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Who's the Best? 谁是最棒的?

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

Beijing 2008 will prove a test for the cream of the world's sporting talent but will any of the athletes be able to go beyond mere victory and attain greatness?

Here are some Olympic legends that set the benchmark by which future Olympic hopefuls must be measured.

Britain's Sir Steve Redgrave is the only athlete to win a gold medal at five consecutive Olympic Games from Los Angeles in 1984 to Sydney in 2000. As a rower he pushed himself to his physical limits and even defied his doctors by continuing to compete at the highest level after being diagnosed with diabetes.

In a TV interview immediately after finishing the race in which he won his last gold medal, an exhausted Redgrave memorably invited the public to "shoot him" if they ever saw him in a rowing boat again.

American Jesse Owens won four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics in 1936, setting a 20-year world record in the process. He also made a mockery of the distorted racial theories of the German Nazi party which was in power at the time by proving a black athlete could be as good as, or better than, a white one.

But what of China? Who are their great Olympians?

Probably the most recent contender for the position of China's greatest Olympic athlete is Liu Xiang, the 110m hurdler.

Liu Xiang took gold at the 2004 Athens Olympics, tying for a world record time of 12.91 seconds. It was China's first Olympic gold medal in track and field for a male athlete.

Will Liu Xiang win a second gold medal? Will other Chinese athletes taste glory? The answers will be revealed in August in Beijing.

Glossary 词汇表

cream 精华, 精髓	mere victory 仅仅是胜利
attain greatness 达到最高境界	benchmark 水平点, 基准
consecutive 连续性的	rower 赛艇运动员
physical limits 生理局限	diagnosed 被诊断为
diabetes 糖尿病	exhausted 筋疲力尽
shoot 开枪	world record 世界纪录
made a mockery 嘲弄, 讽刺	distorted racial theories 扭曲的种族理论
Nazi 纳粹, 法西斯	contender (有望获胜的) 竞争者
hurdler 跨栏选手	tying 打平
track and field 田径	taste glory 取得成功, 争得光荣

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. Sir Steve Redgrave won five gold medals at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. True / False
2. He was advised by his doctors to give up competitive sport. True / False
3. The record set by Jesse Owens in 1936 lasted for two decades. True / False
4. Liu Xiang achieved a world record time in Athens 2004. True / False
5. It was China's first ever gold medal in an Olympic Games. True / False

2. Superlatives 最高形式

Write the superlative form of the adjectives below. An example has been done for you.

你能写出以下形容词的最高级形式吗？请看例题。

Example: strong – the strongest

Adjective	Superlative form
good	_____
expensive	_____
great	_____
fast	_____
bad	_____
happy	_____

Now complete the sentences below using the superlative form of the adjectives above.

填空 - 请用以上形容词的最高形式来完成以下的句子。

1. Jamaican Athlete Usain Bolt became _____ man in the world by running 100 metres in 9.72 seconds, a new world record.
2. Many people think Jesse Owens is _____ athlete of all time.
3. He was _____ athlete in the games and came last in every race.
4. The USA had _____ results in the Sydney 2000 Games, winning more gold medals than any other country.
5. With a possible cost of more than £8bn, the London 2012 Games could be _____ sporting event ever.
6. "Winning the gold medal was _____ day of my life," said the athlete.

3. Wordbuilding – nouns and adjectives 组词 – 名词和形容词

Complete the table below by filling in the blanks. An example has been done for you.

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greatness	_____
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gratitude	_____
peace	_____
_____	wonderful
pride	_____

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1. '_____ is in the eye of the beholder' is an English expression.
2. I just want to say thank you and let you know how _____ I am.
3. There is no _____ and quiet in my house when the children return from school.
4. I feel very _____ of my country when we win a gold medal.
5. I'm sure the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympics will be a _____ sight.
6. To be a _____ athlete requires talent, training and perseverance.

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with great athletes in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (g), vertically (i) or diagonally (m)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与杰出运动员有关的英语单词来。
共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的 (g) 垂直的 (i) 或对角的 (m) 形式出现。

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victory	legend	all-time	great	winner
record	glory	medal	physical	peak

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