## BBC Learning English Media English 媒体英语 Sochi Olympic flame 索契冬奥会圣火已点燃



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索契冬季奥运会圣火已被点燃。最高女祭司用反射的阳光点燃了圣火。此次火炬传递路线是冬奥会历史上最长的,总距离约6.5万公里,火炬还将首次被送入国际空间站进行展示。请听 Jonathan Josephs 发来的报道:

Dressed in **cream-coloured**, **shoulderless**, **pleated** dresses, 21 **high priestesses** perform an **elaborate** dance **routine**. The actresses were surrounded by the ruins of **the Temple of Hera** in Olympia - the site of the ancient Olympics.

As they moved in carefully **choreographed** routines, the torch for the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi was lit.

Tall construction **cranes** still hang over Sochi's Olympic stadium. There are concerns over whether the **venues** will be ready for February. Despite recent **backing** from a leading IOC official, **locals** are **split**.

By the time the Olympic flame arrives at Sochi's opening ceremony, it will have taken its first ever trip to space and visited nearly 3,000 different places in Russia. But questions remain as to whether it can truly inspire **equality** for all.

## Questions

- 1. True or false? The 2014 Winter Olympic flame was lit at the Temple of Hera.
- 2. True or false? The Olympic Stadium in Sochi is ready for the Games.
- 3. What did the priestesses wear?
- 4. Where will the flame's first ever visit be?

## Vocabulary and definitions

cream-coloured	米色的,奶油色的
shoulderless	无肩的
pleated	打褶的
high priestesses (plural)	最高女祭司
elaborate	复杂的
routine	一套动作
Temple of Hera	赫拉神庙
choreographed	设计舞蹈动作
cranes (plural)	吊车,起重机
venues (plural)	场馆
backing	支持
locals	当地人
split	(产生) 意见分歧
equality	平等

## Answers to the questions:

1. True or false? *The 2014 Winter Olympic flame was lit at the Temple of Hera.* **Answer:** True.

2. True or false? *The Olympic Stadium in Sochi is ready for the Games.* **Answer:** False. Tall construction cranes are still hanging over Sochi's Olympic stadium.

3. What did the priestesses wear? **Answer:** They wore cream-coloured, shoulderless, pleated dresses.

4. Where will the flame's first ever visit be? **Answer:** Space.