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33 Trapped Miners See Daylight After More Than 2 Months 33 名被困矿工重见艳阳天

The eyes of the world are **glued** to the Atacama Desert in Chile as 33 trapped miners are finally being brought to the surface one by one.

Florencio Avalos was the first to be freed, at 0010 local time (0310 GMT). Chile's president, Sebastian Pinera, was **on hand** to **hug** Mr Avalos after he came to the surface.

"This country shows its true soul, shows what it is capable of, when we face **adversity**" the President said in an address. But he added: "This won't be over until all 33 are out."

There were further scenes of **jubilation** when Mario Sepulveda, the second miner to be rescued, reached the surface.

Mr Sepulveda emerged from the **Phoenix** rescue **capsule** smiling and seeming **as fit as a fiddle**. He had brought with him a bag of rocks from the bottom of the mine, which he started to hand out as **mementoes**. He then led a group of rescue workers in joyful **chanting**.

The engineers overseeing the rescue are planning to **winch up** the miners at a rate of roughly one an hour.

Much thought has gone into the order in which they are saved. The first men were amongst those in the best condition, physically and mentally.

Next, the rescuers started to **retrieve** those who were weaker or ill.

Inside the capsule, the miners' heart rate, temperature and oxygen **consumption** is monitored and they can speak to controllers on the surface.

At the top, they emerge into the **glare** of the world's cameras wearing **state-of-the-art** sunglasses supplied by an American **optics** company.

The intense media attention, and the free sunglasses, are an introduction to what will doubtless be very changed circumstances in the men's lives.

"It's not only bright lights, it's millions of **jabbering** people. Millions of people, **prodding** and **poking** them," said Dr James Thompson, a senior psychology lecturer at University College London.

The miners have already received offers of book deals and new jobs.

We don't know if they will cope well with their fame. However, one thing is for sure: if the miners continue to show the sort of **collective resolve** that has come to define their amazing story then they have a good chance.

Glossary 词汇表

glued 紧紧盯着	to be on hand 在现场
to hug 拥抱	adversity 极度艰苦
jubilation 欢庆	phoenix 凤凰 (号)
capsule 救生舱	as fit as a fiddle 健康无恙
memento 纪念品	chanting 诵唱
to winch up 用绞车吊上来	to retrieve 解救
consumption 氧气消耗	glare 刺眼的光 / 众目睽睽之下
state-of-the-art 最新式的 / 最先进的	optics 镜片
jabbering 喋喋不休地说	prodding (用手) 戳
poking (用手指) 捅一捅	collective resolve 集体信念 / 决心

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测试

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

看看下列句子哪些和课文内容相符，哪些不符？

- 1) Chile's president spoke to the miners by phone as they emerged. **True / False**
- 2) Mario Sepulveda needed urgent medical attention. **True / False**
- 3) The rescue capsule can monitor the miners' signs of health. **True / False**
- 4) The miners are wearing vintage sunglasses. **True / False**
- 5) James Thompson is an expert in mining. **True / False**

2. Mining Vocabulary 煤矿词汇

Read the sentences below and fill in the blanks using the correct words from the list available.

请从下面的方框中选择合适的词汇填写到每个句子的空格处。

**extract deepest explosives abandoned
ore tunnels shaft valuable**

1. The miners enter the mine through the_____.
2. They often use _____ to break up the rock.
3. They dig underground _____ to transport people and machinery around the mines.
4. Rocks containing minerals are known as _____.
5. Miners use drills to _____materials.
6. The _____ mine in the world is in South Africa.
7. _____metals such as gold, silver and copper are gathered though mining.
8. _____ mines can be dangerous.

3. Similes Quiz 明喻词语测验

a) In the article one of the miners was said to have emerged "seeming as fit as a fiddle". Look at the similes below and complete the phrases.

在本文里有一个短语说一个矿工看上去健康，安全无恙 **as fit as a fiddle**.

- | | |
|-------------------|------------|
| 1) as busy as | a) a mouse |
| 2) as cunning as | b) a mule |
| 3) as wise as | c) a bee |
| 4) as quiet as | d) an owl |
| 5) as stubborn as | e) a fox |

b) Now complete the sentences below using the entire phrases.

请你从下面的短语中选择一个合适的一个填写到短语的空格处。

- 1) Anne hardly says a word, she's _____.
- 2) My teacher always has good advice for me. He's _____.
- 3) I don't have time to help you; I'm _____.
- 4) John never listens to me, even when he's wrong. He's _____.
- 5) Odysseus had many clever plans to escape his enemies. He was _____.

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words from the 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，找出与本课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。

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

memento	glare	jabbering	optics	phoenix
capsule	poking	prodding	chanting	glued

Answers 答案

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a)

- 1) C
- 2) E
- 3) D
- 4) A
- 5) B

b)

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