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### High Profile Court Case 倍受瞩目的官司

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

Sir Paul McCartney and Heather Mills have been **hitting the headlines on a daily basis** recently because of their high profile divorce battle.

The titles of Beatles songs have been used in newspapers to report the case. "We Can't Work It Out", "Hard Day's Fight" and "With Legal Help from my Friends" are just a few examples.

The couple were married in 2002 but things **turned sour** and they announced their **separation** in 2006. They have one daughter, Beatrice, who is now four years old.

The divorce case is high profile firstly because Sir Paul McCartney has **amassed a very large fortune**, a proportion of which Heather Mills will be **entitled to**.

Secondly, ever since the couple separated, there have been **countless stories** in the newspapers, stating why the relationship didn't **work out**. A lot of the things that have been said about, and by, Heather Mills have made her rather unpopular in the UK.

Heather Mills famously did an interview on a British breakfast news programme last year, saying that she had been "**close to suicide**" because of the way she has been treated by the press in Britain. She compared herself to Princess Diana for the way she has been **vilified** in the press.

The **court case** however has been taking place **behind closed doors** so very few people know the exact details of what is going on.

There has been some **speculation** that Heather Mills could receive up to £60 million (900 million RMB) of Sir Paul's **multi-million fortune**. If she does, that would make it the **biggest divorce settlement** in a British court.

Ms. Mills has also famously **parted company** with the lawyers representing her in the divorce. She has been representing herself throughout the case.

However, after more than a week in court **battling out** a settlement, the couple have failed to reach any agreement. It is now up to a judge to decide on the settlement at a later date.

## Glossary 词汇表

<b>Sir</b> – 爵士	<b>hitting the headlines on a daily basis</b> – 天天上头条
<b>turned sour</b> – 变坏, 变的不愉快	<b>separation</b> – 分居
<b>case</b> – 案子	<b>amassed</b> - 积累
<b>fortune</b> – 财富	<b>a proportion</b> – 一部分
<b>be entitled to</b> – 有权利, 有资格 (做某事)	<b>countless</b> – 无数的
<b>work out</b> – 成功	<b>suicide</b> – 自杀
<b>vilified</b> – 被中伤	<b>court</b> – 法庭
<b>behind closed doors</b> – 不准公众旁听的	<b>speculation</b> – 推测
<b>multi-million</b> – 几百万	<b>divorce settlement</b> – 离婚财产协议
<b>parted company</b> – (由于意见观点不同) 分道扬镳	<b>battling out</b> – 争夺

### 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. Sir Paul McCartney and Heather Mills have not been in the newspapers very much recently. True / False
2. The couple were married for four years before they separated. True / False
3. Heather Mills is really popular in the UK. True / False
4. Heather Mills will definitely receive £60 million. True / False
5. Sir Paul McCartney and Heather Mills have not been able to agree on a final settlement. True / False

## 2. Legal Language 法律词汇

Can you match up the legal vocabulary with their definitions?

你能把下列词语与正确的解释连线吗？

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|-----------|---|
| 1. lawyer | a. the person in court who decides how a guilty person should be punished; the person who decides on legal matters. |
| 2. court  | b. a random group of people chosen from the public to decide in court whether the accused person is guilty or not.  |
| 3. judge  | c. a person whose job it is to give advice about the law and represent people in court.                             |
| 4. case   | d. a large room in a building where legal cases take place and decisions are made about legal matters.              |
| 5. jury   | e. a matter to be decided by a judge in court   |

Now complete the following sentences using one of the words from above:

请用以上的单词填空完成下列的句子。

1. Sir Paul McCartney and Heather Mills have spent over a week in \_\_\_\_\_ trying to reach a divorce settlement.
2. The members of the \_\_\_\_\_ could not agree if the man was guilty of the crime or not.
3. Heather Mills did not have a \_\_\_\_\_ to represent her in court.
4. The McCartney divorce has been a very high profile \_\_\_\_\_.
5. A \_\_\_\_\_ will now have to decide on a settlement for the McCartneys as they could not agree in court.

### 3. Correct the Mistake 改错

The following sentences each have one mistake in them. Can you see what the mistake is and write the correct sentence underneath?

下列每句话中都有一个错误，你能找出来吗？请在横线上写出正确的句子。

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2. The couple were married on 2002.

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4. Some people have reported that Heather Mills could receive up to the £60 million of Sir Paul's money.

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5. The case is taking place behind closing doors.

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6. A judge decided on a settlement at a later date.

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#### 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with the McCartney divorce 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，找出与麦卡特尼离婚案有关的英语单词来。

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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couple	divorce	headlines	separation	case
speculation	settlement	court	judge	fortune

## Answers 答案

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