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Christmas Every Day 天天是圣诞

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

'Christmas comes but once a year' is a familiar phrase, and indeed for many people the 25th of December is the **highlight** of the calendar.

But for one British man once a year is not enough. Andy Park, who is better known by his nickname Mr Christmas, has celebrated Christmas every single day for the last 14 years.

The 44-year-old electrician claims to have eaten a **full roast dinner** every day for the last decade and a half, **munching** his way through over 5,000 turkeys, 117,000 Brussels sprouts, and around 30,000 roast potatoes in the process.

He also sends himself a Christmas card every day and looks forward to **unwrapping** a present he has bought himself each evening, while watching the Queen's Speech.

Mr Park estimates his festive fetish costs him £150 (1,570 yuan) a week. This year, however, the divorcee says he is **feeling the pinch** due to the global financial crisis, and is **scaling back** his celebrations.

His Christmas habit is **putting a strain** on more than just his wallet. Mr Park was previously warned by his doctor that his Christmas **addiction** could kill him. His daily **over-indulgence** has caused his weight to **skyrocket** to 19 stone (121 kg).

So how did Andy Park's obsession with Christmas begin?

"I'll never forget the day it started," said Mr Park, "the sun was shining, but I was just feeling **fed up** and bored, so I went home and put the **decorations** up. Suddenly I was happy. I thought, this is fun. So I did it again the next day, and the day after that."

And Mr Park has not been content to keep his Christmas cheer to himself. In 2005 he released a song, **aptly** titled It's Christmas Every Day, but has yet to find **chart success**.



Glossary 词汇表

highlight – 亮点	electrician – 电工
full roast dinner – 烤肉大餐	munching – 用力咀嚼
Brussels sprouts – 抱子甘蓝（俗称小洋白菜）	unwrapping – 拆
festive fetish – 节日癖好	divorcee – 离了婚的人
feeling the pinch – 手头拮据	scaling back – 缩减
habit – 习惯	putting a strain – 拉紧钱包带
addiction – 沉溺，上瘾	over-indulgence – 过于放纵
skyrocket – 飞涨	fed up – 厌倦
decorations – 装饰物	Christmas cheer – 圣诞节的激动心情
aptly – 恰当的	chart success – 榜上有名

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. Mr Christmas's nickname is Andy Park. True / False
2. The global financial crisis has affected the way Mr Christmas celebrates. True / False
3. Eating a full roast dinner every day is good for your health. True / False
4. Andy Park is married. True / False
5. Andy Park's song sold a lot of copies. True / False

2. Nouns and Verbs 名词和动词

Look at the nouns and verbs below and try to work out what the other form of that word might be, including passive forms where indicated.

看看下列词语，判断其词性，然后猜猜同一个词的其他形式会是什么。下面几个例子当中有几个需要使用被动语态形式 (passive form)。

Example:

Verb: celebrated

Andy Park, who is better known by his nickname Mr Christmas, has celebrated Christmas every single day for the last 14 years..

Noun: *celebration*

1. Verb: skyrocket

His daily over-indulgence has caused his weight to skyrocket to 19 stone (121 kg)...

Noun: _____

2. Noun: decorations

...I went home and put the decorations up...

Verb: to _____

3. Noun: obsession

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Verb (passive form): to be _____

4. Noun: divorcee

The divorcee was previously warned by his doctor that his Christmas addiction could kill him.

Verb (passive form): to get _____

5. Noun: highlight

...indeed for many people the 25th of December is the highlight of the calendar...

Verb: to _____

3. Fill in the gaps 填空

Please fill in the blanks using words from the box below.

从下列词表中选词填空。

decorations	obsession	highlight	skyrocketed	divorcee
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1. The _____ of the football match was when Ronaldo scored a spectacular goal.
2. His house felt a lot more welcoming after he had put the _____ up.
3. My friend has an _____ with the singer Kylie Minogue, he's always listening to her music.
4. When the company dropped the price of their latest product sales really _____.
5. She was married for a couple of years, but she's been a _____ for over ten years now.

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with Mr Christmas 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，找出与圣诞先生有关的英语单词来。

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。

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

munching	cheer	habit	highlight
sprouts	addiction		skyrocket
festive	aptly		decorations

Answers 答案

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2. Verb: to decorate
3. Verb: to be obsessed
4. Verb: to get divorced
5. Verb: to highlight

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

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			i	p						i	
			t							g	
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		s	k	y	r	o	c	k	e	t	