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Entertainment: Cannes

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### The Year of the Heavyweights 大腕儿云集的一年

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

The 62<sup>nd</sup> Cannes Film Festival opened with an **animated** movie called Up. This **light-hearted** and popular Disney movie about an elderly global explorer **showcases cutting edge** animation techniques but it has been viewed as a surprising choice to open the festival.

2009 is being **hailed as** the year of the **heavyweights**. With classic filmmakers such as Coppola, Tarantino, Ang Lee and Von Trier showing films, few expected the festival to kick off with an animated movie.

Up may have been chosen in an attempt to show the **broad reach** and **mass appeal** of animation. After all, animated movies have proved to be some of the most popular and best selling in recent times.

This year's festival appears to have a **cross-cultural** theme. Asia and Europe are well represented with films such as Looking for Eric, a British movie featuring the French football hero Eric Cantona. Other cross-cultural examples include Map of the Sounds of Tokyo which is a Spanish **thriller** set in Japan, and a movie about a French chef set in Hong Kong called Vengeance.

Asia and Europe also **dominate** the **judging panel** for the **coveted** Palme d'Or for best film. Actress Shu Qi will be one of a six-strong **jury** who decides which of the twenty nominated feature films **merits** this prestigious award.

Although there has been much **speculation** and not a lot of agreement on who will win, one thing is for certain.

The **media attention** that can be gained from participation in the festival provides enough of a draw for the industry heavyweights – not to mention the typical Cannes **glitterati**.

So, it looks as though the celebrities and media will still be **out in force** even though many thought the festival would be **lower key** than usual due to the current economic climate.

## Glossary 词汇表

<b>animated</b> 动画的	<b>dominate</b> 主导
<b>light-hearted</b> 轻松的	<b>judging panel</b> 评选委员会
<b>showcases</b> 展示	<b>coveted</b> 梦寐以求的
<b>cutting edge</b> 前沿的, 领新的	<b>jury</b> 评委
<b>hailed as</b> 被誉为	<b>merits</b> 值得/应受
<b>heavyweights</b> 重量级人物	<b>speculation</b> 揣测
<b>broad reach</b> 触及广博	<b>media attention</b> 媒体的关注
<b>mass appeal</b> 广泛吸引力	<b>glitterati</b> 影视名流
<b>cross-cultural</b> 跨文化的	<b>out in force</b> 兴师动众
<b>thriller</b> 惊险影片	<b>lower key</b> 比较低调的

### 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. The annual Cannes Film Festival has been running for over 100 years.  
**True / False**
2. An animated Disney movie was the first film shown at this year's festival.  
**True / False**
3. Many of the movies showing in this year's festival seem to have a cross-cultural theme. **True / False**
4. This year, over twenty filmmakers have been nominated for the Palme d'Or prize. **True / False**
5. There will be very few celebrities attending the festival. **True / False**

## 2. Phrasal Verbs 动词短语

**A. Look at the phrasal verbs below. Can you match them to their definitions?**

请看下列动词短语，并将它们与各自的定义对应起来。

1. kicked off	a. watch something or spectate
2. scaled back	b. began or started something
3. shied away	c. reduced in size or amount
4. look on	d. move away or withdraw from something

**B. Now complete the sentences below by using one of the phrasal verbs.**

现在请用以上的一个动词短语完成下列句子。

1. An animated Disney movie \_\_\_\_\_ this year's Cannes Film Festival.
2. Many thought that the festivities would be \_\_\_\_\_ as a result of the global financial difficulties.
3. Even with the global credit crunch, few celebrities have \_\_\_\_\_ from this year's film festival.
4. The celebrities will take to the red carpet as usual, while fans eagerly \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3. Job Descriptions 职业名称

Match each member of the movie crew (1-10) with a description of their job (a-j).

下表中的左边是电影摄制人员的不同职称 (1-10) ; 右边是对各种职称的定义(A-J). 请你将它们连线配对。

1. Director	a. operates the camera
2. Cameraman	b. directs the filming of the movie
3. Make-up artist	c. performs dangerous activities such as car crashes and jumping off cliffs.
4. Stuntman	d. applies cosmetics to actors and actresses
5. Body double	e. works with microphones and other audio recording equipment
6. Runner	f. ensures the movie is finished on time and within budget
7. Producer	g. selects actors and actresses to form the cast of the movie
8. Sound engineer	h. closely resembles an actor and stands in for them when necessary
9. Casting director	i. creates sets and backdrops for the movie
10. Set designer	j. runs errands and performs simple tasks for other members of the crew

1. \_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_ 9. \_\_\_\_ 10. \_\_\_\_

#### 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with types of movies in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (→), vertically (↓) or diagonally (↘)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出同电影类型有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的(→)垂直的(↓)或对角的(↘)形式出现。

t	h	r	i	l	l	e	r	e	w	a	r
a	s	d	d	d	h	z	o	s	e	w	s
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d	h	m	m	s	r	s	o	c	e	s	t
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c	c	d	s	r	r	w	e	f	n	r	u
t	k	y	i	h	o	r	r	i	r	r	m
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c	h	i	c	k	f	l	i	c	k	r	c
o	t	h	r	i	l	c	o	m	e	d	o
n	e	r	t	m	u	s	i	c	a	l	m

thriller	horror	romcom	comedy
chick flick	action	sci-fi	
musical	war	western	

## Answers 答案

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- There will be very few celebrities attending the festival. **False**

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- scaled back  
*c. reduced in size or amount*
- shied away  
*d. move away or withdraw from something*

4. look on

*a. watch something or spectate*

B.

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- d
- c
- h
- j
- f
- e
- g
- i

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