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Yet Another Millionaire 又是一个百万富翁

The latest winners of the UK National Lottery Euromillions jackpot are Joan and Brian Caswell.

The retired and now very wealthy couple from Bolton claim they won't let the £25 million (around 275 million yuan) win change them. However, they have said they will be buying a flash car and taking an extravagant holiday to Rio.

The Caswells are the latest in a long line of UK lottery winners. Over £32 billion (around 350 billion yuan) has been paid out to winners since the first UK national lottery draw in 1994.

With such huge sums of money at stake it is perhaps no surprise that something like 70 percent of UK adults play the lottery on a regular basis. They can even choose to play daily as the company which runs the UK National Lottery, Camelot, operates multiple games.

Of course, there is a more serious side to the lottery. The UK government collects around 12 percent tax on lottery revenues and ensures a further slice of the money goes to good causes. These include projects in health, education, the environment, the arts, sport and national heritage.

With all these positive applications for lottery revenue, it might be hard to imagine a downside to the lottery. But there are some very vocal opponents to the national game. Some feel that any form of gambling is wrong whilst others choose to criticise the way the lottery revenue is spent.

Another area of concern is over the level of support and advice given to new lottery winners. Just how are people meant to manage the huge sums of money that the lottery jackpots now offer?

Well, with over 2,100 newly-created millionaires, some manage better than others. For every story of successful investment and charitable giving there is a more sensational story of frivolous spending.

We shouldn't forget the story of John McGuinness, who invested a large part of his £10 million (around 110 million yuan) win in a fledgling football team and who is now facing bankruptcy and financial ruin.

Glossary 词汇表

lottery 六合彩	slice (整体中分出的) 一块
jackpot 头奖	good causes 慈善事业
wealthy 富有的	national heritage 国家遗产
flash 名贵的	downside 负面/不利的一面
extravagant 奢侈的	vocal opponents 敢于发表言论的反对者
the latest in a long line of 一连串 (中奖者)中最近的一个	millionaires 百万富翁
draw 抽奖	charitable giving 慈善的施与
at stake 利害攸关	frivolous 肤浅的
something like 大约/差不多有	fledgling 初出茅庐的/刚起飞的
revenues 收入	bankruptcy 破产

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. Brian and Joan Caswell are the first Euromillion lottery winners. True / False
2. The Caswells have won over £32 billion. True / False
3. The National Lottery is not played by very many people in the UK. True / False
4. The UK government receives some money from National Lottery revenues. True / False
5. Not all of the lottery winners have managed their money well. True / False

2. Complete the Sentence 选词填空完成句子

a) Complete each of these sentences by choosing one of the underlined words.

从给出的两个系动词中选出一个正确的，完成句子填空

1. The latest Euromillions lottery winners is/are Brian and Joan Caswell.
2. The UK National Lottery is/are operated by Camelot.
3. There is/are many good causes funded by lottery revenue.
4. There is/are concerns over the level of support given to lottery winners.

b) Complete each of these sentences by choosing one of the underlined words.

从给出的两个动词中选出一个正确的，完成句子填空

1. Joan and Brian Caswell have/has won the Euromillions lottery.
2. Camelot have/has operated the UK National Lottery since 1994.
3. Lottery revenue have/has funded many good causes.
4. The level of support given to lottery winners have/has been a concern.

3. Comparatives and Superlatives (形容词的比较集合最高级)

This table contains adjectives from the text. Write the comparative and superlative form of each adjective. There is one example.

下表中的形容词都选本节课文，请你把它们的比较级和最高级写出来。你可以参照已做例句：

ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
<i>big</i>	<i>bigger</i>	<i>biggest</i>
regular		
wealthy		
many		
extravagant		
serious		
far		
wrong		
frivolous		
large		

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。

e	a	f	r	i	v	o	l	o	u	s	b
v	x	f	l	o	t	t	e	r	y	c	a
f	g	t	a	a	g	u	i	e	w	s	n
w	w	e	r	s	s	a	s	v	e	e	k
i	e	x	j	a	k	h	a	e	l	e	r
n	a	y	a	p	v	f	s	n	t	a	u
n	l	t	c	o	s	a	z	u	h	s	p
e	t	r	k	t	s	s	g	e	y	r	t
r	h	a	v	a	g	e	n	e	f	f	c
g	y	j	a	c	k	p	o	t	n	z	y
a	t	t	r	l	o	t	e	r	y	t	d
m	i	l	l	i	o	n	a	i	r	e	s

lottery revenue jackpot winner millionaires
bankruptcy extravagant flash
frivolous wealthy

Answers 答案

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

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2. The Caswells have won over £32 billion. False
3. The National Lottery is not played by very many people in the UK. False
4. The UK government receive some money from National Lottery revenues. True
5. Not all of the lottery winners have managed their money well. True

2. Vocabulary 词汇

a)

1. The latest Euromillions lottery winners are Brian and Joan Caswell.
2. The UK National Lottery is operated by Camelot.
3. There are many good causes funded by lottery revenue.
4. There are concerns over the level of support given to lottery winners.

b)

1. Joan and Brian Caswell have won the Euromillions lottery.
2. Camelot has operated the UK National Lottery since 1994.
3. Lottery revenue has funded many good causes.
4. The level of support given to lottery winners has been a concern.

3. Comparatives and Superlatives (形容词的比较集合最高级)

ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
big	bigger	biggest
regular	more regular	most regular
wealthy	wealthier	wealthiest
many	more	most
extravagant	more extravagant	most extravagant
serious	more serious	most serious
far	further	furthest
wrong	more wrong	most wrong
frivolous	more frivolous	most frivolous
large	larger	largest

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

e		f	r	i	v	o	l	o	u	s	b
	x		l	o	t	t	e	r	y		a
		t		a				e			n
w	w		r		s			v			k
i	e			a		h		e			r
n	a				v			n			u
n	l					a		u			p
e	t							g	e		t
r	h							e			c
	y	j	a	c	k	p	o	t	n		y
										t	
m	i	l	l	i	o	n	a	i	r	e	s