

## Spy Undercover 007 的性感魅力

*Vocabulary: romance 词汇: 浪漫*

How many men would get away with a **chat up line** like: "That's quite a nice little nothing you're almost wearing. I approve"? Bond, James Bond, who will be back on **the silver screen** soon in Skyfall.

And while delivering such a **cheesy** line, 007 managed to look neither **shaken** nor **stirred**. No mean feat!

For 50 years, James Bond's **womanising** has been central to the film character's **appeal**, according to BBC writer Jon Kelly.



Daniel Craig is the latest of six actors to play Bond

Ultimately it is the **conventions** of the series rather than the character's emotional **shortcomings** that keep him single. The so called Bond girls - the **objects of his affections** - end up dead a few scenes later.

Christoph Lindner, author of *The James Bond Phenomenon: A Critical Reader*, says: "He can have something closer to an **emotional relationship** but the Bond format can't allow that to endure."

What use, after all, would a **monogamous, committed**, psychologically secure 007 be? Audiences seem to make all sorts of allowances for this **ladies' man**.

"At his core he remains the same as he was when Ian Fleming started writing - he's **sexist**, he's **misogynist**," says Lindner.

It's an unreal world, in which a series of attractive women essentially revolve around and invariably **give in to the charms** of the hero.

Fans insist its entire basis is as a modern fantasy - and **suspension of disbelief** is required during the bedroom scenes just as much as it is for the fights, car chases, gadgets and super-villains.

And the fantasy is reinforced by the statistics. A 2009 study of the film series for the journal 'Sex Roles' found that 007 had enjoyed "strong" sexual contact with 46 women until 2002's *Die Another Day*. The fictional character is miles ahead his real countrymen.

A 2011 Health Survey for England found that the average man reported 9.3 sexual partners in their lifetime.

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's the title of the next James Bond movie?
2. Look at the article. Why is the character still single?
3. Is the following statement true, false or not given? *James Bond is no longer the sexist and misogynist character created by Ian Fleming.*
4. What word means attractive qualities that are appealing to others?
5. What expression is used to refer to watching something without questioning if it is possible?

## 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. My neighbour has always a different woman visiting the house. He has a reputation for being a \_\_\_\_\_ man.

woman's	children's	ladies'	maids'
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2. Anna is very candid about her own \_\_\_\_\_. She is not very smart but she studies very hard to get good marks in her exams.

chat up line	shortcomings	conventions	charms
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3. Cameron Diaz and Tom Cruise are stars of the \_\_\_\_\_ screen.

golden	yellow	green	silver
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4. At times of crisis, a business needs \_\_\_\_\_ employees if it wants to succeed.

womanising	committed	stirred	shaken
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5. In the 50's boys were supposed to play sports and girls; with dolls. It was a very \_\_\_\_\_ upbringing.

sexist	monogamous	cheesy	emotional
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## **Answers and Glossary** 答案与词汇

### **Quiz** 小测验

1. What's the title of the next James Bond movie? Skyfall
2. Look at the article. Why is the character still single? According to the article, it is the conventions of the series that keep him single, and not his womanising.
3. Is the following statement true, false or not given? *James Bond is no longer the sexist and misogynist character created by Ian Fleming.* False. The author of a book about James Bond, Christoph Lindner, quoted in the article, says the character remains the same as he was when Ian Fleming started writing about the fictional spy, who was sexist and misogynist.
4. What word means attractive qualities that are appealing to others? Charms.
5. What expression is used to refer to watching something without questioning if it is possible? Suspension of disbelief

### **Exercise** 练习

1. My neighbour has always a different woman visiting the house. He has a reputation for being a ladies' man.
2. Anna is very candid about her own shortcomings. She is not very smart but she studies very hard to get good marks in her exams.
3. Cameron Diaz and Tom Cruise are stars of the silver screen.
4. At times of crisis, a business needs committed employees if it wants to succeed.
5. In the 50's boys were supposed to play sports and girls; with dolls. It was a very sexist upbringing

## Glossary 词汇表

<b>a chat up line</b>	搭讪语
<b>the silver screen</b>	银幕
<b>cheesy</b>	俗气的
<b>to shake</b>	摇动
<b>to stir</b>	搅拌
<b>to womanise</b>	追求女色
<b>the appeal</b>	吸引力
<b>convention</b>	常规, 习俗
<b>shortcomings</b>	短处, 缺点
<b>objects of his affections</b>	他的感情对象
<b>emotional relationship</b>	情感关系
<b>monogamous</b>	一夫一妻制的
<b>committed</b>	忠诚的
<b>ladies' man</b>	讨女人喜欢的男人
<b>sexist</b>	性别歧视的
<b>misogynist</b>	厌恶女人的人
<b>to give in</b>	屈服, 投降
<b>the charms</b>	魅力
<b>suspension of disbelief</b>	难以置信的悬念