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伦敦奥运会开幕式的细节已经透露出来。总策划是影剧导演丹尼·博伊尔。他说，他想创造一个全新的开幕式，向世界展现英国的历史和文化。以下是 BBC's 艺术事务记者 Vincent Dowd 的报道：

At 55, the director Danny Boyle already has a 30-year career behind him marked by **audacity** and imagination. He started out in the theatre and TV then moved with success into the cinema: Trainspotting, Sunshine and the Oscar-winning Slumdog Millionaire are all his: it's **notable** that each is totally different. So when the London Olympics took on Danny Boyle to create this year's opening ceremony they knew to **expect the unexpected**.

The traditional walk-through of competing athletes will still happen but it'll be **preceded** by an hour's **pageant** called 'Green and Pleasant' which will be unlike anything seen at any Olympics. The set will transform the huge Olympic stadium into a recreation of the British countryside, with rolling meadows and a **bucolic** village green. There'll be horses, cows, geese and three sheepdogs.

Danny Boyle says it will be the starting point of a definition of what modern Britain is, not just London. Danny Boyle says that four years ago Beijing was the highpoint of a certain type of ceremonial spectacle. What we see next month will be more **inclusive** and warmer. As a director Danny Boyle has always shown a **talent** for avoiding the obvious so we can expect further surprises to come.

### Questions

1. What does the word audacity mean: being bold or being clever?
2. True or false? When people expect the unexpected they are prepared to be surprised.
3. Which word means 'to change into' ?
4. True or false: The ceremony will focus only on London.

## Vocabulary and definitions

audacity	大胆无畏
notable	特别的
expect the unexpected	期待着惊讶
walk-through	步行入场
preceded	先前的
bucolic	乡村的
inclusive	包括所有人的
talent	才能

## Answers to the questions

1. What does the word audacity mean: being bold or being clever?

**Answer:** Being bold.

2. True or false? When people expect the unexpected they are prepared to be surprised.

**Answer:** True. The word unexpected means something unpredictable.

3. Which word means 'to change into'?

**Answer:** transform.

4. True or false: The ceremony will only focus on London.

**Answer:** False. Not just London but the whole of Britain.

