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Theatre, music, comedy, and more! 戏剧, 音乐, 喜剧等等!

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文, 然后完成练习:

Summer in Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city, is the time for festivals. Between the end of July and the beginning of September there are several different festivals which take place there.

The original Edinburgh International Festival started in 1947, and offers visitors a rich programme of classical music, theatre, opera and dance. The same year that the official festival began, a handful of theatrical companies gatecrashed the festival and organised their own event, which grew into what is now called the Fringe Festival.

The term 'fringe' means something on the outside of the main event, but over the years, the Edinburgh Fringe Festival has become the largest of all the festivals, and indeed the largest arts festival in the world!

The Fringe features performers and acts which are less traditional and more unconventional than those in the International Festival, and includes a lot of stand-up comedy shows, music and children's entertainment. The Edinburgh Fringe is seen as an important place for up and coming stand-up comedians to perform at.

At the same time in Edinburgh there are various other festivals, such as the Jazz and Blues festival, the Book Festival, the Film Festival, and even an Internet Festival! There is also a multicultural festival called Mela, which celebrates the diversity of people living in Edinburgh, in particular people with South Asian origins.

Edinburgh Castle is the site of one of the most spectacular events – the Military Tattoo. A military tattoo has nothing to do with a tattoo on your skin! It means a performance of military music, for example, by marching bands. In Scotland the military tattoo traditionally includes bagpipes and drums. This year the display will also feature dancers, horses and motorbikes!

Though you have to pay to attend most of the events at the various festivals, there are several groups who organise large numbers of free events as well.

Glossary 词汇表

festivals 庆祝活动	programme 节目
official 正式的	a handful of 一把, 少数的
traditional 传统的	unconventional 与传统形式不同的
stand-up comedy 即兴喜剧表演, 类似中国的单口相声。	up and coming 有前途的
multicultural 多元文化的	diversity 多样性的
spectacular 壮观的, 引人注目的,	military 军队的
tattoo 纹身	marching band 步操管乐队
bagpipes 苏格兰风笛	gatecrashed 不请自来

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. There are several festivals in the summer in Edinburgh. True / False
2. The Fringe Festival is a small event. True / False
3. Stand-up comedy is an important part of the Fringe Festival. True / False
4. The Edinburgh festivals only celebrate Scottish arts. True / False
5. A military tattoo means a picture on your skin. True / False

2. Complete the words 组词填空

Put together these parts of words to make 4 words which featured in the text. Then fit them into the correct sentences.

把以下打乱了的单词部分重新组成4个完整的单词，然后根据句子意思填空。

bag cultural crashed multi
gate pipes ful hand

1. The _____ are a traditional Scottish musical instrument.
2. Edinburgh is a _____ city.
3. They weren't invited but they _____ the party.
4. I only know a _____ of people who live in Scotland.

3. Up and down 上和下

Decide which of these collocations go with up and which with down.
Three of them can go with both!

看看你能不能分出以下词组哪些可以和 'up上' 搭配, 哪些可以和 'down下' 搭配。其中有3个即可以上也可以下。有些词在本文中并没有出现过, 你可要注意了!

_____ and coming _____ and out stand- _____
wake _____ _____ hill
get _____ sit _____ _____ time

Up

Down

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with Edinburgh Festivals 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，找出与爱丁堡艺术节有关的英语单词来。

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。

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

Edinburgh	festival	fringe	comedy	tattoo
diversity	spectacular	theatre	music	

Answers 答案

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uphill 上坡
wake up 醒来
get up (使) 起来
sit up 坐起来

Down

down and out 穷困潦倒
downhill 下坡
get down 下来
sit down 坐下
downtime 停下来, 休息时间

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handful multicultural gatecrashed bagpipes

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3. They weren't invited but they **gatecrashed** the party.
4. I only know a **handful** of people who live in Scotland.

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