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Entertainment: National Debate

娱乐：全国民众争论

A Duty of Care 对参赛选手的关心的义务

Susan Boyle is the latest member of the British public to be catapulted into the limelight on the back of a reality TV show. And it is her unstable and emotional state after the TV show's finale which has sparked a national debate on just how well these manufactured stars are looked after.

It is true that many of these budding stars are extroverts but there is growing concern over the shy, the introverted and the young. Producers of TV shows such as Big Brother, X-Factor and Britain's Got Talent are facing a barrage of questions about just how well they exercise their duty of care.

So what could this mean for the future? Will contestants be offered media training and psychologists to help them deal with the trappings of fame? And for how long should producers hold contestants' hands?

There have been reports in the media that these shows might make the application process a little more rigorous, weeding out any problem contestants from the start. Linda Papadopoulos, who has worked as a psychiatrist on Big Brother, does not appear to think this is necessary. She says:

"I don't think certain people shouldn't be allowed to take part in these shows, but different people need different kinds of support - there can't be the same cookie cutter treatment."

Where the success of these shows lies on easy to roll out formats, it will be interesting to see if producers are able to offer such a bespoke level of support.

The debate rages on and it has cast a shadow not only over TV producers but also over the British news media. One well-known TV critic noted that: "the British news media probably have as much responsibility for pressure on the contestants as the show itself."

Even given her current situation, it is unlikely the media will back away from Susan Boyle. For the moment though, she is being cared for in a top London clinic and receiving support and warm wishes from her millions of fans.

Glossary 词汇表

catapulted – 快速射出	limelight – 众人关注的中心
reality TV show – 电视真人秀	unstable and emotional state – 不稳定和情绪化状态
national debate – 全国民众争论	manufactured stars – 制作的明星
extroverts – 性格外向的人	introverted – 性格内向的人
a barrage of – 接二连三的	duty of care – 关心（他人）的义务
media training – （面对）媒体培训	psychologists – 心理学家
trappings of fame – 用来形容名声对一个人的负面影响	rigorous – 严格的
weeding out – 淘汰	cookie cutter treatment – 一刀切
roll out – 排除	bespoke – 定做的
rages on - （非正式用语）火爆进行中	cast a shadow – 笼罩一层阴影

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. Susan Boyle's distressed state has sparked a national debate. True / False
2. Some of the contestants on reality TV shows are young, shy and introverted. True / False
3. In the future, TV producers might have to make the application process for these shows more rigorous. True / False
4. Linda Papadopoulos thinks that all contestants need the same kinds of support. True / False
5. The British news media are also being quizzed over their treatment of these manufactured celebrities. True / False

2. Prefixes 词缀

Look at the list of words. These words can be used to describe someone's personality. Pick a prefix to create the opposite of each word.

下面这些词语可以用来形容一个人的性格。请在这些词前添加相应的前缀构成其反义词。

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|--------------------------|---|-----------------|
| a. inhibited (羞怯的, 内向的) | 1 | ___inhibited |
| b. sensitive (敏感的) | 1 | ___sensitive |
| c. perceptive (灵敏的, 感知的) | 1 | ___perceptive |
| d. sociable (好社交的) | 1 | ___sociable |
| e. friendly (友好的) | 1 | ___friendly |
| f. intimidating (咄咄逼人的) | 1 | ___intimidating |
| g. tolerant (宽容的) | 1 | ___tolerant |
| h. trustful (令人信任的) | 1 | ___trustful |

3. Label the Pictures 标注图片

Look at the pictures. What is their talent?

Pick one word from the box and write it under each picture.

请先看以下图片，然后从下列词组中选择可以描述其图片动作的词语并填在横线上。

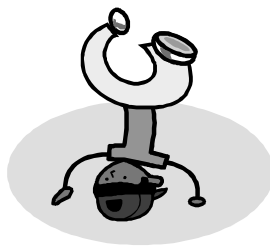
singer
ventriloquist
saxophonist

break dancer
stand-up comedian
magician

juggler
band
belly dancer



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____



7. _____



8. _____



9. _____

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with this week's topic in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (g), vertically (i) or diagonally (m)

请找出和本周题目相关的英语单词。

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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B	C	E	L	E	B	R	I	T	Y	E	Z
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debate extrovert emotional
fame celebrity contestant

Answers 答案

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2. Prefixes 词缀

- a. uninhibited
- b. insensitive
- c. unperceptive
- d. unsociable
- e. unfriendly
- f. unintimidating
- g. intolerant
- h. distrustful

3. Label the Pictures 标注图片

1. belly dancer
2. break dancer
3. juggler
4. ventriloquist
5. band
6. stand-up comedian
7. saxophonist
8. magician
9. singer

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