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### Chinese Players Put On a Great Show 中国选手表现出色

**Read the text below and do the activity that follows.**

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

Millions of TV viewers were **gripped** by an **epic** battle yesterday. The arena: the snooker World Championship in Sheffield, England. The **combatants**: Chinese players Ding Junhui and Liang Wenbo.

Ding began the **session** well, **cementing** an **overnight lead** with a further two **frames** to take him 7-4 ahead of Liang.

But Liang **rallied** magnificently, **taking** the next four frames to give him a narrow lead over his **compatriot**.

Having failed to **pot** a ball for over an hour, it looked like things might be over for Ding. But then he produced a **clearance** of 111 to take the 16<sup>th</sup> frame. **Breaks** of 91 and 63 on the following frames **secured** him the match.

The world number 11 now **faces** Stephen Hendry, a seven-time world champion. Hendry beat Ding in Sheffield last year, but Ding must still **savour** memories of his win over the Scotsman in the 2005 China Open. He delighted the Beijing crowd by **coming from 4-1 down** to beat Hendry 9-5 in the final.

Current champion Ronnie O'Sullivan believes Ding Junhui **has what it takes to go all the way**. He is reported to have said in the past, "Tennis has Federer, golf has Tiger Woods, Ding could do the same to snooker."

But this year, O'Sullivan is himself the focus of most attention. The world number one was recently put under review after making **lewd** comments at a news conference during the China Open.

**Nevertheless**, O'Sullivan is a favourite to win this year's championship. In the second frame of his first-round victory over Stuart Bingham, it took 'The Rocket' just seven minutes to deliver a clearance of 140.

Yet O'Sullivan is anything but **complacent**. After the game he was asked to judge his performance out of 10. He said, "Five. Something like that."

## Glossary 词汇表

<b>gripped</b> – 吸引	<b>epic</b> – 史诗般的
<b>combatants</b> – 交战对手	<b>session</b> – 一场比赛
<b>cementing</b> – 巩固	<b>overnight lead</b> – 上场领先
<b>frames</b> – 台球的比局	<b>rallied</b> – 对打
<b>taking</b> – 包揽	<b>compatriot</b> – 同胞
<b>pot</b> – 进球	<b>clearance</b> – 清杆
<b>breaks</b> – 一杆球	<b>secured</b> – 获得/得到
<b>faces</b> – 面临	<b>savour</b> – 回味
<b>coming from 4-1 down</b> – 四比一的弱势	<b>has what it takes to go all the way</b> – 具有夺冠的实力
<b>lewd</b> – 粗俗下流的	<b>nevertheless</b> – 不过

### 1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

**Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.**

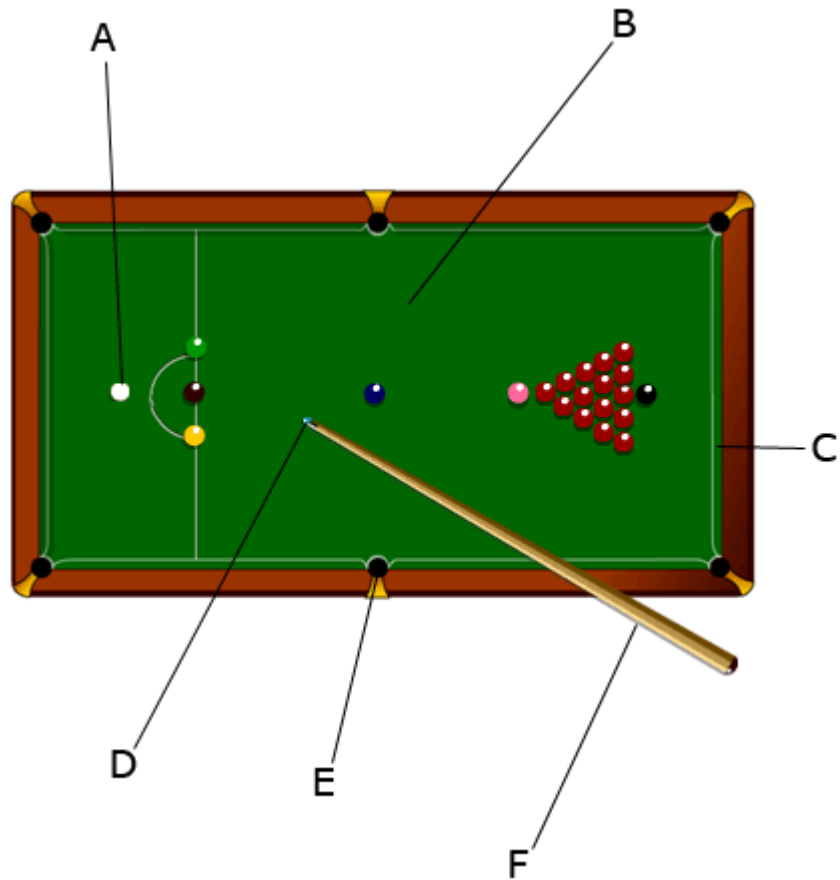
以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. At one point, people thought Ding might lose. **True / False**
2. On the 16<sup>th</sup> frame, Ding scored 111 points without interruption. **True / False**
3. Ronnie O'Sullivan is the highest ranked player in the world. **True / False**
4. Ronnie O'Sullivan is famous for being a slow and cautious player. **True / False**
5. The world number one thinks that he is playing on top form. **True / False**

## 2. Snooker Vocabulary 1 台球词汇1

a) Match the letters in this diagram to the correct words, underneath.

请根据图示，把正确的字母填入下表情。



1. Cue \_\_\_\_\_

3. Pocket \_\_\_\_\_

5. Cushion \_\_\_\_\_

2. Cue ball \_\_\_\_\_

4. Cue tip \_\_\_\_\_

6. Table \_\_\_\_\_

**b) Now match the snooker words on the left to their definitions on the right.**

请把下列左边的台球词汇同右边的相应的定义配对。

- |                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| 1. A fluke            | A. When the position of the cue ball makes it very difficult for someone to play     |
| 2. A century break    | B. An illegal shot   |
| 3. A maximum break    | C. When somebody plays a good shot by accident                                       |
| 4. A foul             | D. To hit a ball into a pocket   |
| 5. To break           | E. When someone scores 147 points without interruption – the highest number possible |
| 6. To clear the table | F. To pot all the balls remaining on the table                                       |
| 7. To be snookered    | G. To play the first shot of the frame   |
| 8. To pot             | H. When someone scores 100 points or more without interruption                       |

### **3. Snooker Vocabulary 2** 台球词汇 2

**Using vocabulary from the article and the exercises above, complete the following passage with snooker words.**

请参照课文和上面练习完成下列填空练习。

John Mathews just needed one more \_\_\_\_\_ to secure victory over Martin Howlett in the final. The referee prepared the table and then Howlett \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ touched the reds and landed softly against the top \_\_\_\_\_.

The two men played for five minutes without either of them \_\_\_\_\_ any balls. But then Mathews played a poor shot, leaving an easy red for Howlett.

Howlett took the red and went on to deliver a \_\_\_\_\_ of 61. Just as it looked like Mathews had lost the frame, the blue got caught in the jaws of a \_\_\_\_\_. It was bad luck for Howlett, but the cue ball was at least safely behind the black. Mathews couldn't see any of the remaining reds from there – he was well and truly \_\_\_\_\_.

Mathews studied the table carefully for some minutes. Then he leant over and struck the cue ball with some force. It bounced off three \_\_\_\_\_ before knocking a red into a centre pocket!

The crowd applauded. They didn't know if they had just seen the greatest shot ever played or a simple \_\_\_\_\_. But Mathews didn't care. In six minutes he \_\_\_\_\_ and won the championship.

#### 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with today's article 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，找出今天的文章有关的英语单词来。

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。

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

frame	snookered	rallied	cue	maximum
		break		
fluke	cushion	pocket	compatriot	epic

## Answers 答案

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### 2. Snooker Vocabulary 1 台球词汇1

a)

- F
- A
- E
- D
- C
- B

b)

- C
- H
- E
- B
- G
- F
- A
- D

### 3. Snooker Vocabulary 2 台球词汇 2

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									c	u	e
c	u	s	h	i	o	n		c			
			n					o			
				o				m			
					o			p			p
	f		f	l	u	k	e	a			o
	r						e	t			c
m	a	x	i	m	u	m	b	r	e	a	k
	m							i	e		e
	e	p	i	c				o		d	t
								t			
		r	a	l	l	i	e	d			