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No Longer the Underdog 不再是输家

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

The cast and crew of British movies will no longer be hailed as the underdogs at awards ceremonies. At the recent 81st Oscars ceremony, British actors and movies won no less than 11 awards.

The list of Oscar winners is usually dominated by American films and actors but 2009 has seen a more international flavour to the ceremony.

British actors and actresses have long awaited such global recognition. Kate Winslet was nominated six times for an Oscar before she eventually won the Best Actress award at this year's ceremony.

Slumdog Millionaire lived up to its status as a global success and movie phenomenon. The low-budget movie swept the board winning eight Oscars, including Best Director and Best Picture. The movie, which documents the life of a young Indian boy after he wins a TV game show, has definitely helped to raise the profile of the British film industry.

Summarising the national feeling, British Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, issued a statement saying "Britain is showing it has the talent to lead the world."

A spokesman for the UK Film Council agreed with Mr Brown's comments but added that many of this year's movie winners have benefited from national funding. "With our lottery funding for Man on Wire and The Duchess, and Film4's support for Slumdog Millionaire, last night proved that government support for film can deliver success on a global scale," he said.

Addressing the growing fervour for British film, Slumdog director Danny Boyle has urged people to remain calm and to be realistic after his remarkable Oscar success.

"You've got to be careful of claiming that this marks the renaissance of the British film industry. It is one film," he said.

Glossary 词汇表

cast and crew – 演员和工作人员	hailed – 称为
underdogs – 输家	dominated – 称霸
international flavour – 国际味道	global recognition – 全球认可
phenomenon – 现象	swept the board – 大获全胜
raise the profile – 提升形象和影响力	national feeling – 民族感情
talent – 人才	spokesman – 发言人
benefited – 受益	national funding – 政府拨款
lottery funding – 彩票集资	global scale – 全球范围
fervour – 极度热情	urged – 敦促
realistic – 现实的	renaissance – 文艺复兴

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. British films and actors won 11 Oscars at the 81st Academy Awards Ceremony. True / False
2. British actors and actresses often win Oscars. True / False
3. The success of the movie Slumdog Millionaire has helped the British film industry. True / False
4. The British prime minister believes that a lot of talented people work in the UK film industry. True / False
5. Some of the winning movies had received money from the UK government or other national organisations. True / False

2. Film Genres 电影种类

What type of movies were these people watching? Match a word from the box to each comment.

下面这些人正在看什么影片呢？请把下面格子里的单词和评论连线。

action 动作片	animated 动画片	horror 恐怖片	musical 音乐剧
romantic-comedy 浪漫喜剧	science-fiction 科幻片	war 战争片	western 西部片

1. "The film was so frightening that I had to close my eyes".
2. "I don't usually like movies about love and relationships but this one was really funny".
3. "The audience obviously enjoyed this movie because everyone was singing along".
4. "It was a typical cowboy film. There was a showdown at a saloon, a corrupt sheriff and a girl in need of rescue".
5. "Although this was not a true story, I thought the film quite accurately depicted a soldier's life during battle".
6. "I knew before I watched this movie that it was going to be fantastic. After all, the film is about an alien invasion".
7. "The car-chase and the stunts in this movie were awesome".
8. "I think the person who illustrated this film deserves an Oscar".

3. Order of Adjectives 形容词顺序

Arrange the words to make sentences. Think about the order of the adjectives.

请把下列单词重新排序组成一个句子。请注意形容词的顺序。

1. great is Chinese This a martial-art film.
2. horror It was a old terrible movie.
3. movie had classical brilliant a The soundtrack.
4. film rather a unrealistic has The ending.
5. British are two They outstanding actresses.

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with going to the cinema 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，找出与去电影院有关的英语单词来。

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。

c	e	r	t	i	f	i	c	a	t	e	p
s	c	r	e	e	n	i	n	g	a	e	r
i	o	t	t	i	c	k	e	t	v	m	e
g	h	t	r	f	i	v	s	s	t	u	m
h	t	i	a	g	n	i	g	a	t	v	i
m	o	v	i	e	e	v	s	u	t	i	e
o	h	s	l	h	m	f	f	d	r	e	r
k	g	t	e	r	a	r	s	i	a	a	v
f	h	t	r	g	f	s	s	e	l	g	f
j	n	p	o	p	c	o	r	n	s	m	i
n	s	f	f	h	s	r	s	c	t	a	n
a	g	h	c	e	r	t	s	e	d	d	g

ticket	popcorn	cinema	
film	trailer	screening	audience
premier	certificate	movie	

Answers 答案

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			r	i							m
			a	n			a				i
m	o	v	i	e	e			u			e
			l		m		f	d			r
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