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The Opening Ceremony 开幕式

Beijing 2008 Opening Ceremony 北京2008奥运开幕式

An Unforgettable Show 一场令人难忘的表现

The 2008 Beijing Olympics began officially on Friday 8th August 2008 at 8pm in front of a crowd of 90,000 eager spectators in the Bird's Nest stadium.

Things got off to a bang with an initial firework display which lit up Beijing's skyline, followed by a total of 2,008 energetic drummers beating a countdown.

Then the crowd was treated to an amazing sequence of intricately-choreographed, beautifully-lit vignettes which took them through 5,000 years of Chinese history and culture.

After these performances, it was time for the athletes themselves to take centre stage. In keeping with tradition, Olympic founders Greece led the 204 competing nations into the stadium.

China's 639 athletes entered last behind towering flag bearer Yao Ming, to a thunderous reception from the crowd.

Finally, the cauldron was lit by a jet of fire from Chinese Olympic hero Li Ning, who had been hoisted up to the roof of the stadium on wires.

China, of course, was not alone in watching the opening ceremony. British newspaper The Guardian said the show "outdid all of its predecessors in numbers, colour, noise and expense."

The Financial Times was equally impressed. "No country ever has – or surely will – match the Chinese in effort, human power, synchronicity, ingenuity and, it has to be said, money they were willing to put into what was once a little show."

No pressure on the next Olympic host city then! With just four years to go, the London Olympic organisers have promised to deliver an equally inspirational ceremony. Let's hope they can pull it off.

Glossary 词汇表

eager spectators 热切的观众们	things got off to a bang 非常成功的开始
skyline 天际	energetic 充满活力的
countdown 倒数计时	sequence 次序
intricately-choreographed 复杂的编排	vignettes 小插曲, 小片断
take centre stage 到舞台的中心	towering 高大的
flag bearer 旗手	thunderous reception 雷鸣般的接待
cauldron 大锅, 在这里指奥运体育场内的主火炬	hoisted 被吊起来
outdid 超越了	predecessors 前任, 这里指前任奥运主办国家
synchronicity 同步性	ingenuity 独创性
inspirational 鼓舞人心的	pull it off 圆满完成

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。

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True / False
2. There were 2,888 drummers beating the countdown. True / False
3. The Greeks always lead the athletes' procession in the opening ceremony.
True / False
4. There were 204 athletes representing Greece in the Beijing Olympics.
True / False
5. The Financial Times gave positive comments about the opening ceremony.
True / False

2. Spellings 拼写

Can you remember the correct spellings of these words? Try not to look back at the text!

能默写出下列单词吗？试试看。

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c) spectaters

2.

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a) contdown

b) cantdown

c) countdown

4.

a) coreograph

b) choreographed

c) chroeographed

5.

a) hoisted

b) hiosted

c) hoiseded

6.

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b) vingettes

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7.

a) synchronicity

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c) synchronocity

8.

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3. Label the pictures 标注图片

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athletes drummer crowd stadium fireworks

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with Opening Ceremony 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，找出与开幕式有关的英语单词来。

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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i	t	o	n	p	q	t	d	e	k	m	o
r	a	s	p	e	c	t	a	t	o	r	n
i	e	s	e	q	u	e	n	c	e	e	i
n	c	d	q	p	a	s	t	a	g	e	r
g	r	r	g	a	h	l	r	o	n	b	g
c	o	u	n	t	d	o	w	n	e	v	l

eager	ingenuity	vignettes	skyline
spectator	inspiring	countdown	stage
sequence	cauldron		

Answers 答案

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