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60% of UK Rich Don't Want to Retire, Says Poll 民调六成富有阶层不想退休

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

Wake up late, have a big breakfast and then wander down to the beach for the first swim of the day. A round of golf, a few cocktails and then dinner on one's **yacht** at sunset.

You might think this is how the wealthy **envisage** the **autumn of their lives** but in Britain it seems that this is not the case. A new survey shows that almost 60% of wealthy people in the UK don't want to quit working even when they pass the **retirement age** of 65.

The organisation Barclays Wealth interviewed 2,000 people, defining 'wealthy' as those with over £1 million (10 million yuan) in **assets** to invest. It found that more people in the UK are **shunning** the traditional concept of retirement than in any of the 19 other developed countries surveyed.

The group even has a **nickname**; those who never want to be retirees are called "nevertirees" in the survey.

And their number is likely to grow over the coming years with 70% of people under the age of 45 in the study indicating that even a **golden handshake** will not be enough to make them **hang up their boots**.

"Whilst in previous **generations** there have always been an **energetic** few with the health and **drive** (to keep working), many **looked to** create their wealth early on in life **with a view to** enjoying it when they retired," said Greg Davies at Barclays Wealth.

"This report reflects a different attitude, with wealthy individuals wanting to continue **to challenge themselves** well beyond the traditional retirement age," he added.

The survey was reported in many newspapers in Britain and it found its critics. "There's no point in **working till you drop**," said Iain from Norwich, on the Daily Mail website. "Work to live, not live to work."

Sarah Harper, Professor of **Gerontology** at the University of Oxford, disagrees. She says: "People want **to contribute**; they want to be doing something. Work gives people **status**, and at an age when you're incredibly experienced you may want to start a second career or even do something completely different from your previous professional life."

The survey raises an interesting question. What is it that really **motivates** us to work? Is it fear of poverty? Or just fear of boredom?

Glossary 词汇表

yacht 游艇	to envisage 展望
autumn of one's life 晚年	retirement age 退休年龄
asset 资产	to shun something 回避某事
nickname 绰号	golden handshake 优厚的一笔酬劳
to hang up one's boots 撂挑子不干了	generation 一代人
energetic 精力充沛的	drive 动力
to look to do something 努力争取	with a view to 为的是
to challenge oneself 自我挑战	to work till you drop 干到死为止
Gerontology 老年学	to contribute 贡献
status 地位	to motivate 去激励

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 survey showed that 60% of people in the UK can't afford to retire.
True / False
2. Even if they got extra money when they retired, 70% of people under 45 wouldn't want to stop working. **True / False**
3. Previously people tried to become rich when they were younger in order to enjoy life as pensioners. **True / False**
4. A commentator in the Daily Mail said that people should work till they die. **True/ False**
5. Rich people postpone retirement because they don't want to be poor.
True / False

2. Retirement Idioms 退休成语

In the article the phrase 'the autumn of their lives' was used to refer to old age. In the box below you will see more idioms referring to old age. Choose the correct phrase for each sentence underneath. A Chinese translation of the sentences is provided to help you.

在本文里有这么一个短语 '**the autumn of their lives**' 指一个人的老年或晚年。在下面的方框里有更多的与老年相关的成语。请你把它们和中文翻译对应起来填写在英文句子的空格处。

You can't teach an old dog new tricks	a good innings
young at heart	in rude health
no spring chicken	silver surfer
	over the hill
	a ripe old age

1. My grandma is always on the internet. She's a real _____.

我奶奶总是在网上浏览，她绝对是一个老年网迷。

2. My mum always said, "If you eat spinach every day you'll live to _____."

我妈妈总是对我说，"如果你每天都吃菠菜的话，那么你就会长寿的"。

3. Don't feel sad about Derek. He was 93 when he died, so he certainly had _____.

不要为 Derek 感到太伤心，他毕竟活到了 93 岁，算是高寿喜丧了。

4. I'm 68 but still feel _____. I even ran a marathon last year!

我已经 68 了，不过体格仍然强壮，去年我还跑了马拉松呢！

5. He's getting older but he's still so _____. In fact, he's even engaged to get married again!

他虽然上了点年纪但是心态不老。他甚至准备再结婚呢。

6. My boss wants me to retire but I'm not yet _____.

我老板让我退休，但是我还没老到不中用的份儿上呢。

7. I am _____ you know. I'll be 80 next year!

我不再是个小青年喽，我明年就 80 岁了。

8. My dad doesn't understand mobile phones. _____, he says.

我爸对移动电话一点都不懂，他说，人到了一定的年龄就很难学习新技巧了。

3. Leisure Vocabulary 休闲词汇

Label each picture with its name from the box underneath.

请在每张图下标出对应的英语表达。



1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____



5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____

hiking	playing darts	doing crosswords	knitting
scuba diving	gardening	horse riding	making pottery

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with this week'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，找出与本文有关的英语单词来。

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

nickname	wealthy	gerontology	quit	status
boredom	energetic	generation	drive	asset

Answers 答案

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2. gardening
3. knitting
4. doing crosswords
5. horse riding
6. scuba diving
7. hiking
8. playing darts

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