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McDowell's Historic Win for Europe 麦克道尔取得历史性胜利

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

On Sunday night Graeme McDowell became the first European to win the US Open in 40 years.

The US Open is one of the four golf majors and is a highlight in the sporting calendar.

The 30-year-old from Northern Ireland beat off golf heavyweights Tiger Woods, Phil Mickleson and Ernie Els to clinch the prestigious title. On the final day of the week-long competition, McDowell held off the challenge from France's Gregory Havret to win by one shot.

Graeme has been playing professionally since 2002 and said "It's an absolute dream come true, I've dreamed about this all my life."

It's hard to believe that two months ago Graeme was in danger of not qualifying for the competition, but a win at the Wales Open secured his place at the major.

Tiger Woods had previously won the competition three times and after a good third round Tiger looked in with a chance of a fourth win. But after five months away from the game under an intense media spotlight, following a scandal in his private life, the A-list golfer could not muster up enough confidence to be triumphant.

From winning the title, Graeme not only gains a tidy sum of money but also jumps from 37th to 13th in the golf world rankings.

However, despite earning a lucrative salary every year, Graeme is still firmly rooted in his home town of Portrush on the north coast of Northern Ireland.

He admits that professional golfers can lead very lavish lifestyles and that you can become "blasé" about it. However he says that is why his home town is very important to him and is what keeps him "grounded".

So where to celebrate his historic victory? Portrush of course!

Graeme says he will be joining his friends at home for a pint of the traditional Irish black beer, Guinness.



Glossary 词汇表

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| majors – 重要赛事 | the sporting calendar – 体育运动日程表 |
| heavyweights – 重量级人物 | clinch – 抓住、赢得 |
| prestigious – 声望很高的 | held off the challenge – 赢得挑战 |
| dream come true – 梦想成真 | intense media spotlight – 大量媒体聚光灯 |
| scandal – 丑闻 | muster up – 鼓起（勇气） |
| to be triumphant – 获胜 | tidy sum – 一大笔奖金 |
| rankings – 排名 | lucrative – 赚钱的，获利的 |
| firmly rooted – 深深扎根于 | lavish lifestyles – 奢侈的生活 |
| blasé – 厌烦享乐的 | grounded – 低调的 |
| historic victory – 历史性的胜利 | Guinness - 健力士啤酒（爱尔兰特产） |

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. Graeme McDowell has won the US Open before. True / False
2. Tiger Woods has never won the US Open. True / False
3. Graeme McDowell still visits his home town. True / False
4. By winning the US Open Graeme has gone up in the golf world rankings. True / False
5. Graeme will not be celebrating in his home town. True / False

2. Sport Idioms 体育成语

a) Match each idiom to its definition.

请把以下成语和其解释连接。

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| 1. drop the ball | a. not at the same level, standard |
| 2. up to par | b. meet your equal |
| 3. meet your match | c. make an error or miss an opportunity |
| 4. off and running | d. at an expected level |
| 5. not in the same league | e. making a good start on something |

b) Now complete the sentences below with the appropriate idiom.

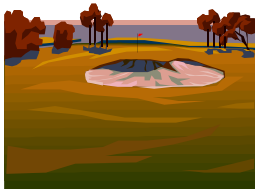
请用以上成语来完成下面的句子。

1. My brother is really good at computer games but when he played against Paul he really _____.
2. I am _____ with this project. Everything is going great.
3. My old computer is _____ as my friend's new laptop.
4. She really _____ when she didn't write back to that important customer.
5. That department is not _____ with the rest of the company.

3. Golf Vocabulary 高尔夫词汇

Match the words to the correct image.

请把以下单词与其正确的图片搭配。



1. _____



2. _____



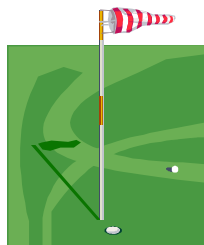
3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____



7. _____



8. _____

golf buggy

bunker

swing

irons

tee

green

fairway

putt

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with golf 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，找出与高尔夫有关的英语单词来。

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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| golf | club | iron | tee | swing |
| wood | par | stroke | shot | chip |

Answers 答案

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False
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False

3. Golf Vocabulary 高尔夫词汇

1. bunker
2. putt
3. fairway
4. swing
5. irons
6. green
7. tee
8. golf buggy

2. Sport Idioms 体育成语

- a)
1. c
 2. d
 3. b
 4. e
 5. a
- b)
1. My brother is really good at computer games but when he played against Paul he really **met his match**.
 2. I am **off and running** with this project. Everything is going great.
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 4. She really **dropped the ball** when she didn't write back.
 5. That department is not **up to par** with the rest of the company.

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