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### The World Snooker Championship 世界斯诺克冠军赛

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

Snooker is a big sport in China. Sources suggest there are 300 million snooker players there, which is more than the rest of the world put together.

So it's no surprise that some of the world's best players come from China. They have been showing off their talent at the World Snooker Championship, which takes place every year here in the UK at the Crucible Theatre in the northern English city of Sheffield.

The World Snooker Championship is the most important event in professional snooker in terms of prize money, prestige and world ranking points.

This year four of the contenders for World Snooker Champion were Chinese – Marco Fu, Liu Chuang, Ding Junhui and Liang Wenbo. Liu Chuang and Liang Wenbo are making their debut in Sheffield this year, in fact.

However, only one of those players, Liang Wenbo, has made it to the final eight. Wenbo is currently officially ranked 53 in the world. His best performance to date was when he reached the last 32 in the 2006 Welsh Open, so to get through to the final eight in the World Championship is quite an achievement. He may go even further.

The left-handed snooker pro comes from Hei Longjiang and it is hoped he will follow the success of fellow countryman Ding Junhui.

Wenbo is the first Chinese player to ever reach the quarter finals of the Championship and he just sneaked through after an extremely tough second round game against Northern Ireland's Joe Swail.

After a long and enthralling battle, Wenbo finally won 13-12 and he now faces twice World Champion Ronnie O'Sullivan. This promises to be another difficult game for the Chinese rising star as O'Sullivan reached the last eight with an amazing maximum break of 147.

O'Sullivan would have picked up £157,000 (more than 2 million RMB) prize money but another player, England's Ali Carter, has now matched his achievement in the same tournament. O'Sullivan will have to share the money with Carter, and indeed with anyone else who gets a maximum break before the end of the championship.

## Glossary 词汇表

<b>more than the rest of the world put together</b> – 比世界其它所有加起来都要多	<b>showing off</b> – 显耀
<b>in terms of</b> – 以...而论	<b>prestige</b> – 威望
<b>world ranking points</b> – 国际得分等级	<b>contenders</b> – 竞争者
<b>making their debut</b> – 他们的首次登场	<b>made it to the final eight</b> – 进入了决赛最后八强
<b>ranked</b> – 排名	<b>to date</b> – 至今
<b>pro</b> – 专业选手	<b>fellow countryman</b> – 相同国家的人
<b>quarter finals</b> – 四分之一决赛	<b>sneaked</b> – 悄悄地做到了
<b>round</b> – (比赛) 轮次	<b>enthraling</b> – 紧扣人心的
<b>rising star</b> – 崛起之星	<b>maximum break</b> – 单杆147分的分

### 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. Snooker is not very popular in China. True / False
2. The World Snooker Championship happens every year in Sheffield.  
True / False
3. Liang Wenbo is playing for the first time at this Championship in Sheffield.  
True / False
4. There is usually at least one Chinese player in the quarter finals of this tournament. True / False
5. Ronnie O'Sullivan will have to share the prize money for his 147 break.  
True / False

## 2. Snooker Vocabulary 斯诺克用语

Match the following snooker vocabulary on the left with the correct definition on the right.

请把下列左侧的斯诺克用语和右侧正确的定义连接起来。

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|---------------|--|
| 1. to pot     | a. a complete game of snooker from break off until all the necessary balls are potted to win |
| 2. cue        | b. the nets on the table that you aim to get the balls in                                    |
| 3. black ball | c. the stick you use to hit the ball with  |
| 4. pocket     | d. the ball with the highest number of points  |
| 5. frame      | e. to make a ball fall into a pocket   |

Now complete the sentences using one of the words from above to fill in the blank.

请使用上方左侧列出的斯诺克用语在下列例句中填空。

1. The ball went straight into the far right \_\_\_\_\_ winning Ding an extra point.
2. A snooker player needs a \_\_\_\_\_ to hit the ball.
3. He just had \_\_\_\_\_ a few more balls and he would win the game.
4. Ronnie O'Sullivan managed to pot the \_\_\_\_\_ after every red, giving him the maximum score.
5. He lost the first \_\_\_\_\_, but went on to win several after that.

### 3. Numbers 数字

How do we write numbers in words? Can you match up the numbers on the left with the correct words on the right?

该如何用英语语言表达数字？你是否可以把左侧给出的数字与右侧正确的英语表达连接起来？

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 1. 53          | a. one hundred and fifty seven thousand |
| 2. 32          | b. fifty three                          |
| 3. 147         | c. three hundred million                |
| 4. 157,000     | d. thirty two                           |
| 5. 300,000,000 | e. one hundred and forty seven          |

Now complete the sentences below using one of the numbers from the left above.

请使用上方左侧列出的数字在下列例句中填空。

1. The maximum break you can get in snooker is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. There are around \_\_\_\_\_ snooker players in China.
3. Liang Wenbo is ranked \_\_\_\_\_ in the world.
4. Ronnie O'Sullivan will share £\_\_\_\_\_ with Ali Carter for getting a maximum break in the World Snooker Championship.
5. Before the 2008 Championship, Wenbo's best performance was reaching the last \_\_\_\_\_ in the 2006 Welsh Open.

#### 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with snooker 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，找出与斯诺克有关的英语单词来。

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	h	a	m	p	i	o	n	s	l	i	v
h	o	l	e	i	n	b	r	e	a	t	e
a	l	n	e	q	f	r	a	m	e	w	e
m	s	o	t	a	l	o	r	l	s	n	o
p	i	c	u	e	t	u	b	a	l	m	s
i	o	t	i	s	n	n	o	o	k	s	n
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s	n	p	o	n	a	s	b	r	e	a	k
h	i	t	o	k	e	r	c	o	n	t	e
i	o	n	t	e	n	d	e	s	a	n	r
p	o	u	n	d	b	a	l	l	c	u	p

snooker	championship	ranked	frame	cue
balls	break	contender	round	pot

## Answers 答案

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1. b   2. d   3. e   4. a   5. c

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