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The Queen's 82nd Birthday 英女王82岁生日

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

The Queen has celebrated her official birthday with the Trooping the Colour parade in central London.

Thousands of spectators joined the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at the annual military spectacle that has been performed for centuries at Horse Guards Parade in Whitehall.

This year there were more than 1,100 soldiers taking part in the display of military pomp and pageantry on Horse Guards Parade. The route along The Mall was lined by members of the Foot Guards regiments of the Household Division - wearing bearskin hats and red tunics.

After the Queen took the salute, the royals headed back to Buckingham Palace to gather on the balcony. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh also watched one of the biggest flypasts in recent years to mark the 90th anniversary of the RAF.

The planes taking part ranged from a 68-year-old Spitfire to the RAF's newest aircraft, the Typhoon.

The Queen's actual birthday was on 21 April, when she turned 82.

The term 'Trooping the Colour' comes from an old military tradition. Before a battle, Colours - or flags - were carried, or "trooped", along the rank of soldiers so they could be seen and recognised. In 1748, it was decided the trooping would also be used to honour the sovereign's birthday.

In an interview with the BBC, Prince Charles said Trooping the Colour was a "stirring and moving occasion".

"It's splendidly British and I hope it will go on for as long as possible because I think the world would be a sadder, drearier and greyer place without it," he said.

Glossary 词汇表

Trooping the Colour 皇家军队阅兵	spectators 观众
spectacle 壮观场面	centuries 数百年
Horse Guards Parade 皇家骑兵卫队阅兵场	display 展示
pomp and pageantry 炫耀的展示	regiments 兵团
bearskin hats 黑熊皮帽	red tunics (军人穿) 红色紧身短上衣
salute 致敬/敬礼	balcony 阳台
flypasts 飞机编队飞过	RAF 皇家空军
recognised 辨认	sovereign 君主
stirring 令人心潮起伏的	occasion 活动/场面
splendidly 精彩的	dreary 令人压抑的/乏味的

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 Queen celebrated her actual birthday with the Trooping the Colour parade in London. True / False

2. Trooping the Colour is an annual military spectacle. True / False

3. The Queen shook hands with every soldier wearing bearskin hats. True / False

4. The celebration included one of the biggest flypasts in recent years. True / False

5. Prince Charles praised this British tradition highly saying it's splendidly British. True / False

2. Verbs, Adjectives and Nouns 动词，形容词和名词

Fill in the table below putting the verbs, adjectives and nouns in the right column. The first ones have been done for you.

在下表中填入正确的动词，形容词和名词。参照第一个示范。

Verbs	Nouns	Adjectives
head back	birthday	military

Head back

birthday

military

spectacle

sad

perform

splendid

tradition

recognise

3. Pictures and Captions 图片和注解

Complete the captions with the right word(s) provided at in the box below:

从下面一组词里选择最合适的一个完成图片注释。

honouring spectators tunics royals inspected balcony flypasts mark



1. Thousands of _____ young and old turned out in the sunshine to watch this year's Trooping the Colour. It _____ the Queen's official birthday - she actually turned 82 on 21 April.



2. The Queen _____ the 1,100 troops, many in traditional bearskin hats and red _____.



3. The _____ was one of the biggest in recent years, _____ 90 years of the RAF.



4. After the parade, the _____ gathered on the _____ at Buckingham Palace to watch the flypast.

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with the Trooping the Colour 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，找出与有关皇家军队阅兵相关的英语单词。

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。

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

parade	anniversary	decade	performed	official
royal	mark	celebrate	salute	display

Answers 答案

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1. The Queen celebrated her actual birthday with the Trooping the Colour parade in London. **False**
2. Trooping of the Colour is an annual military spectacle. **True**
3. The Queen shook hands with every soldier wearing bearskin hats. **False**
4. The celebration included one of the biggest flypasts in recent years. **True**
5. Prince Charles praised this British tradition highly saying it's splendidly British. **True**

3. Pictures and captions 图片和注解

Complete the captions with the right word(s) provided in the box below:

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- 1). Thousands of spectators young and old turned out in the sunshine to watch this year's Trooping the Colour. It marks the Queen's official birthday - she actually turned 82 on 21 April.
- 2). The Queen inspected the 1,100 troops, many in traditional bearskin hats and red tunics.
- 3). The flypast was one of the biggest in recent years, honouring 90 years of the RAF.
- 4) After the parade, the royals gathered on the balcony at Buckingham Palace to watch the flypast.

2. Verbs, Nouns and Adjectives 动词, 名词和形容词

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recognised	tradition	splendid

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