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Review of Planet Earth II

地球脈動第二季的評論

BBC's Planet Earth (2006) television series was the most expensive nature **documentary** ever made. It was the first to be filmed in high definition (HD), and each of the 11 **episodes** focused on one **habitat** on earth, such as mountains, deserts, etc. Many scenes in the series were so rare or so beautiful that they brought tears to my eyes.

BBC 地球脈動(2006)系列節目是有史以來製作成本最高的紀錄片。這是第一部用高畫質 (HD) 來拍攝，且十一集中，每一集的重點都在地球上某一處的生物棲息地，像是高山或沙漠等。許多影集中的場景都非常罕見或是非常漂亮，讓觀眾動容而流淚。



How excited I was to learn that a new Planet Earth series was coming out at the end of 2016! This time the series was filmed in **ultra-HD** and many scenes were shot using **drones**. Planet Earth II only has 7 episodes, but the budget for each was even higher than for Planet Earth I. Just like Planet Earth I, each episode features one habitat.

當我知道新的地球脈動系列將會在 2016 年底上映的時候，有多麼的興奮啊！這次系列影集會用超高畫質 (ultra-HD) 來拍攝，且有許多畫面會用無人機來攝影。地球脈動第二季只有七集，但每一集的預算都比第一季高。就像第一季，每一集都用一處生物棲息地為特點。



Having just finished Planet Earth II, I would honestly say that it is the best television series ever made. The **close-up** scenes with the animals are so **intimate** that you feel like you are right there with them. I would recommend this series to anyone who is interested in animals, nature, and the beauty of our planet.

看完第二季的地球脈動後，老實說我覺得這是至今為止最棒的電視影集。動物的特寫鏡頭近到讓你覺得你正和牠們在一起。我會對任何一位對動物、對大自然及對我們美麗的星球有興趣的人推

薦這部影集。

Vocabulary 好字精選

1. documentary (n) a scientific, real-life movie or TV show 記錄影片；(電視等的)記錄節目

I can't believe you watched all 48 episodes in that war documentary.

我無法置信你竟然看完了共 48 集的所有戰爭紀錄片。

2. episode (n) one show in a series (電視等的)連續劇的一齣(或一集)

Each season of this show has 12 episodes.

這部影集每一季都有 12 集。

3. habitat (n) the natural environment of a certain animal or plant (動物的)棲息地；(植物的)產地

Camels have adapted to a dry desert habitat.

駱駝們可以適應非常乾燥的沙漠棲息地。

4. ultra- (prefix) extremely/very 極度地；非常地

He found the island's scenery ultra-inspiring.

他發現這座小島的景色極度地吸引人。

5. drone (n) a remote-controlled pilotless aircraft 無人控制的飛機

Drones equipped with weapons are changing the nature of war.

備有武器的無人戰機正在改變戰爭的形態。

6. close-up (adj/n) very close shot/view/angle (電影電視等的)特寫鏡頭，特寫

This close-up image of the man shows that he was crying as he was committing the murder.

這張男士的特寫照表現出他正哭得好像他犯下了一樁謀殺案一般。

7. intimate (adj) close, personal 親密的，熟悉的

The two students have a very intimate relationship.

這兩位學生之間有著非常親密地關係。

Phrases and Sentence Patterns 句型解析

1. bring tears to one's eyes (phr) make one cry 使...落淚

Nick's love letter brought tears to Emily's eyes.

Nick 的情書使 Emily 忍不住落淚。

2. how + adj + N + V (sentence pattern) 多麼的(後接形容詞/副詞)...

How sad Jasmine felt when she got fired from her job!

當 Jasmine 被解聘時，她有多麼地難過！

3. having + pp, S + V (sentence pattern) (after) doing pp, S did...(完成式)分詞構句 (連接詞為 after 的用法)

Having eaten all the ants in the ant colony, the anteater lay down to take a nap.

當食蟻獸吃完蟻窩裡的所有螞蟻後，牠便躺下小寐一會兒。



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The Most Popular Airbnbs

Airbnb 最受歡迎的住房

Airbnb is a booking service that has taken the world of accommodation by storm. Founded in 2008 and with its **headquarters** in San Francisco, Airbnb is now one of the world's most popular accommodation services, with over 3 million places to stay listed. The Airbnb website enables hosts to offer up their home, apartment, hostel, hotel, or even tree house to potential guests. Here we look at the top-3 most popular Airbnbs listed in 2016. If you want to make a reservation at any of these, you'd better do it way, way, way in advance.

Airbnb是席捲世界住宿的預先訂房服務網站。2008年，Airbnb的總部在舊金山成立，現在已經是世上最受歡迎的訂房服務網，網站上有超過三百萬處住房。Airbnb的網站讓房東能出租他們的家、公寓、青年旅社、或甚至是樹屋給可能的租客。讓我們來看看2016年Airbnb最受歡迎的三大住宿點。假如你想要預訂任何一間，你最好要在很早、很早、很早之前就先預訂。

1. Tree House, Atlanta, USA

第一名：美國，位於亞特蘭大的樹屋

This tree house, or rather three tree houses connected by rope bridges with lights on them, was the most popular Airbnb in the world in 2016. This listing receives **rave** reviews, with guests **praising** its **laid-back** atmosphere. Despite being located in a forest, it is only a few minutes away from downtown Atlanta. So how much does it cost for you and a friend to have the whole thing to yourself for a night? NTD12,000 is the current going rate for one night.

這間樹屋，或有掛燈的繩索便橋連接的三間樹屋，是Airbnb2016年最受歡迎的住宿選擇。這一個項目收到的褒評如潮，入住客人讚賞樹屋悠閒的氛圍。儘管住房的位置在森林中，但到亞特蘭大的市中心只要幾分鐘就到。你和朋友要包下一間一晚的要價多少呢？目前的價位一晚為一萬兩千元台幣。



2. Seashell House, Isla Mujeres, Mexico

第二名：墨西哥，位穆赫雷斯島的貝殼屋

This **quirky** home on Isla Mujeres, or “Island of the Women,” takes the number two spot. The two buildings on site are shaped like a pair of white seashells, and all of the furniture and decorations inside are in line with the seashell theme. There’s also a gorgeous pool, as well as a beach nearby. One night goes for NTD9500 for four guests.

這一間位在穆赫雷斯島或稱「女島」上的古怪房子位居第二名。這兩棟建築物實地上形狀像一對白色的貝殼，屋內所有的傢俱及裝飾都符合貝殼主題。同時還有一座華麗的泳池，附近也有海灘。四位租客一晚要價9500元台幣。



3. Modern Glass Tree House, Florence, Italy

第三名：義大利，位在佛羅倫斯的現代感玻璃樹屋

Another tree house sits in the third spot. More of an **elevated** structure than a tree house, this handsome property sits on a family’s land about 30 minutes-walk from Florence’s main square. The land also features tennis courts, and guests can use the hosts’ kitchen. The rate is NTD7000 per night for two.

第三名比較像一座架高的建築物而不像樹屋，這座漂亮的建築物座落於離佛羅倫斯主廣場約30分鐘路程的一片家庭土地上。這片土地也有網球場，租客也可使用主人家的廚房。兩人每晚價格為7000元台幣。

Vocabulary 好字精選

1. accommodation (n) place to stay 住宿；調節，和解

Does your company cover your accommodation on all your business trips?

你的公司會幫你支付你的出差的住宿費？

2. headquarters (n) main office of a company 總部

The Disney headquarters is in Burbank, California.

迪士尼總部在加州的柏本客。

3. rave (adj) enthusiastic/positive (related to a review or recommendation) 吹捧性評論，狂熱吹捧

Food critics gave rave reviews to the new Mexican restaurant.

美食評論狂熱吹捧新的墨西哥餐廳。

4. praise (v) to say something/someone is great 讚賞

Brian was praised for his efforts in the project.

Brian 因為他在企畫案中的努力而備受讚賞。

5. laid-back (adj) relaxed 休閒的，閑散的

My friend Carlton is kind and laid-back.

我的朋友 Carlton 很仁善且很悠閒。

6. quirky (adj) weird in a kind of cool way 古怪的，詭異的

Prince was known for his unique, quirky style of pop music.

Prince 因為他獨特、古怪的流行音樂而出名。

7. elevated (adj) raised 升高的，提高的

An elevated corridor connects the two buildings.

這座空中長廊連接兩棟建築物。

Phrases and Sentence Patterns句型解析

1. take sb/sth by storm (phr) to succeed overwhelmingly within a group 席捲…

The boy-band's first album took the world by storm.

男子團體的第一張專輯成功的席捲世界。

2. going rate (expression) for sth. the standard/typical rate 一般費用或酬金

What is the going rate for a 2L bottle of Coca-Cola these days?

現在一罐兩公升的可口可樂的價格多少？

3. on site (expression) at that location 在現場，實地

The park has two swimming pools on site.

公園實地有兩座游泳池。

4. in line with (phr) matching, similar to 符合，與…一致

Manuel's role in the play is in line with his actual personality.

Manuel 在戲劇中的腳色與他真實的個性很一致。



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