

Boring town twins with Dull village

‘无聊’ 和 ‘乏味’ 结为双子村

Vocabulary: boredom 词汇: 关于无聊与乏味

An American town called **Boring** has voted in favour of pairing with a village by the name of **Dull** in Scotland. This means the two of them will participate in joint activities, such as the promotion of tourism and cultural exchange. Boring decided in favour of the move after being approached by the residents of Dull.



But what's in a name? Is Boring really **tiresome** and is Dull **tedious**? Are these places in themselves **humdrum** and **insipid** or is it just their names which suggest they are **drab**?

The village of Dull consists of just one row of houses on the north side of a river valley, which means that it must be very peaceful but probably rather **stale** and **monotonous** for young people looking for exciting nightlife. It should also be said that the origin of the name Dull is from the Gaelic language, which was spoken in Scotland before the arrival of the English. Therefore it probably means 'meadow' rather than **mundane**.

Boring, on the other hand, was named after an early resident of the town, William H. Boring, though whether he was a **wearisome** fellow himself is not known. The town lies in the state of Oregon, about 30 kilometres from the city of Portland. Is it **flat**? Not in a literal sense. Oregon is a mountainous state. And Boring's residents insist that the town is "The most exciting place to live". However, in comparison to Seattle, the biggest city in the Pacific Northwest region of the United States, Boring must be at least a little **lifeless**.

However exciting the communities may or may not be, they are both planning events to celebrate their pairing. The Dull and Weem Community Council intends to mark the partnership with a new road sign and street party.

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 there a town in Scotland called Boring?
2. What word describes when two communities in different countries make a formal arrangement to have a cultural exchange?
3. Is Dull a big village?
4. Does Dull get its name from English?
5. Was William H. Boring a boring man?

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. I am so _____. I've been waiting five hours for the bus to arrive.

boored	bored	bores	boring
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2. Football _____ me. I find tennis much more exciting.

boring	bore	is boring	bores
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3. Soldiers complain of the _____ of war.

tedium	tedious	tediously	boring
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4. Gaelic is a language _____ in Scotland.

was spoken	speaking	spoken	speaks
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5. There are many different _____ of saying 'boring' in English

vocabulary	ways	vocabularies	words
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Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

Quiz 小测验

1. Is there a town in Scotland called Boring?
No, it's in America.
2. What word describes when two communities in different countries make a formal arrangement to have a cultural exchange?
Pairing.
3. Is Dull a big village?
No, it's just a row of houses.
4. Does Dull get its name from English?
No, it's from Gaelic.
5. Was William H. Boring a boring man?
It's not known.

Exercise 练习

1. I am so bored. I've been waiting five hours for the bus to arrive.
2. Football bores me. I find tennis much more exciting.
3. Soldiers complain of the tedium of war.
4. Gaelic is a language spoken in Scotland
5. There are many different ways of saying 'boring' in English.

Glossary 词汇表

boring	无聊的
dull	乏味的
tiresome	烦人的
tedious	沉闷的
humdrum	无聊的
insipid	清淡无趣的
drab	无生气的
stale	陈腐的
monotonous	单调的
mundane	平凡的
wearisome	使厌倦的
flat	平坦的
lifeless	死气沉沉的