



# BBC WORLD SERVICE LEARNING ENGLISH

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### A Song for the Victims 为受难者献上的一首歌

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

Singers and bands from around the world have been gathering in London to record a charity single **in aid of** the victims of the Haiti earthquake disaster.

Artists like Mariah Carey, Robbie Williams and Susan Boyle have **donated** their time and talent in order to record a **cover version** of REM's classic **track** Everybody Hurts.

The project has been organised by **music mogul** Simon Cowell, the **mastermind** behind recent TV talent shows such as the X Factor, America's Got Talent and Pop Idol.

Cowell has assembled talent from his **stable** of X Factor winners alongside **established acts** such as Take That to record the song, the **proceeds** of which will be divided between a UK newspaper's Haitian **fund** and the Disasters Emergency Committee, an **umbrella organisation** made up of 13 of the UK's leading **aid agencies**.

Music fans who want to see their favourite artists gathered in one place for the recording of the single will be sadly disappointed however.

That's because the performers are recording only a line or two of the song which will then be **stitched together** digitally to complete the track.

It's all a **far cry** from the early days of charity singles when singers would **huddle round** a microphone, giving a live performance.

Other famous faces have also been **doing their bit** for the Haitian victims.

The British band Radiohead **raised** more than \$500,000 (3m yuan) for the **appeal** by performing a special **gig** in Los Angeles.

Hollywood actor George Clooney's Hope for Haiti Now **telethon** has so far raised \$61m (414m yuan) thanks to celebrities like Madonna and Jay Z.

The 7.0 magnitude earthquake on 12 January killed as many as 200,000 people and has left an estimated 1.5 million people homeless.

## Glossary 词汇表

<b>in aid of</b> - 为了帮助（或救济）...	<b>donated</b> - 捐赠
<b>cover version</b> – 翻唱版本	<b>track</b> - 歌曲
<b>music mogul</b> - 音乐界巨头	<b>mastermind</b> - 策划
<b>stable</b> – 马棚，这里指同一机构下的（成员）	<b>established acts</b> - 已经有一定地位的演唱队
<b>proceeds</b> - 收入	<b>fund</b> - 基金
<b>umbrella organisation</b> - 伞式组织	<b>aid agencies</b> - 援助、救援机构
<b>stitched together</b> - 连接在一起	<b>far cry</b> - 差远了
<b>huddle round</b> - 挤作一团	<b>doing their bit</b> - 出一份力
<b>raised</b> - 募集了	<b>appeal</b> - 呼吁，恳求
<b>gig</b> - 演出	<b>telethon</b> - 马拉松式电视节目

### 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. Singers have decided to give money to charity. **True / False**
2. The band REM are recording the charity single. **True / False**
3. Some talent show winners are taking part in the recording. **True / False**
4. The artists are recording their lines individually. **True / False**
5. Hollywood stars are also getting involved in the appeal. **True / False**

## 2. Jumbled Sentences 打乱词序的句子

**Rearrange the words in the sentences below to make correct sentences.**

请将下列句子中的单词重新排列，组成一个正确的句子。

1. The year January earthquake took on the 12th Haitian of place this.

2. earthquake measured magnitude a 7.0 the The Richter Scale on.

3. collapse disaster rubble many people buildings caused to The trapping in.

4. is It that up to two estimated thousand disaster hundred died in the people.

5. agencies to have many Aid difficulties in faced victims getting help the.

6. celebrities have victims money to get Some people to give the tried for.

### 3. Idioms 习惯用语

Look at the idioms below. Each one is connected to natural disasters.

Match the idiom to its definition.

请看下列习惯用语，它们都与自然灾害有关。

请将习语与各自的定义对应起来。

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| 1. a recipe for disaster               | a. a calm moment in the middle of a chaotic situation  |
| 2. the eye of the storm                | b. when all the elements are perfect to create a terrible situation                                  |
| 3. in floods of tears                  | c. to start trouble which then grows into worse trouble that comes back on the person who started it |
| 4. sow the wind and reap the whirlwind | d. crying a lot  |

Now complete the sentences below by using one of the idioms above.

现在请用以上的某个习语完成下列句子。

1. She was \_\_\_\_\_ after her boyfriend told her he was leaving her.
2. Letting young children play with matches is a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. My life is so busy that when I get a weekend away from London I feel like I'm in \_\_\_\_\_ for a couple of days.
4. Be careful about starting an argument with your boss. You might \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with natural disasters in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally, vertically or diagonally.

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与自然灾害有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的垂直的或对角的形式出现。

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

aid	charity	flood	tsunami	earthquake
tremor	storm	volcano	emergency	rescue

# Answers 答案

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2. a
3. d
4. c

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Rearrange the words in the sentences below to make correct sentences.

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1. The Haitian earthquake took place on the 12th of January this year.
2. The earthquake measured a 7.0 magnitude on the Richter Scale.
3. The disaster caused many buildings to collapse trapping people in rubble.
4. It is estimated that up to two hundred thousand people died in the disaster.
5. Aid agencies have faced many difficulties in getting help to the victims.
6. Some celebrities have tried to get people to give money for the victims.

## 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

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h		f	l	o	o	d			t		c
q									o		a
u		t	s	u	n	a	m	i	r		n
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