

Harry Potter studio tour 哈里波特摄影棚对外开放

Vocabulary: anticipation and excitement 词汇：期待和兴奋

Anticipation is running at fever pitch; excitement off the scale. Now, this week, the brand new Harry Potter studio tour finally opened its doors to the public.

Fans have been impatient for more of Harry Potter and his friends since the book and film series came to an end.



Since last year, when Warner Bros. announced they would be allowing the public to get a glimpse inside the world of Hogwarts, Muggles fans have been eagerly awaiting the opening day.

Tickets were made available in advance and have been selling like hot cakes, with fans looking forward to stepping into the shoes of Harry Potter. So after a fanfare grand opening this week, keen families flocked to the new attraction in north London.

The tour, which lasts approximately three hours, highlights many of the aspects that made the films such a success, from props and costumes, to models and original film sets, including the Grand Hall from Hogwarts school of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

This behind-the-scenes experience was always going to be a great selling point for diehard fans and initial reviews have been generally positive, with enthusiasts praising the decoration and attention to detail.

But the high admission prices have been criticised. At £28 (280 yuan) for an adult ticket, and a family of four having to pay around £85 (849 yuan), critics have questioned the intention of the attraction.

With such fervour for the books and films, are Harry Potter's creators now cynically cashing in on the global popularity of the series?

It is unlikely the high costs will put off most fans, but at what price should people pay to enjoy the imaginative world of Harry, Hermione and Hogwarts? Are we Muggles now being mugged?

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. Is this statement true, false or not given? The Harry Potter studio tour has not sold many tickets so far.
2. What is the phrase used to describe allowing people to see inside?
3. When did the studio tour open? Last year, last month or this week?
4. What is another name for someone who is an enthusiast of something?
5. When someone can't wait for something to happen they are what?

Exercise 练习

请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. The authorities are taking action to stop people _____ on their Olympics tickets.

buying	awaiting	cashing-in	throwing
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2. Queues have been reported at many UK petrol stations in _____ of a possible drivers' strike.

annoyance	anticipation	wonder	guilt
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3. Police are investigating whether a bag they have found belongs to a woman who was injured after she was _____.

killed	flocked	put off	mugged
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4. Jeans were once banned in schools, which only added to the _____ with which teenagers embraced them.

highlights	fervour	style	disgust
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5. As she was already late for work, Fiona was getting _____ for the bus to arrive.

tired	diehard	joyful	impatient
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Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

Quiz 小测验

1. Is this statement true, false or not given? The Harry Potter studio tour has not sold many tickets so far. False. Tickets have been selling like hot cakes.
2. What is the phrase used to describe allowing people to see inside? To get a glimpse
3. When did the studio tour open? Last year, last month or this week? This week
4. What is another name for someone who is an enthusiast of something? A fan
5. When someone can't wait for something to happen they are what? Impatient

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Glossary 词汇表

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fever pitch	狂热
off the scale	超过预期规模
impatient	迫不及待
to get a glimpse	看一眼
eagerly awaiting	迫切的等待
in advance	预期
to sell like hot cakes	比喻极度畅销
to look forward to	盼望着
keen	很有兴趣
to flock	蜂拥而至
highlight	突显
great selling point	卖点
diehard	铁杆（粉丝）
an enthusiast	爱好者
fervour	热情
cashing in	赚钱
to put someone off	令人退却/让人失去兴趣
to be mugged	被抢了