story was written?

III. Fill in the blanks with words or phrases you’ve learned in Text A, changing the form where necessary.

1. Troops are needed to help get food into Kosovo where people are in _____ need.
2. Students must _____ for themselves the relationship between success and effort.

3. The economy of this nation was brought into a state of disaster, and for a time even on the brink of _____.
4. At this rate, car sales in China are expected to _____ the United States for the first time this year.
5. He was executed in 1994, but the _____ caused by his crimes still resounds today.
6. Although I soon _____ him of my innocence, I think he still has serious doubts about my sanity.
7. Diana's house was crowded with happy people whose _____ outbursts of song were accompanied by lively music.
8. The website followed their progress, provided tips and encouragement, and offered bulletin boards where users could compare notes and _____ each other.
9. I applaud him for it, and offer him my sincere _____ that his beloved grandmother did not live to see this day.
10. No matter how soft the light is, it still _____ carpets and curtains in every room.

IV. Translate the underlined sentences in Text A into Chinese.

1. At that moment, the bitter taste not just of a single defeat but of four years of wasted effort can simply be too much for some to handle.

2. What made this moment special was that it brought into focus not just the near-heroic desperation of a single professional athlete but a much more universal theme: the nature of parenthood.

3. I could accept the fact that my son was injured, but not that he was going to carry on in pain, causing him even greater damage.

4. The pair were far from friendly, and their enmity had become public after Christie criticised the 4x400m relay team that won gold at the 1991 World Championships in Tokyo.



5. Long after the names of the medallists have faded from our minds, you will be remembered for having finished, for having tried so hard, for having a father to demonstrate the strength of his love for his son.

V. For each blank in the following passage, there are four choices. Choose the one that best fits into the passage.

As Yao Ming teed off(发球) on the stage of a luxury hotel in Shanghai on Wednesday, the 1 NBA center 2 yet another job-charity ambassador of a celebrity pro-am (职业选手和业余选手混合赛) golf tournament.

Although he ended his professional career last July, the basketball legend still 3 a number of roles including father of a 2-year-old girl, founder of his namesake foundation, an undergraduate at Shanghai Jiao Tong University and even a member of the standing committee of Shanghai's political advisory body.

But the 31-year-old 4 on Wednesday that he has recently found himself addicted 5 golf, and he will compete 6 other big names at the Mission Hills World Celebrity Pro-Am in Hainan province in October.

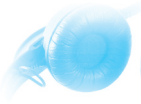
"There are many things that basketball could learn from golf. 7, each golfer has his own ball, and they don't need to scramble for it like basketball," the former Houston Rockets center said during his address.

"I am a totally 8 hand in golf and just began to learn how to play it. Golf is a good experience, and it 9 fond memories of when I was strong-minded and determined to go on the 10 when I started to learn basketball in my childhood."

Yao said golf has many similarities with charity.

"Both might not run smoothly, and present many 11 to overcome," he said. "In both sectors we need to brave the difficulties and continue to advance toward the goal." Yao said he hopes golf will help him keep 12 as he has been struggling to control his weight since retirement.

- () 1. A. previous B. formal C. former D. original
 () 2. A. took up B. took off C. took into D. took on



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|----------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| () 3. A. assumes | B. presumes | C. resumes | D. consumes |
| () 4. A. closed | B. disclosed | C. discovered | D. exposed |
| () 5. A. to | B. by | C. for | D. in |
| () 6. A. for | B. with | C. against | D. at |
| () 7. A. Moreover | B. However | C. Therefore | D. For one thing |
| () 8. A. new | B. old | C. fresh | D. left |
| () 9. A. brings off | B. brings up | C. brings in | D. brings back |
| () 10. A. path | B. way | C. road | D. route |
| () 11. A. things | B. obstacles | C. objects | D. dangers |
| () 12. A. fit | B. healthy | C. health | D. wealthy |

Text B

From Sports Stars to Best Cultural Ambassadors

从体坛明星到优秀文化大使

① China's French Open tennis champion Li Na is writing a memoir to tell the story of, as the book's title claims, *How to Go West and Win*.

② (1) Penguin will co-publish the book in Chinese in spring 2012 with a Chinese partner — the first for the British company whose business in China up to now has focused on importing English titles and exporting translations. However, it is not the first time for foreign publishers to take interest in a Chinese sports star. Seven years ago, Chinese basketball player Yao Ming's **biography** *A life in two worlds* was published in the United States by Miramax.

③ Just like Yao and Li, a new generation of Chinese sports elite are now helping to raise the country's **profile** in the world. As sports is a universal language, the Chinese sports stars are the best cultural ambassadors to help the world know more about China.

④ Yao is definitely a pioneer for helping China open up. (2) The 2.26 meter giant, with the combination of strength, height, skills, as well as his global celebrity, is the perfect sport icon to represent the growth and global status of an emerging China, while his humor, modesty and **tolerance** shown in the game, has impressed the world and helped **resolve** misunderstandings across different cultures.

⑤ The Shanghai native, labeled as China's biggest export to the United States, played for eight seasons in the NBA after being the **top overall pick** in the 2002 **draft**, and **announced** his retirement in July.





- ⑥ He averaged 19 points and 9.2 **rebounds** and has been named in the NBA All-Star team eight times. Yao made the cover story of the Asian Edition of *Time Magazine* twice, and was selected by the magazine as one of its “100 most **influential** people in the world today” twice. Three-time All-Star and former Houston Rockets guard Steve Francis has called Yao a “pioneer” in bridging the U.S. and Chinese basketball cultures.
- ⑦ “Yao was the first Chinese basketball player to break the **barrier** to come to the U.S. to play basketball and won respect, and Yao’s case enabled other Chinese players to **follow suit**,” said Francis.
- ⑧ “Yao has been a **transformational** player and a **testament** to the globalization of our game.”
- ⑨ “His **dominant** play and **endearing demeanor** along with his **extensive humanitarian** efforts have made him an international fan favorite and provided an extraordinary bridge between basketball fans in the United States and China.”
- ⑩ Yao’s influence went far beyond sports. The video in which he taught Rockets teammate Tracy McGrady how to handle **chopsticks** was widely watched on the Internet. And his Yao Restaurant is also famous in the U.S. Yao also earned a great deal of praise for his humorous and **intelligent** remarks. In an interview with ESPN, Yao stated that the national anthem of the United States is his favorite song, “for I have to listen to it at least 82 times every year.” When **queried** about his English skill, Yao simply responded “I have learned how to say ‘next question’.”
- ⑪ The famous “Yao quotes” had been used by U.S. President Barack Obama.
- ⑫ “Of course as a new president and also as a basketball fan, I have learned from the words of Yao Ming who said, ‘No matter whether you are new, or an old team member, you need time to **adjust to** one another,’ ” Obama said in a 2009 Washington meeting. “Through the **constructive** meetings that we have already had, and through this dialogue, I am **confident** that we will meet Yao’s standard.”
- ⑬ Yao’s cultural influence continued after his retirement. Everything he does still attracts worldwide attention. Yao returned to school this week to study for a university degree in Shanghai’s **prestigious** Jiaotong University. (3) He is **balancing** his class work with running a Chinese basketball team — the Shanghai Sharks — and a **jam-packed schedule** of public appearances.
- ⑭ Tennis player Li Na, who also speaks fluent English, is considered to be a successor to Yao as a cultural ambassador since she won the French Open this June. Li won China’s first **WTA** singles title in 2004, became the country’s first



Grand Slam quarterfinalist in 2006 and China's first world top 10 players this year after reaching the Australian Open final. The French Open victory lifted her to world number four, equalling Japanese Kimiko Date-Krumm's Asian record.

- ⑮ Li, from the central Chinese city of Wuhan, is quite popular worldwide. Her age, which is not young, her experience of coming back from retirement and her **personality** all **arouse** curiosity in the West. She is different from most Chinese sportswomen who are known in the West as **straight-faced**, **obedient** and careful about what they say.
- ⑯ The 29-year-old Li is confident, sociable and relaxed when facing camera and media, and like Yao Ming, she has a sense of humor. She is fond of **poking fun at** her husband, who is also her personal trainer, during her interviews. Once she said: "My husband promised to **let me loose with** his credit cards if I win (the championship)." She even complained to reporters about his snoring before major matches and asked the chair umpire to tell excited Chinese fans in the stands to keep quiet. (4) Her brand of humor represents a new image for Chinese athletes, and quite possibly for the country at large. She is also **acclaimed** by some as "China's best **PR rep.**"
- ⑰ "Li has a very straight-talking unusual personality and is more outgoing than most Chinese athletes and we think this could **translate** around the world," said Penguin China managing director Jo Lusby.
- ⑱ (5) "She is a great ambassador, a great athlete, a great personality, already a national hero in China and the western world is beginning to get to know her and enjoying her as she has great talent on the court and is good fun off the court," WTA tour chief executive Stacey Allaster said.
- ⑲ With their fluent English, **glamorous** personalities and convincing results, the Chinese sports stars have become new idols for a new generation. What they have changed is not only the image of Chinese sports, but also the image of the whole country.

(1011 words)

Word Tips		
词 项	词性	词 义
ambassador [æm'bæsədə]	n.	大使;代表;使节
memoir ['memwɔ:]	n.	回忆录;研究报告;自传;实录
Penguin ['peŋgwɪn]	n.	企鹅出版社(世界著名的英语图书出版商,由埃伦·雷恩爵士1935年创建)
import [ɪm'pɔ:t]	vt./vi.	输入,进口;含……的意思
	n.	进口(货);输入;含义;重要性



Word Tips		
词 项	词性	词 义
biography [baɪ'ɒɡrəfi]	<i>n.</i>	传记; 档案; 个人简介
elite [eɪ'li:t]	<i>n.</i>	精英; 精华; 中坚分子
	<i>adj.</i>	杰出的; 卓越的; 优秀的
profile ['prəʊfaɪl]	<i>n.</i>	侧面; 轮廓; 外形; 剖面
combination [,kɒmbɪ'neɪʃən]	<i>n.</i>	结合; 组合; 联合; [化学] 化合
celebrity [sɪ'leɪbrəti]	<i>n.</i>	名人; 名声
icon ['aɪkən]	<i>n.</i>	图标; 偶像; 肖像, 画像; 圣像
tolerance ['tɒlərəns]	<i>n.</i>	忍受, 容忍; 宽容, 宽恕
resolve [rɪ'zɒlv]	<i>vt./vi.</i>	决定; 溶解; 使……分解; 决心要做……
top overall pick		选秀状元
draft [draɪft]	<i>n.</i>	[篮球] 选秀; 草稿; 汇票; 草图
	<i>vt.</i>	起草, 设计; 为……打样
announce [ə'naʊns]	<i>vt./vi.</i>	宣布; 述说; 预示; 播报
rebound [ˌri:'baʊnd]	<i>n.</i>	篮板球; 回弹
	<i>vt./vi.</i>	回升; 弹回; 使弹回; 抢篮板球; (价格、价值的) 回升反弹
influential [ˌɪnflu'enʃəl]	<i>adj.</i>	有影响的; 有势力的
guard [ɡɑ:d]	<i>n.</i>	后卫; 守卫; 警戒; 护卫队
barrier ['bæriə]	<i>n.</i>	障碍物, 屏障; 界线
follow suit		学样; 鹦鹉学舌; 照着做
transformational [ˌtrænsfə'meɪʃənəl]	<i>adj.</i>	变革性的; 转换的; 转换生成的
testament ['testəmənt]	<i>n.</i>	证明; [法] 遗嘱; 圣约
dominant ['dɒmɪnənt]	<i>adj.</i>	占优势的; 支配的, 统治的; 显性的
endearing [ɪn'diəriŋ]	<i>adj.</i>	可爱的; 讨人喜欢的; 引起爱情的
demeanor [di'mi:nə]	<i>n.</i>	风度; 举止; 行为
extensive [ɪk'stensɪv]	<i>adj.</i>	广泛的; 大量的; 广阔的
humanitarian [hju:mæni'teəriən]	<i>adj.</i>	人道主义的; 博爱的; 基督凡人论的
chopstick ['tʃɒpstɪk]	<i>n.</i>	筷子
intelligent [ɪn'telɪdʒənt]	<i>adj.</i>	聪明的; 智能的; 理解力强的
query ['kwɪəri]	<i>vt./vi.</i>	询问; 对……表示疑问

Word Tips		
词 项	词性	词 义
adjust [ə'dʒʌst]	vt./vi.	调整,使……适合;校准
adjust oneself to		使自己适应于
constructive [kən'strʌktɪv]	adj.	建设性的;构造上的;有助益的
confident ['kɒnfɪdənt]	adj.	自信的;确信的
prestigious [pre'stɪdʒəs]	adj.	有名望的;享有声望的
balance A with B		协调;权衡;使与……平衡;使与……成均势; 使与……相抵消;弥补
jam-packed [dʒæm 'pækt]	adj.	紧凑的;塞紧的;拥挤不堪的
schedule ['skedʒu:əl]	n.	时间表;计划表;一览表
	vt.	安排;编制目录;将……列入计划表
successor [sək'sesə]	n.	继承者;后继者;后续的事物
WTA		(Women's Tennis Association) 女子网球协会
Grand Slam		年度大满贯;球员在一年中包揽全部四项大满贯赛事冠军
quarterfinalist ['kwɔ:tə'faɪnəlɪst]	n.	四分之一决赛选手
personality [ˌpɜ:sə'næləti]	n.	个性;品格;名人
arouse [ə'rauz]	vt./vi.	引起;唤醒;鼓励
straight-faced ['streɪt'feɪst]	adj.	面无表情的;面孔严肃的
obedient [əu'bi:diənt]	adj.	顺从的,服从的;孝顺的
poke fun at sb.		取笑,嘲弄
let sb. loose with		随意使用
at large		整个的;详尽的;未被捕的
acclaim [ə'kleɪm]	vt.	称赞;为……喝采,向……欢呼
	n.	欢呼(声);喝彩(声);鼓掌欢迎;赞扬
PR rep		(public relations representative) 公关代表
translate [træns'leɪt]	vt.	转化;改变;翻译;解释;调动
glamorous ['glæməərəs]	adj.	迷人的,富有魅力的

**Exercises:****I. Based on Text B, answer the following questions.**

1. What's the purpose for Li Na to write a memoir?

2. When was Yao Min's biography published in the United States? What is the name of the press?

3. According to the author, what impressed the world and helped resolve misunderstandings across different cultures?

4. What makes Yao Ming an international fan favorite and a bridge between basketball fans in the United States and China?

5. What is Yao Ming's famous quote?

6. What kind of image does Li Na's brand of humor represent?

7. What are Li Na's personalities different from most Chinese sportswomen?

8. What comment does the author make on the Chinese sports stars?

II. Complete the following sentences with the given initial. You need to use words in Text B, changing the form where necessary.

1. She r_____ to report the matter to the hospital's nursing supervisor.
2. In 1958 she was appointed a delegate to the United Nations, expanding her job as goodwill a_____ of the United States.
3. She had been waiting for Simon to break down the b_____ between them.
4. His revolutionary work in linguistics has a_____ intense scholarly interest.
5. The restaurant has been widely a_____ for its excellent French cuisine.
6. Sharing information through social media has become the d_____ way Internet users spend their time.
7. After their meeting, both men described the talks as frank, friendly and c_____.
8. Ivy League refers to the 8 long-established colleges and universities in USA with p_____

academic and social reputations.

9. At night, your eyes a _____ to darkness after several minutes. Do you know why it takes that long?
10. He and Martin Luther King both wanted to create social change through a c _____ of moral persuasion and legislation.

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