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Netflix in Taiwan

台灣 Netflix

If you're feeling lazy on a Sunday, but you want to watch a movie, there's no need to go to the DVD rental store. Just sign up for Netflix.

如果你星期日發懶，但你又想看電影，你不需要去 DVD 出租店了。你只要註冊 Netflix 會員資格。

In January 2016, Netflix started its services in Taiwan. Netflix is an **entertainment** company that lets members **stream** TV shows and movies. Many popular shows and films can be found in its online library. Whereas Taiwanese **cable television** companies provide mostly **local** programs, Netflix mainly provides TV shows from the US.

2016 年的一月，Netflix 開始在台灣服務。Netflix 是一家影視娛樂公司，能讓註冊會員在線上觀看電視節目及電影。它的網路典藏館上可以找到許多受歡迎的電視影集與電影。台灣有線電視公司提供大部分的當地節目，而 Netflix 則主打美劇。



To sign up you can just go to their website: www.netflix.com. New members get one month of free use! Signing up is also cheap. Taiwanese cable companies charge between NT \$500 and NT \$600 each month for their **services**. However, Netflix charges between NT \$270 and NT \$390.



It's a good price!

你只要去他們的網站：www.netflix.com 就可以進行註冊。新會員享有第一個月免費！會員費用也很便宜。台灣有線電視公司每月需花費台幣 500 到 600 元。然而 Netflix 只要每個月台幣 270 元到 390 元。價格十分漂亮！

Netflix lets you choose from three different plans: the basic plan, the standard plan, and the premium plan. With the basic plan, the picture **quality** is normal. With the premium plan, the picture quality is amazing.

Netflix 有三種方案可選擇：基本方案、標準方案及優質方案。基本方案的影片畫質普通。優質方案的影片畫質非常好。

Vocabulary 好字精選

1. entertainment (n) the action of providing or being provided with enjoyment 演藝；娛樂，消遣

A lot of people rely on computers for entertainment.

有許多人仰賴電腦來獲得娛樂消遣。

2. stream (v) to send or receive data over the internet as a steady, continuous flow 串流，流動

Mina used Youtube to stream news.

Mina 透過串流在 Youtube 線上收看新聞。

3. cable television (n) a system where TV programs are transmitted by cable 有線電視

Cable television is being used less frequently these days.

現在比較少人使用有線電視。

4. local (adj.) relating or restricted to a particular area 地方性的；當地的

The local community raised their concerns about the noise in the neighborhood.

地方機關喚起了當地居民們對於噪音的關注。

5. service (n) the act of doing or providing something 服務；招待

How much do you charge for your services?

你們的服務收費多少呢？

6. quality (n) how good or bad something is 品質，質量

The quality of Sinclair's running shoes is excellent.

Sinclair的慢跑鞋品質非常地棒。

Phrases and Sentence Patterns句型解析

1. there' s no need to + verb... (phrase) it' s not necessary to do something 不需要...，無用...

There's no need to worry. She'll be fine!

不用擔心。她會沒事的！

2. sign up (phrasal verb) to register or to subscribe to something 註冊；報名登記

Zayn signed up for Gmail.

Zayn 註冊了 Gmail 的電子信箱。



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What is Post-Rock?

什麼是後搖滾樂？

The 60s, 70s, and 80s gave birth to what we know today as classic rock. Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd, and Queen are just a few of many famous classic rock bands. But nowadays rock music is branching off into new genres. One of these genres is called post-rock.

今天我們所知的經典搖滾樂誕生在60年代、70年代以及80年代。齊柏林飛船、平克佛洛伊德和皇后樂團只是許多著名經典搖滾樂團中的幾個。但是現代搖滾音樂正分化成新的類型。其中之一被稱為後搖滾樂。



Post-rock is a kind of rock music that focuses on **contrast** to create a powerful atmosphere. The songs tend to be long and often don't have any words. Sometimes the music is soft; other times it's quite hard and **energetic**. Due partly to this, people say that post rock **resembles** classical music. It also includes aspects of jazz and electronic music. A **unique** characteristic of post-rock is that it uses guitars to make different levels of sound. The sounds from the guitars **blend** together to make a steady buzzing noise, as opposed to clearly changing notes.

後搖滾是一種強調以對比效果來營造強大氣氛的搖滾音樂。歌曲往往很長，通常沒有歌詞。音樂時為柔和；時為很強硬但充滿活力。部分是因為人們說搖滾樂與古典音樂相似。而且還廣納爵士樂及電子音樂元素。後搖滾樂一個與眾不同的特點是它用吉他發出不同層次的聲音。各種吉他的聲音混合在一起便發出穩定的嗡嗡聲，而不是清晰的音符。



One famous post rock band is called Explosions in the Sky. This band was formed in 1999 in Texas and has gained great fame worldwide. The band consists of three electric guitarists and a drummer. Their

songs have been shown in a variety of movies, most notably in *Friday Night Lights*.

一個著名的後搖滾天團名為天空爆炸。這支樂團於1999年成立於德克薩斯，聞名世界。該樂團是由三名電吉他手與一名鼓手組成。他們的歌曲出現在多部電影中，最引人注目的是勝利之光。

Sigur Rós is perhaps the most famous post-rock band. Formed in Iceland in 1994, Sigur Rós has heavily influenced the genre. Their second album, *Ágætis byrjun*, is considered one of the greatest post-rock albums of all time.

Sigur Rós (席格若斯) 大概是最著名的後搖滾樂團。Sigur Rós於1994年在冰島成立，對後搖滾樂風的影響甚鉅。他們的第二張專輯「好的開始」被認為是歷史上最偉大的後搖滾專輯之一。

Vocabulary 好字精選

1. contrast (n) the state of being strikingly different from something else 對比

The contrast between his skills now and his skills a year ago is quite noticeable.

他一年前的技術和他現在的技術有相當明顯的的對比。

2. energetic (adj.) involving great activity or vitality 精力充沛的

After all the sugar, the little boy was very energetic. 吃了這麼多糖之後，小男孩精力充沛。

3. resemble (v) to look or seem like 類似

Nick resembles his mother. Nick 酷似他的母親。

4. unique (adj.) unlike anything else 獨特的，與眾不同的

You really have a unique smile! 你得確有個獨特的笑容！

5. blend (v) to mix something with something else 混合，融合

Mrs. Watkins blended the paints together to make a new color.

Watkins 太太把顏料調和成一種新的顏色。

Phrases and Sentence Patterns 句型解析

1. give birth to something (idiom) to initiate something 產生某種東西

The 70s gave birth to hip hop. 嘻哈音樂誕生於 70 年代。

2. Noun(s), + noun(s), + and noun(s) + are just a few of... (sentence pattern) ...其中一部份、幾個...

Corn, wheat, and soybeans are just a few of many agricultural products in the USA. 玉米、小麥和大豆只是美國許多農產品中的一小部分。

3. branch off (phrasal verb) to leave the main part of something 分岔，分歧

On the map, you can see several streams that branch off from the river.

在地圖上，你可以看到幾條小溪從主流分出去。

4. Sometimes + (the) noun + is adj.; + other times + pronoun + is + (quite) adj. (+ and adj.) (sentence pattern)

有時...，其他時候...

Sometimes Josephine is nice; other times she is quite mean.

有時 Josephine 很友好，其他時候她則相當惡毒。

5. consist of (phrasal verb) to be made up of 由...組成

The typical American breakfast consists of eggs, bacon, toast, cereal, and coffee or juice.

典型的美式早餐包含雞蛋、培根、烤麵包、麥片粥、咖啡及果汁。



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