

## The British welly 时尚达人必备雨靴

Vocabulary: fashion 词汇: 时尚

The economy might be depressed, but the British are still **splashing out on wellies**. One shoe company has reported sales of the boots are up 673% this year - they're selling 15 pairs a minute. They thank the snow for our enthusiastic welly-buying. It's true we have had a few cold winters in recent years, but our love of wellingtons probably has more to do with fashion sense than **common sense**.

Ten years ago, wellies **came in** black or dull green. Farmers wore them. But now shops are selling wellingtons of every colour, decorated with stripes, spots, flowers, animals and even **fake diamonds**.

That's because the wellington boot has been fashionable since around 2004, when **fashionistas** in New York were **spotted** wearing them. British model Kate Moss **made a splash** in 2005 when she wore wellies to the Glastonbury Festival.



Wellies can have an upper class image

But the welly has been **fashion-forward** before. It began in 1817 when the Duke of Wellington started wearing a narrower, simpler boot. Being a famous war hero, men were quick to copy his style and the wellington boot was soon **all the rage**. It went out of fashion at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, but farmers, workers, dog walkers carried on wearing them.

So why have they become fashionable again? It's part of a general trend for big boots: biker boots, cowboy boots and Doc Martens are all popular. Wellies also benefit from **music festival chic**, with models and music stars being photographed in them at muddy outdoor events. But surely **it's a class thing** too. The British upper classes have an **outdoorsy** image – often seen with waterproof coats, dogs and wellington boots. This **aristocratic** connection gives wellies a certain **social cachet** which trainers will never have.

But retailers should enjoy the welly **craze** while they can. Wellington boots are probably **at their peak** now, and will soon start to **lose favour**. The last big boot **fad** was Ugg boots. Worn by the stars, they were soon so desirable that everyone had a pair – or a cheaper **copycat version**. And **that was their downfall**. Now everyone has them, they're not special anymore and sales have fallen by a third.

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 is welly short for?
2. According to the article, are British shoppers buying fewer wellies?
3. Who invented the Wellington boot in 1817?
4. According to the article, who has an outdoorsy image?
5. Is the following true, false or not given? *Wellies are only available in black and dull green.*

## 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. She's very clever, but she does such silly things. She has no \_\_\_\_\_ sense.

fashion	intelligent	common	normal
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2. Why does she spend so long getting ready? I think \_\_\_\_\_ girl thing.

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3. He's mad about learning French at the moment. It won't last, it's just a \_\_\_\_\_.

fashion	fad	welly	chic
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4. I like that sofa. But I don't like it in red. Does it come \_\_\_\_\_ any other colours?

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5. I know it's expensive, but I've got a bit of money and I feel like splashing \_\_\_\_\_!

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## **Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇**

### **Quiz 小测验**

1. What is welly short for? Wellington boot.
2. According to the article, are British shoppers buying fewer wellies? No, they're buying more.
3. Who invented the Wellington boot in 1817? The Duke of Wellington.
4. According to the article, who has an outdoorsy image? The British upper classes.
5. Is the following true, false or not given? *Wellies are only available in black and dull green.* False. They're available in many colours.

### **Exercise 练习**

1. She's very clever, but she does such silly things. She has no common sense.
2. Why does she spend so long getting ready? I think it's a girl thing.
3. He's mad about learning French at the moment. It won't last, it's just a fad.
4. I like that sofa. But I don't like it in red. Does it come in any other colours?
5. I know it's expensive, but I've got a bit of money and I feel like splashing out!

## Glossary 词汇表

<b>splashing out on</b>	在某物上花很多钱
<b>wellies (Wellington boots)</b>	长筒雨靴
<b>common sense</b>	常识
<b>came in</b>	上市可供选择
<b>fake diamonds</b>	假钻石
<b>fashionistas</b>	时尚达人
<b>spotted</b>	被看见
<b>made a splash</b>	引起轰动
<b>fashion-forward</b>	前卫的
<b>all the rage</b>	风靡一时的东西
<b>music festival chic</b>	音乐节时尚
<b>it's a class thing</b>	这和阶级地位有关
<b>outdoorsy</b>	户外的，爱好户外活动的
<b>aristocratic</b>	贵族的
<b>social cachet</b>	社会声望
<b>craze</b>	(一时的) 风行
<b>at their peak</b>	在鼎盛时期
<b>lose favour</b>	失宠
<b>fad</b>	一时的流行
<b>copycat version</b>	山寨版
<b>that was their downfall</b>	那就是它们失败的原因