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伦敦残奥会期间最繁忙的地方是维修轮椅和金属假肢的维修中心。已经有1700多名遇到紧急问题的运动员光顾此地，寻求紧急帮助。BBC记者 Alex Capstick 有以下报道：

Just outside the athletes' village a room which is **a hive of activity**. Paralympians need reliable equipment. This is where they come when a **vital** piece of apparatus breaks during competition. A quick fix can mean the difference between success and failure. Technicians are busy welding wheelchairs and filing running blades. The most common repair is for punctured tyres. And nobody, no matter how **complex** the problem, is turned away.

Russell Pizzey manages the **workload**. Wheelchair basketball and wheelchair rugby presents his biggest **challenges**. Those sports involve lots of contact and, in rugby especially, the players try to smash each other to bits.

Russell Pizzey, from Ottobock:

They definitely come in on quite a number of visits. Not just one visit only, and again it's depending on the game, the amount of impacts they take during that game. So again we can see big repairs to wheels, let alone the frames.

London is the 12th Paralympics for Ottobock, the company which runs the workshop. The athletes don't pay a thing, and so far at these Games those representing more than 120 countries have **sought** its help.

They've been **frantically** busy ever since they opened their doors at the Olympic Park,

and they say the figure of nearly 2200 repairs, which were carried out in Beijing, is set to be **surpassed**.

Questions

1. True or false: The repair workshop is playing a very important role at the Paralympic Games.
2. What has been the most common repair?
3. Are Paralympians charged for the repair at the workshop?
4. What does the word 'surpass' mean?

Vocabulary and definitions

a hive of activity	繁忙之地
vital	至关重要的
complex	复杂的
workload	工作量
challenges	苦难, 挑战
sought	寻求
frantically	急不可待地
surpassed	超过

Answers to the questions

1. True or false: The repair workshop is playing a very important role at the Paralympic Games.

Answer: True.

2. What has been the most common repair?

Answer: For punctured tyres.

3. Are Paralympians charged for the repair at the workshop?

Answer: : No, it's free.

4. What does the word 'surpass' mean?

Answer: Go beyond or exceed.