

Olympic Tickets Go on Sale

伦敦奥运会门票开始销售

英语学习点: **Buying and Selling** 购买与销售

Will Usain Bolt set another Olympic record? And will 2012 be Liu Xiang's year again? Now you can make sure you will be in a perfect position to answer these questions.



The Olympic Stadium being constructed in 2010

Tickets for the 2012 Olympic Games have gone on sale online, with sessions priced between £20 (212 yuan) and £2,012 (21,000 yuan).

Children under 17 will be able to '**pay-your-age**' on some events and there are special **concessions** for old people too.

The new **ticketing** website for residents of the UK and some European nations is not run **on a first-come, first-served basis**. Visitors have until 26 April to apply for tickets, after which time all applications will be treated equally.

Oversubscribed events will be decided by a **ballot**. On the UK site, there is no **upfront cost**, but money will be **debited from** Visa cards in May and June.

Lord Coe, the chairman of London 2012, thinks the Games will be **a sell-out**.

Fewer than twenty-five per cent of the tickets are being reserved for fans outside Europe, which can be bought from specially-appointed organisations.

In an effort to stop **ticket touting**, the British government plan to raise the maximum penalty from £5,000 (53,000 yuan) to £20,000 (212,000 yuan).

However, there are likely to be many online **scams**, so before you **part with** your **hard-earned cash**, check that you are buying tickets from your country's authorised **vendor**.

词汇表请参看答案与词汇部分

Quiz 测验

阅读短文并回答问题。

1. What can you now order?
2. True or false: 16-year-old children will be able to buy tickets for less than £15 for some events.
3. True or false: If you wait until April, you are less likely to get a ticket.
4. What noun in the passage describes an event which has sold all of its tickets?
5. What noun in the passage is a formal word for someone who sells something?

Exercise 练习

选择方框内合适的词汇完成下面的句子。这些例句都是学习使用这些词汇的典型例句。

first-come, first-served ballot upfront costs scam debited from

1. I got a letter last week telling me I'd won £1,000, but I think it was just another _____.
2. In the UK, you can arrange for local tax to be _____ your bank account automatically.
3. If you want any more cake you'd better hurry. There's not much left and it's _____.
4. So many people wanted to go to the company Christmas party this year that they had to do a _____.
5. The problem with moving house is that there are loads of _____. You have to pay a surveyor and a lawyer before you can even think about moving.

Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

Quiz 小测验

1. What can you now order? Tickets for the 2012 Olympic Games.
2. True or false: 16-year-old children will be able to buy tickets for less than £15 for some events. False. 16-year-old children will have to pay £16.
3. True or false: If you wait until April, you are less likely to get a ticket. False. The tickets are not being sold on a first-come, first-served basis.
4. What noun in the passage describes an event which has sold all of its tickets? A sell-out.
5. What noun in the passage is a formal word for someone who sells something? Vendor.

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Glossary 词汇表

pay-your-age 票价和年龄相同	concession 减免
ticketing 售票的	on a first-come, first-served basis 先到先得
oversubscribed 超额预定的	ballot 投票表决
upfront cost 预先支付的费用	debited from 从... 划账
a sell-out 卖光、一售而空	ticket touting 倒票
scam 诈骗	part with something 与... 分手、再见
hard-earned cash 来之不易的钱	vendor 销售商家