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Goodbye Ken, Hello Boris 送旧迎新

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

London has a new mayor, after its citizens voted in the Conservative Party candidate Boris Johnson, ahead of Labour's Ken Livingstone.

Well-known for his wild blonde hair, his self-deprecating humour and his reputation for gaffes and blunders, Mr Johnson has been a colourful figure in British politics for many years.

While few doubted his energy and charisma, Boris Johnson's narrow victory has surprised his critics, who questioned whether he was a serious enough politician to win.

His remarks have often caused controversy, such as when in 2006 he had to apologise to the entire country of Papua New Guinea after suggesting it was known for "cannibalism".

In the same year his criticism of a healthy eating campaign also made headlines, when he said parents should be able to feed children what they like, healthy or not.

But bumbling Boris has always had an ambitious streak; when he was asked as a child what he wanted to be when he grew up, he said "the world king".

He now replaces Ken Livingstone, who had been London's mayor since 2000.

Left-wing 'Red Ken' will be remembered for his role in helping London win the 2012 Olympic Games, as well as his introduction of the congestion charge, which is widely thought to have reduced traffic in the capital.

So will Boris Johnson's victory mean a change of direction for London over the next four years?

He promises to be tough on crime and anti-social behaviour, and to work to help bring together Londoners of different ethnic backgrounds.

Whatever happens, given Boris Johnson's colourful past, it is unlikely that the next four years will be dull.

Glossary 词汇表

mayor – 市长	Conservative Party candidate – 保守党候选人
Labour – 工党	self-deprecating humour – 自嘲式幽默
gaffes and blunders – 出言不逊；动辄放炮	colourful figure – 多姿多彩的人物
charisma – (领导人物的) 超凡魅力	narrow victory – 险胜
surprised his critics – 使其批评者惊讶	caused controversy – 引起争议
cannibalism – 同类相食；吃人	healthy eating campaign – 健康饮食运动
made headlines – 成为报端新闻	bumbling – 不拘小节的
ambitious streak – 一向雄心勃勃	left-wing – 左翼的
congestion charge – 机动车进城费	tough on crime – 对犯罪问题持强硬立场
anti-social behaviour – 违反社会公德的行为	ethnic background – 种族背景

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. Boris Johnson is a member of the Labour Party. True / False
2. Mr Johnson is generally seen as a boring politician. True / False
3. Boris Johnson's childhood ambition was to become King of England.
True / False
4. Ken Livingstone had been London's mayor for eight years. True / False
5. Fighting crime is important to Boris Johnson. True / False

2. Reading Quiz 2 阅读测验 2

Answer the following questions about the text. You should write a short answer (1 to 6 words).

用1-6个词简单回答以下问题.

1. Why did Boris Johnson's critics think he wouldn't become mayor?

2. How did Boris Johnson offend Papua New Guinea in 2006?

3. What was Boris's dream job when he was a child?

4. What is the congestion charge?

5. Name one thing Boris Johnson promises to do now he is mayor.

Now choose the correct answer, a, b or c.

从a, b, c中选择最佳答案.

6. Boris Johnson's hair is _____ .

a) tidy b) short c) wild

7. Someone who eats other people is a _____ .

a) carnivore b) cannibal c) carnival

8. Boris Johnson is known as a _____ politician.

a) colour-blind b) colourful c) multi-coloured

9. Ken Livingstone is _____ .
 a) left-wing b) right-wing c) left-handed
10. Boris Johnson wants to be _____ on crime.
 a) rough b) enough c) tough

3. Fill in the Blanks 选词填空

Complete the summary with words from the box.

从下列词表中选词填空.

London's new _____ is called Boris Johnson. He was the _____ Party candidate, and defeated _____ Party candidate Ken Livingstone, who had been London's mayor for eight years. Mr Johnson has been a _____ figure in British politics over the years, and frequently caused _____, often appearing in newspaper _____. One incident he'd probably rather forget was when he described people from Papua New Guinea as _____. But with his _____ in the mayoral election he has _____ his critics, many of whom expected _____-wing Ken Livingstone to win. Now he is mayor, Boris Johnson says he will be tough on _____.

Labour	colourful	surprised	headlines	crime
controversy	cannibals	left	mayor	victory
Conservative				

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with London's mayoral election 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，找出与伦敦市长选举有关的英语单词来。

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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m	a	y	o	n	n	a	a	i	t	s	u
b	l	e	f	t	w	i	n	g	r	q	m
i	l	a	b	o	r	g	d	a	o	g	b
t	j	l	b	n	m	g	i	f	v	n	l
i	f	c	e	o	c	a	d	f	e	l	i
o	l	e	f	t	u	f	a	e	r	b	n
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c	a	n	n	i	b	a	l	i	s	m	n

mayor Labour candidate gaffes
charisma controversy cannibalism
bumbling ambitious left-wing

Answers 答案

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验 1

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3. Boris Johnson's childhood ambition was to become king of England. False
4. Ken Livingstone had been London's mayor for 8 years. True
5. Fighting crime is important to Boris Johnson. True

2. Reading Quiz 2 阅读测验 2

1. They thought he wasn't a serious politician
2. He called them cannibals
3. To be world king
4. A fee for driving in central London
5. Fight crime / stop anti-social behaviour / bring people from different ethnic backgrounds together
6. c) wild
7. b) cannibal
8. b) colourful
9. a) left-wing
10. c) tough

3. Fill in the Blanks 选词填空

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m							a		t		u
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