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郎朗:古典音乐的奇才第一章:一场钢琴比赛

Vocabulary 单词

	简体	繁體	拼音	英文翻译	
1.	章	章	zhāng	chapter	
2.	钢琴	鋼琴	gāngqín	piano	
3.	比赛	比賽	bĭsài	contest, competition	
4.	音乐家	音樂家	yīnyuèjiā	musician	
5.	演奏	演奏	yănzòu	performance	
6.	风格	風格	fēnggé	style	
7.	音乐厅	音樂廳	yīnyuètīng	concert hall, music hall	
8.	响起	響起	xiǎngqǐ	to ring, make a sound	
9.	曲子	曲子	qŭzi	music, song, melody	
10.	古典	古典	gǔdiǎn	classical	
11.	弹	彈	tán	to play, pluck	
12.	·······之一	之一	zhī yī	one of the	
13.	许多	許多	xǔduō	many, a lot of	
14	专业	專業	zhuānyè	professional	
15.	钢琴家	鋼琴家	gāngqínjiā	pianist	
16.	~家	~家	~ jiā	a specialist in a certain field	
17.	代表	代表	dàibiǎo	to represent	
18.	水平	水準	shuĭpíng	standard, level	

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19.	达到	達到	dádào	to reach, attain	
20.	境界	境界	jìngjiè	state, level	
21.	表演	表演	biǎoyǎn	performance	
22.	等待	等待	děngdài	to wait, await	
23.	乐章	樂章	yuèzhāng	movement (in music)	
24.	尾段	尾段	wěiduàn	ending	
25.	高潮	高潮	gāocháo	climax, high point	
26.	却	卻	què	but, yet, however, while	
27.	温柔	溫柔	wēnróu	gentle	
28.	优雅	優雅	yōuyǎ	graceful	
29.	陶醉	陶醉	táozuì	be engrossed, captivated	
30.	除此之外	除此之外	chúcĭzhīwài	in addition to, except for this	
31.	音乐会	音樂會	yīnyuèhuì	concert	
32.	加演	加演	jiā yǎn	encore	
33.	节目	節目	jiémù	program	
34.	东方	東方	Dōngfāng	Eastern	
35.	称颂	稱頌	chēngsòng	to praise, extol	
36.	主席	主席	zhǔxí	chairman	
37.	有名	有名	yŏumíng	famous, well-known	
38.	整个	整個	zhěnggè	entire	
39.	西方	西方	Xīfāng	Western	
40.	结束	結束	jiéshù	end, finish	
41.	听众	聽眾	tīngzhòng	audience	

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42.	新奇	新奇	xīnqí	novel, new and marvelous	
43.	究竟	究竟	jiūjìng	actually, after all (used in interrogative sentences to indicate a desire to get to the bottom of a matter)	
44.	天才	天才	tiāncái	genius	
45	世界	世界	shìjiè	world	
46.	出名	出名	chūmíng	renowned, famous	
47.	年轻	年輕	niánqīng	young	
48.	嬴	贏	yíng	to win	
49.	无数	無數	wúshù	countless	
50.	~级	~級	~jí	level, grade, class	
51.	交响乐团	交響樂團	jiāoxiǎng yuètuán	symphony orchestra	
52.	合作	合作	hézuò	tocolaborate	
53.	举行	舉行	jŭxíng	to host, hold, implement	
54.	音乐界	音樂界	yīnyuèjiè	musical circles	
55.	获	獲	huò	to attain	
56.	奖项	獎項	jiǎngxiàng	awards	
57.	造诣	造詣	zàoyì	proficiency	
58.	积极	積極	jījí	active, positive, enthusiastic	
59.	推广	推廣	tuīguǎng	to promote	
60.	认识	認識	rènshi	to recognize, be aware of	
61.	享受	享受	xiǎngshòu	to enjoy	
62.	优美	優美	yōuměi	beauty, beautiful	
63.	称为	稱為	chēngwéi	known as	

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64.	世纪	世紀	shìjì	century	
65.	有影响力	有影響力	yŏu yĭngxiǎnglì	influential	
66.	影响	影響	yĭngxiǎng	influence (verb, noun)	
67.	才华	才華	cáihuá	talent	
68.	成就	成就	chéngjiù	achievement	
69.	到底	到底	dàodĭ	to the end, finally (an adverbial phrase used for emphasis in an interrogative sentence)	
70.	受	受	shòu	Tobear, endure	
71.	苦	苦	kŭ	bitter, pain, suffering	
72.	一切	一切	yīqiè	everything	
73.	顺利	順利	shùnlì	smooth, without difficulty	
74.	天生	天生	tiānshēng	born with	
75.	拼命	拼命	pīnmìng	with the utmost effort	
76.	努力	努力	nŭlì 💮	hard-working	
77.	练	練	liàn	to practice	
78.	知道	知道	zhīdào	to know, be aware of	
79.	答案	答案	dá'àn	answer	
80.	童年	童年	tóngnián	childhood	

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Reading Comprehension 阅读理解

True or False 对与错 现在郎朗音乐水平已达到很高的境界。 拉赫玛尼诺夫的第三钢琴协奏曲是一首很难弹的曲子。 郎朗喜欢在他的音乐会上弹东方曲子。 郎朗是世界上最好,最出名,又最年轻的古典音乐钢琴演奏家之一。 郎朗从小到大的经历一直都很顺利。



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Grammar Notes 语法

1. ·······是最 Adj. 的 N. 之一: ... is one of the most...

这支曲子<u>是</u>古典音乐里<u>最难弹</u>的曲子<u>之一</u>,但也是许多专业钢琴家的最爱。 This piece is one of the hardest pieces to play in classical music, but is also a favorite among professional pianists.

Examples:

- 1. 郎朗是现代最有名的钢琴家之一。 Lang Lang is one of the most famous pianists in modern times.
- 2. 中国是世界上历史最悠久的国家之一。 China is a country with one of the longest histories in the world.

2. ·····,比如说,·····: ..., for example, ...

在这次表演中,第三钢琴协奏曲听起来有些不同,<u>比如说</u>,当大家在等待第一乐章尾段的高潮时,听见的却是温柔优雅的钢琴声。

In this performance, the third piano concerto sounded different. For example, when everyone waited for the climatic ending of the first movement, they heard instead a surprisingly soft and gentle sound.

Examples:

- 1. 郎朗有很多兴趣爱好,比如说,看电影、逛街、打球。 Lang Lang has many interests, for example, watching movies, shopping and playing sports.
- 2. 人们学中文的原因有很多,比如说,想了解中国文化,想去中国找工作,或或想去中国旅游等等。

There are many reasons people learn Mandarin, for example, to understand Chinese culture, to find work in China, orto travel to China, etc.

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3. 越······越·····: the more..., the more...

这样的弹法虽然和以往不同,但是却很好听,观众越听越喜欢,越听越陶醉。

Although this style of playing was unlike the standard interpretation, it sounded very good; the more the audience listened to it, the more they appreciated it and lost themselves in the music.

Examples:

- 1. 这首曲子越到高潮越好听。
 The more the piece develops, the more engaging it becomes...
- 2. 这些漂亮的风景,他越看就越陶醉。
 The more he looks at the beautiful scenery, the more he is entranced.

4. ·····,除此之外,·····: besides this, in addition to this

<u>除此之外</u>,这场表演和别的古典音乐会不同的是在加演节目时,钢琴家弹的是一首东方曲子,叫《浏阳河》。

In addition, this concert was different from other classical music performances in that during the encore, the pianist played an Eastern piece called "Liuyang River."

Examples:

- 1. 费城的柯蒂斯音乐学院非常有名,除此之外,那里还有很多著名学府。
 Philadelphia's Curtis Institute of Music is very famous; besides that, Philadelphia also has many other famous schools.
- 2. 音乐可以让孩子变得更聪明,除此之外,还可以用音乐来了解一个国家的文化。 Music can make a child more intelligent, and not only that, music can also be used to understand a country's culture.



5. 究竟: used in interrogative sentences to strengthen the mood of a question

<u>究竟</u>是谁能把西方音乐和东方音乐都弹得这么好呢? Who is the one capable of playing both Western and Eastern music so well?

Examples:

- 1. 我都问了你好几次了,你究竟听没听见? I have asked you many times, did you hear me at all?
- 2. 不同的报纸对这件事的说法也不一样,这件事究竟是怎么发生的?
 Different newspapers are reporting different stories on this incident. What really happened?

6. 除了······以外,······也·····: besides ..., also...

<u>除了</u>钢琴造诣高<u>外</u>,他<u>也</u>很积极地推广古典音乐,想要让更多人认识和享受古典音乐的 优美···

Besides his accomplishments in in piano, he has also actively worked to promote classical music, hoping to make more people recognize and enjoy the beauty of classical music...

Examples:

- 1. 除了上课以外,美国学生也要参加很多课外活动。 Besides attending classes, American students still have to participate in many extra curricular activities.
- 2. 要学好中文,你除了多练习以外,也要了解中国的文化和历史。
 To master Mandarin, in addition topracticing extensively, you must also understand Chinese culture and history.



7. ······被称为······: ... is named/called as .../is known as ...

- …所以他被称为这个世纪最有影响力和最有才华的古典音乐家。
- ...therefore he is known as the most influential and talented classical musician of the century.

Examples:

- 1. 乔治•华盛顿 (George Washington) 被称为美国的国父。 George Washington is known as the founding father of America.
- 2. 香港 (Hong Kong) 是亚洲重要的金融、服务和航运中心,被称为"东方之珠"。 Hong Kong is Asia's financial, service, and transportation hub, and is known as the "Pearl of the East".
- **8.** 到底: the usage is the same as "究竟", used in interrogative sentences to strengthen the mood of a question, but it is more informal than "究竟"。

郎朗<u>到底</u>是如何获得今天的成就的呢? How exactly did Lang Lang attain the success he has today?

Examples:

- 1. 这么好的东西你也不喜欢,你到底想买什么呢?
 If you don't even like things as nice as this, what do you actually want to buy?
- 2. 房间里一个人也没有,到底是谁在说话呢? There is no one in the room, who is talking after all?



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Sentence Pattern Exercises 句型练习

Please create sentences based on the following patterns:

1. ·······是最 Adj. 的 N. 之一: is one of the most Example:
Your sentences:
2. ·····,比如说,······: ··., for example, ····` Example: 郎朗有很多兴趣爱好,比如说,看电影,逛街,打球。 Láng Lǎng yǒu hěn duō xìngqù àihào, bǐrú shuō, kàn diànyǐng, guàngjiē, dǎqiú. Your sentences:
3. 越······越······: the more, the more Example:
Your sentences:

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4.	,	除此之外,	••••••	besides this,	in addit	ion to	this
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Example:

费城的柯蒂斯音乐学院非常有名,除此之外,那里还有很多著名学府。 Fèichéng de Kēdìsī Yīnyuè Xuéyuàn fēicháng yǒumíng, chúcǐzhīwài, nàlǐ hái yǒu hěn duō zhùmíng xuéfǔ.

Your sentences:
5. 究竟: used in interrogative sentences to strengthen the mood of a question
Example:
我都问了你好几次了,你究竟听没听见?
Wǒ dōu wèn le nǐ hǎojǐ cì le, nǐ jiūjìng tīng méi tīngjiàn?
Your sentences:
6. 除了······以外,·····也·····: besides, also
Example:
除了上课以外,美国学生也要参加很多课外活动。
Chúle shàngkè yǐwài, Měiguó xuéshēng yě yào cānjiā hěn duō kèwài huódòng.
Your sentences:

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7. ······被称为······: ... is named/called as .../is known as ...

Example:

乔治•华盛顿被称为美国的国父。

Qiáozhì•Huáshèngdùn bèi chēngwéi Měiguó de guófù.

Your sentences:			

8. 到底: the usage is the same as "究竟", used in interrogative sentences to strengthen the mood of a question, but it is more informal than "究竟"。
Example:

郎朗到底是如何获得今天的成就的呢? Láng Lǎng dàodǐ shì rúhé huòdé jīntiān de chéngjiù de ne?

Your sentences:

