

The world's priciest watch 价值三千万的手表

英语学习点: *Vocabulary: luxury* 与奢侈品有关的词汇

How much money would you be happy to spend on a nice watch? Ten dollars? One hundred? One hundred thousand?!

Well, if you're feeling very rich, there is now a watch worth five million US dollars (32 million yuan) on the market.

Swiss watchmaker Hublot has unveiled what is believed to be the world's most expensive timepiece.



The most expensive watch in the world is fully covered in diamonds

The white gold watch is encrusted with 1,282 dazzling diamonds, and took 17 people 14 months to make. The precious stones cover the entire face, as well as the band.

Jean-Claude Biver, president of Hublot, said it would be hard to make a more expensive watch "because the surface of the watch is limited."

Despite the price tag it seems Hublot will have no trouble selling the high-end creation. Mr Biver revealed that several people had expressed interest in acquiring it.

Analysts say Swiss watchmakers have done well this year, driven by demand in Asia.

Though many retail sectors have been suffering in the economic downturn, luxury brands are thriving – and there are plenty of items for you to spend your money on.

If watches aren't your thing, you could go for a solid gold iPhone, a deluxe "Diamond-Edition" Blackberry or a plain old diamond-encrusted platinum handbag – all are on the market for six-figure sums.

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. How long did it take to make the watch?
2. Is this statement true, false or not given? *Hublot is planning to make a more expensive watch.*
3. Is this statement true, false or not given? *Swiss watchmakers are in difficulty because the bad economic climate.*
4. Look at the article. What three-word expression means 'for sale'?
5. Look at the article. What word is used to describe people whose job is to look at information and give their opinion on it?

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. Look at my bracelet, it's absolutely _____ with diamonds!

dazzling	dazzler	dazzles	dazz
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2. This necklace is a _____ creation.

up-end	high-end	end-high	up-high
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3. _____ brands are still selling well.

Luxury	Luscious	Luxurious	Luxacous
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4. This is the most _____ watch we have.

expensivest	expensious	expricey	expensive
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5. Mary has a handbag covered in _____ stones.

precious	precarious	precipate	pressures
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Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

Quiz 小测验

1. How long did it take to make the watch? 14 months.
2. Is this statement true, false or not given? *Hublot is planning to make a more expensive watch.* False. Jean-Claude Biver, president of Hublot, said it would be hard to make a more expensive watch.
3. Is this statement true, false or not given? *Swiss watchmakers are in difficulty because the bad economic climate.* False. Analysts say Swiss watchmakers have done well this year, driven by demand in Asia.
4. Look at the article. What three-word expression means 'for sale'? On the market.
5. Look at the article. What word is used to describe people whose job is to look at information and give their opinion on it? Analysts.

Exercise 练习

1. Look at my bracelet, it's absolutely dazzling with diamonds!
2. This necklace is a high-end creation.
3. Luxury brands are still selling well.
4. This is the most expensive watch we have.
5. Mary has a handbag covered in precious stones.

Glossary 词汇表

to be on the market	开始销售
to be unveiled	透露/宣布
a timepiece	钟表 (计时器)
encrusted	镶嵌在外层的
dazzling	闪光耀眼的
a precious stone	宝石
the price tag	价格标签
high-end	高档的
a retail sector	零售行业
a luxury brand	奢侈品牌
thriving	兴旺/兴盛
aren't your thing	不是你的兴趣所在
deluxe	豪华的/高级的
a six-figure sum	六位数字 (的高价)