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A Homeless Man Achieves Overnight Stardom 乞丐一夜成名

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

Here is a **heart-warming** story to help you fight the freezing weather.

Two weeks ago, Ted Williams was homeless and **begging for change** on the streets of Columbus in Ohio, USA. Now his **fortunes have been reversed** because Mr Williams has that most valued of **commodities**, a natural 'radio voice'.

His **rags-to-riches** journey started when a reporter with the Columbus Dispatch discovered Mr Williams on a street corner. The 53-year-old was holding a cardboard sign explaining that he was an ex-radio **announcer** "**fallen on hard times**".

The reporter videoed Ted Williams doing a **radio spot** right there on the street corner. He had exactly the sort of **mellifluous** voice that typifies American radio **advert**s – unusually smooth, **rich** and **commanding**.

The video also featured a mini-interview with Williams, who was known in the local homeless community as 'Radio Man'. He told the Columbus Dispatch:

"The voice just became something of a development over the years and I went to **school** for it. And then alcohol and drugs and a few other things became a part of my life."

The video **went viral** on the internet and within days Mr Williams was appearing on chat shows, introducing NBC's Today Show and signing a contract to be the voice of the company Kraft Macaroni & Cheese. Since then, there have even been rumours of a possible film role for 'Golden Voice'.

This being an American **fairy tale**, everything has been captured on camera, even Ted Williams' **tearful** reunion with his 90-year-old mother. He told her, "This reunion means more to me than anything I've been offered."

She offered her son some **tough love**, saying: "Please don't disappoint me."

Ted Williams has **been clean** for two years, but some commentators fear that so much sudden media attention could be too much for anyone. Let's hope that Ted Williams' **American dream** has a happy ending.

Glossary 词汇表

heart-warming – 暖人心房的	to beg for change – 乞讨零钱
fortunes... reversed – 乾坤大扭转	commodity – 有用的东西
rags-to-riches – 白手起家的	announcer – 播音员
to fall on hard times – 遭遇不幸	radio spot – 广播广告
mellifluous – 甜美的, 悦耳的	advert – 广告
rich – 深沉的	commanding – 有力的
school – 大学	to go viral – 像病毒一样传播开来
this being – 因为这是	fairy tale – 童话
tearful – 泪流满面的, 使人流泪的	tough love – 严厉的爱
to be clean – 戒毒	American dream – 美国梦

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. Mr Williams was trying to change Columbus, Ohio. **True / False**
2. Mr Williams' troubles had begun when he'd had a fall. **True / False**
3. Ted Williams performed a radio advert for a reporter from the Columbus Dispatch. **True / False**
4. The video of Ted Williams became an internet hit. **True/ False**
5. Ted Williams cried when he saw his mother again. **True / False**

2. Story Vocabulary 故事词汇

**How much do you know about the language used to describe stories?
Match the story descriptions below to the translations underneath.**

你知道多少可以用来描述“故事”的词汇呢？请把以下**1-8**中用来描述“故事”的短语和**a-h**中的解释连线。

- 1) **A rags-to-riches tale.**
 - 2) **An everyday story of boy meets girl.**
 - 3) **A family saga.**
 - 4) **A rites-of-passage story.**
 - 5) **A whodunit.**
 - 6) **An epic tale of redemption and hope.**
 - 7) **A real-life fairy tale.**
 - 8) **A tragic story of lost love.**
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- a) **A sad romance.**
 - b) **A murder mystery.**
 - c) **A long story about people recovering from something bad.**
 - d) **A romantic story about ordinary people.**
 - e) **A story about a poor man or woman who finds wealth.**
 - f) **A long story about several generations of a family.**
 - g) **An unusual but true story with a happy ending.**
 - h) **The story of a child becoming an adult.**

3. Radio Vocabulary 广播词汇

Label the parts of the picture with vocabulary from below.

请参考图片，把方框中的单词填入对应的横线上。

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

mixing desk	faders	soundproof glass
announcer	studio	studio manager

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。

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

commodity fairy tale mellifluous advert
rich commanding rags-to-riches
to go viral tearful tough love

Answers 答案

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

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

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3. Ted Williams performed a radio advert for a reporter from the Columbus Dispatch. **True**
4. The video of Ted Williams became an internet hit. **True**
5. Ted Williams cried when he saw his mother again. **True**

2. Story Vocabulary 故事词汇

- 1 e
- 2 d
- 3 f
- 4 h
- 5 b
- 6 c
- 7 g
- 8 a

3. Radio Vocabulary 广播词汇

1. studio
2. soundproof glass
3. announcer
4. mixing desk
5. faders
6. studio manager

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r	i	c	h										
	a		c	o	m	m	a	n	d	i	n	g	
t	o	g	o	v	i	r	a	l					
c			s										
o	a			t	o	u	g	h	l	o	v	e	
m	d			e	o								
m	v		f	a	i	r	y	t	a	l	e		
o	e			r			i						
d	r			f				c					
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