

## Fireworks for a Diamond Queen 女王钻禧庆典烟花秀

*Vocabulary: celebration and jubilation 词汇: 庆祝和欢庆*

Many Britons say we have a lot to thank HM Queen Elizabeth for. This week certainly most of her subjects are **thankful for** a two-day holiday in celebration of her Diamond Jubilee. A weekend of **feasting, pageantry** and water on Sunday is followed by an evening of song, celebration and fire on Monday.



Sunday Lunch is a great British tradition and The Big Jubilee Lunch aimed to **re-ignite** a sense of community with people all over the UK sharing lunch with neighbours and friends in **street parties** or **picnics** to celebrate the Queen's 60-year reign. At these lunches, people have been **tucking into** some Great British food - pies, roasts, fish and chips, **cream teas**... even **jellied eels**.

Another highlight of the weekend **festivities** was The Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant with more than 1,000 boats – traditional and modern – **escorting** the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh aboard a specially decorated **Royal barge**. Red, white and blue – the colours of the Union Jack – **adorned** bridges and buildings with sounds of church bells and foghorns floating along the River.

Monday evening brings music and light to Buckingham Palace. A special pop concert featuring artists including Elton John, Paul McCartney and Ed Sheeran is followed by a **spectacular** firework display. No doubt it will all **go off with a bang**. Before the fireworks, more than 4,000 **beacons** are to be lit in the UK and around the world. The Queen herself lights the UK's last beacon – the National Beacon – at about 22:30 BST. Whilst there are some who protest – surveys suggest around 20% of Britons feel the UK would be better off without a monarchy – most people will see HM Queen Elizabeth as **a beacon of hope** in an uncertain world and will be **raising a glass** to the Diamond Queen.

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 are most Britons thankful for this week?
2. What noisy phrase is used to describe an event that went well?
3. What phrase means to start eating with enjoyment?
4. True, false or not given: *The Queen will light the first beacon at about 22:30BST?*
5. Which of these is a way of toasting someone?  
To grill someone, to cheer someone, to raise a glass to someone, to butter someone up

## 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. He invited her to join him for a \_\_\_\_\_ in the park.

flower	ready-meal	picnic	candle-lit dinner
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2. I thought your performance was \_\_\_\_\_.

jubilation	bomb	spectacles	spectacular
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3. I hope you enjoy the food. Please do \_\_\_\_\_ whatever you like.

dive into	tuck into	get into	drop into
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4. This looks delicious! A real \_\_\_\_\_.

feast	farce	fleece	fuss
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5. I would be delighted to \_\_\_\_\_ you to the premiere.

escape	escort	excuse	engulf
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## **Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇**

### **Quiz 小测验**

1. What are most Britons thankful for this week?  
A two day holiday
2. What noisy phrase is used to describe an event that went well?  
To go off with a bang
3. What phrase means to start eating with enjoyment?  
To tuck into something
4. True, false or not given: *The Queen will light the first beacon at about 22:30BST?*  
False – she will light the last beacon
5. Which of these is a way of toasting someone?  
To raise a glass to someone

### **Exercise 练习**

1. He invited her to join him for a picnic in the park.
2. I thought your performance was spectacular.
3. I hope you enjoy the food. Please do tuck into whatever you like.
4. This looks delicious! A real feast.
5. I would be delighted to escort you to the premiere.

## Glossary 词汇表

<b>to be thankful for</b>	感激, 感谢
<b>feasting</b>	盛宴
<b>pageantry</b>	壮观, 盛会
<b>to re-kindle</b>	重新点燃
<b>a street party</b>	街头派对
<b>a picnic</b>	露天野餐
<b>to tuck into</b>	开怀大吃
<b>a cream tea</b>	英式奶茶和松饼
<b>jellied eels</b>	鳗鱼冻
<b>festivities</b>	庆祝活动
<b>to escort</b>	护送
<b>the Royal barge</b>	皇家游艇
<b>adorned</b>	装饰
<b>spectacular</b>	壮观的
<b>to go off with a bang</b>	极为成功, 大受欢迎
<b>a beacon</b>	灯塔, 烽火
<b>a beacon of hope</b>	希望的灯塔
<b>to raise a glass</b>	祝贺, 庆祝