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BLACK FRIDAY WEEK IS HERE!

11月27日黑色星期五 大促销已提前开始

Friday, November 27: the big day. The sales began in October – and run to Monday, November 30.

预算案与冬季账单 详见第6版

THE BIG STORY 头条

Black Friday Week: The Sales Started Early

By The Lucerna newsroom Reading level: A2

On Friday, November 27, the shops open early for Black Friday – the biggest shopping day of the year. But the sales did not wait for Friday. In Britain, Currys started its sale on October 28, and Argos opened its sale at the end of October. Amazon's Black Friday Week runs from Thursday, November 19, to Cyber Monday, Monday, November 30 – twelve days of deals.

Black Friday is one day. The sales last all month. The shops call it "Black November": a month of offers, not a day. And the warnings are out too. Which?, the consumer group, tracked 175 products through the 2024 sales – and found none of them at its cheapest price of the year on Black Friday itself. For Amazon, 88% of the deals it tracked in 2024 were the same price, or cheaper, at another time of the year.

So the rule for this week is simple: check the price before you buy. A bargain is not a bargain if you did not need it. A price cut is only a cut if the old price was real. This issue shows you how to read a deal – and how to say "no" to it, in English.

There is help with winter, too. The Budget of October 28 gives £100 to many homes in England this winter, to help pay for energy – for homes in Council Tax bands A to D. The 5p cut in fuel duty, and the VAT cut on home electricity, run until July 2027.

Welcome to VOL.5 – and to the Christmas countdown.

讲解｜Black Friday 黑色星期五（感恩节后的大促销日）· a bargain 便宜货 · Cyber Monday 网络星期一。

THE WEEK IN NUMBERS 数字看本周

Nov 27 – Black Friday（黑色星期五）· Nov 30 – Cyber Monday

12 – days of Amazon's Black Friday Week（亚马逊大促 12 天）

175 – products tracked by Which? in 2024（无一在当天最便宜）

£100 – energy help this winter（能源补贴 100 英镑）

TRY IT NOW 即学即练

A2 1. Black Friday is on ___, November 27.

A2 2. Cyber Monday is on ___, November 30.

A2 3. The ___ started before Black Friday.

A2 4. Which? found no product at its ___ price.

B1 5. The Budget gives £___ for winter bills.

B1 6. A ___ is a thing bought for less than usual.

SEARCHES OF THE WEEK

本周英语世界热搜 Google Trends 快照

1. black friday
2. wicked for good
3. i'm a celebrity
4. strictly blackpool
5. advent calendar

Snapshots, mid-November: search interest changes during the day.
相对热度示意，非精确搜索量。

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THE WORD OF THE WEEK

"bargain"
a thing bought for less than its usual price. "A real bargain!" = a very good price.

便宜货。A bargain is a good price, not a cheap thing.



A wild turkey, drawn by John James Audubon. Thanksgiving is on Thursday, November 26 – the day before Black Friday, and the first day of the long shopping weekend.

John James Audubon – public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

ONE DAY, FOUR DAYS

Black Friday is one day: Friday, November 27. But the sales run for four days – Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Cyber Monday, November 30. That is why the shops say "Black Friday Weekend".

Read page 6 for the Budget – and the numbers behind the sales.

IN BRIEF 快讯

BUDGET
Oct 28: the Chancellor's first Budget. £100 for winter energy bills. (p. 6)

JUNGLE
Mon, Nov 16, 9 p.m.: I'm a Celebrity returns to ITV1. (p. 5)

WICKED
Nov 21: Wicked: For Good opens in cinemas. (p. 3)

LIGHTNING QUIZ 闪电问答

读头版，选出正确答案 答案见第8版

A2 7. Black Friday 2026 is on... A. Nov 26 · B. Nov 27 · C. Nov 30

A2 8. Cyber Monday is on... A. Mon, Nov 30 · B. Fri, Nov 27 · C. Thu, Nov 26

A2 9. Amazon's Black Friday Week runs... A. 2 days · B. 7 days · C. 12 days

B1 10. The £100 energy payment is for... A. every home in the UK · B. homes in Council Tax bands A–D in England · C. shops

The First Sunday of Advent: Four Candles, Four Weeks

By The Lucerna newsroom　Reading level: A2

On Sunday, November 29, the first candle is lit. It is the first Sunday of Advent – four Sundays of waiting, four candles, and then Christmas Day, on Friday, December 25. In Britain, Advent is the quiet start of Christmas: the markets open, the lights go on, and the countdown begins.

The Christmas tree has a long story in Britain. The first royal tree stood at Windsor in December 1800, put up by Queen Charlotte, the German-born wife of King George III. But the tree became famous in 1848, when the Illustrated London News printed a picture of Queen Victoria, Prince Albert and their children around a candlelit tree at Windsor Castle. The tree in the picture stood on a table – not on the floor. In 1850, an American magazine printed the same picture, with the royal family changed into an ordinary family.

The tree stood on a table, not on the floor. That is the sentence to remember from this page – and the picture on this page is the American copy, from Godey's Lady's Book, December 1850.

This year, the Christmas countdown has a new face. On Tuesday, November 3, John Lewis showed its Christmas advert for 2026: “Gloria and Pickles”. Gloria, played by Dame Kristin Scott Thomas, is a grandmother who wants to give her grandchildren a real present – not money in a card. Pickles, her old toy dog, comes to life and talks her into one last shopping trip. The song is Sam Fender's cover of the Rolling Stones' “You Can't Always Get What You Want”. The line is: “Don't give up on giving.” It is the twentieth John Lewis Christmas advert.

And on Monday, November 30, Scotland has its own day: St Andrew's Day, a bank holiday in Scotland. St Andrew is Scotland's patron saint – and the day is the last day of the sales, Cyber Monday, too. One day, two reasons to stay at home – or to go out.

Four candles, four weeks. Light one each Sunday, and Christmas will come.

THE CALENDAR　本周日历

Nov 29 – First Sunday of Advent（将临期第一主日）· Nov 30 – St Andrew's Day, Scotland（圣安德鲁日）

Dec 25 – Christmas Day, Friday（圣诞节，周五）· Nov 3 – John Lewis advert（广告上线）

WHAT IS ON THIS WEEK?

Second story of the week – and it is on your screen. On Saturday, November 21, the dancers go to Blackpool for Strictly Come Dancing, and the new Wicked film opens in cinemas. On Thursday, November 26, Zootropolis 2 opens – and on Friday, November 27, the sales reach their peak. Page 3 has the film guide, page 4 the sport.

On television, the week is just as full. I'm a Celebrity is on every night from the jungle, and the shops are full every day. Advent begins on Sunday – and the first candle is lit.

How do you say the date of Christmas? “On Friday, December 25.” is the sentence of the week. The phrase box below shows three ways to say it.

译注｜讲解｜Advent 将临期 · a candle 蜡烛 · a patron saint 主保圣人。



“The Christmas Tree”, from Godey's Lady's Book, December 1850 – the American copy of the famous 1848 Windsor picture. The tree stands on a table, with the family around it.
After Joseph Lionel Williams – public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

DID YOU KNOW?

Advent means “coming”: four Sundays before Christmas.

Queen Charlotte's tree of 1800 was the first royal Christmas tree in Britain.

The 1848 tree was a fir about eight feet high, with six tiers of branches.

AND YOU?　说说你自己

What does your family do in the last week of November? Do you light a candle, open a calendar, or go to a market? Write three sentences in English for VOL.6.

你家 11 月最后一周做什么？写三句英语寄给编辑部。

SAY IT: MERRY CHRISTMAS!　这样说圣诞

Three greetings for the season　三句节日问候

Happy Advent!
将临期快乐！

Merry Christmas!
圣诞快乐！

Happy St Andrew's Day!
圣安德鲁日快乐！

an advent calendar = a calendar with 24 doors
a candle = a stick of wax that burns（蜡烛）
a market = small shops outside（集市）
a saint = a holy person（圣人）

EXERCISES　第2版练习

答案见第8版　题目可跨级混排，按题号找答案

A　THE DATE

根据日期与时间，用英语补全句子。

A2 11. 填空
Advent begins on Sunday, November ___.

A2 12. 填空
Christmas Day is on ___, December 25.

A2 13. 填空
St Andrew's Day is on ___, November 30.

A2 14. 填空
The advert came out on November ___.

A2 15. 填空
The first royal tree dates from ___.

B　WILL

用 will + 动词改写（承诺与将要发生的事）。

A2 16. 改写
Families (light) the first candle on Sunday. → ___

A2 17. 改写
Christmas (come) in four weeks. → ___

A2 18. 改写
We (open) the calendar on December 1. → ___

B1 19. 改写
They (watch) the advert again? → ___

C　COMPREHENSION

读第 2 版文章，选出正确答案。

A2 20.
The first Sunday of Advent is... A. Nov 22 · B. Nov 29 · C. Dec 25

A2 21.
The tree stood... A. on the floor · B. in the garden · C. on a table

A2 22.
The advert is called... A. “Gloria and Pickles” · B. “Happy Advent” · C. “The Christmas Tree”

A2 23.
St Andrew's Day is a bank holiday in... A. England · B. Scotland · C. Wales

D　THE WORDS

A2 24–27. 把词和释义配对

24. an advent calendar
25. a candle
26. a market
27. a saint

a. a holy person
b. a calendar with 24 little doors
c. a place with small shops outside
d. a stick of wax that burns

At the Movies: Two Witches and a Fox

By The Lucerna newsroom Reading level: A2 → B1

On November 21, a familiar name returns to the cinema: Elphaba, the Wicked Witch of the West. “Wicked: For Good” is the second half of the story that began with “Wicked” in 2024. Cynthia Erivo plays Elphaba, and Ariana Grande plays Glinda, the Good Witch. Jonathan Bailey plays Fiyero, Jeff Goldblum plays the Wizard, and Michelle Yeoh plays Madame Morrible. Jon M. Chu directs.

The first film was a hit: it took more than $750 million around the world. Now the second film is expected to open big. Early forecasts put the first weekend at $112 million to $115 million in North America alone, and about $200 million around the world. The story comes from L. Frank Baum's book “The Wonderful Wizard of Oz”, published in 1900 – the picture on this page is from that first book.

Two witches, one fox – and a ballroom in Blackpool. That is this week in one line: two witches on the big screen, a fox on the big screen too – and dancing in Blackpool on Saturday night.

The fox is Nick Wilde – and Judy Hopps, the rabbit police officer, is back with him. “Zootropolis 2” opens on Thursday, November 26. Judy and Nick chase a snake, Gary De'Snake, voiced by Ke Huy Quan. The first film, in 2016, took more than $1 billion around the world and won the Oscar for Best Animated Feature. The directors, Jared Bush and Byron Howard, are back too.

And on the dance floor? On Saturday, November 21, at 6:35 p.m., Strictly Come Dancing goes to Blackpool. Eight couples dance in the Tower Ballroom. Last Sunday, Will Best and his partner Dianne Buswell left the show, one week before Blackpool – they lost the dance-off to Jaime Winstone and Carlos Gu. At the top of the leaderboard: Cach Mercer and Maddie Ingoldsby, with 39 points out of 40 for their Charleston.

COMING SOON 即将上映

Nov 21 – “Wicked: For Good” opens in cinemas. The first film took more than $750 million worldwide.

Nov 21 – Strictly Come Dancing: Blackpool, 6:35 p.m., BBC One. Eight couples left.

Nov 26 – “Zootropolis 2” opens in cinemas. Judy and Nick chase a snake.

A film is not only a story – it is also English practice. Listen for three things: the catchphrase (the line everybody repeats), the joke (why does the room laugh?), and the ending (happy, sad, or open?). After the film, try to tell the story in five English sentences.

And if you stay at home, the same rule works for a series: one episode, five sentences, in English. The best five-sentence reviews will be printed in VOL.6 – send yours to the newsroom.

译注｜讲解｜a witch 女巫 · a forecast 预测 · a dance-off 淘汰舞对决 · a leaderboard 排行榜。

A COMPREHENSION

读第 3 版文章，选出正确答案。

A2 28.
“Wicked: For Good” opens on… A. November 20 · B. November 21 · C. November 26

A2 29.
Elphaba is played by… A. Cynthia Erivo · B. Ariana Grande · C. Michelle Yeoh

A2 30.
The first Wicked film took… A. less than $100 million · B. about $200 million · C. more than $750 million

B1 31.
“Zootropolis 2” opens on… A. Nov 21 · B. Thu, Nov 26 · C. Nov 29

B1 32.
The snake in Zootropolis 2 is voiced by… A. Ke Huy Quan · B. Jason Bateman · C. Jared Bush

B1 33.
Blackpool night is on… A. Sunday · B. Friday · C. Saturday, November 21

B SENTENCES

用所给词补全句子。

A2 34. 填空
The film ___ on November 21.

A2 35. 填空
Nick Wilde is a ___.

B1 36. 填空
The first Zootropolis film ___ an Oscar.

B1 37. 填空
Cach and Maddie scored 39 ___ out of 40.

C THE WORDS

A2 38–41. 把词和释义配对

38. a witch
39. a forecast
40. a dance-off
41. a leaderboard

a. a list that shows who is winning
b. a woman with magic powers
c. a dance that decides who leaves
d. a guess about what will happen

D PAST SIMPLE

用一般过去时改写（已经发生的事）。

A2 42. 改写
The first film (take) more than $750 million. → ___

A2 43. 改写
Baum (publish) the book in 1900. → ___

B1 44. 改写
Will Best (leave) the show on Sunday. → ___

B1 45. 改写
The first film (win) an Oscar. → ___



The Wicked Witch of the West melts – W. W. Denslow's drawing from the first edition of “The Wonderful Wizard of Oz” (1900). The film's witches come from this book.
W. W. Denslow – public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

THE WITCHES 两个女巫

Elphaba, the Wicked Witch of the West, and Glinda, the Good Witch: two friends, two choices, one story. The book is from 1900 – the film is from this week.

FIVE SENTENCES

After any film or episode, tell the story in five English sentences: who, where, what happened, the surprise, the ending. Five sentences are enough – and they are excellent practice.

Example: “A witch leaves home. She meets a friend and loses her. She learns a hard truth. She flies away – free. Then the story starts again.” Now it is your turn.

五句影评｜who、where、发生了什么、转折、结局——五句就够。

Derby Weekend: Liverpool, Arsenal, Twickenham

By The Lucerna newsroom　Reading level: B1

Sunday, November 29, is derby day – twice. At 12:00, Everton play Liverpool in the Merseyside derby. At 4:30, Arsenal play Manchester City. Two derbies, one Sunday, and the title race in between. The Premier League's twelfth week begins on Friday, November 27: Nottingham Forest play Chelsea at 8 p.m. On Saturday, November 28, Manchester United play Brentford – and Leeds play Coventry.

The league returns this Saturday, November 21, after the international break: Manchester City play Fulham at 12:30, and Newcastle play Arsenal at 5:30. On Sunday, November 22, Liverpool play Manchester United at 4:30 – and on Monday, November 23, Brentford play Everton at 8 p.m. Then, a week later, comes the derby weekend.

Rugby has a final, too. The Nations Championship – the new name for the autumn internationals – ends with a Finals Weekend at Twickenham, from Friday, November 27, to Sunday, November 29. The first final is on Sunday, November 29. Before that, on Saturday, November 21, England play New Zealand at Twickenham at 2:10 p.m. – the biggest game of the autumn. England have already beaten Australia, 45–22, and Japan, 78–15, at Twickenham this month.

And tennis ends its year in Turin. The ATP Finals run from Sunday, November 15, to Sunday, November 22. The eight best singles players of the year play in two groups of four. The champion of the last two years, Jannik Sinner, is out with a knee injury – so a new champion is certain. The semi-finals are on Saturday, November 21. The finals are on Sunday, November 22: the doubles final at 3 p.m. local time, and the singles final not before 6 p.m.

The first international ended 0–0 – and football has never stopped since. That was Scotland against England, on November 30, 1872, at Hamilton Crescent in Glasgow. About 4,000 people watched. The picture on this page is from that day – and November 30 is still a football date: it is St Andrew's Day, and Cyber Monday, too.

How do you follow three sports in one day? Choose one game to watch fully, and follow the others on your phone. That is the modern fan: one screen for the game, one screen for the scores.

WHY NOVEMBER 30?　为什么是 11 月 30 日?

November 30, 1872: the first international, Scotland 0–0 England. November 30, 2026: St Andrew's Day in Scotland – and Cyber Monday. Football began on a St Andrew's Day.

The ATP Finals in Turin run from Sunday, November 15, to Sunday, November 22. The eight best singles players of the year play in two groups of four: Alexander Zverev, Carlos Alcaraz, Ben Shelton, Daniil Medvedev, Flavio Cobolli, Arthur Fils, Frances Tiafoe and Rafael Jodar. The champion of the last two years, Jannik Sinner, is out with a knee injury.

译注｜讲解｜a derby 同城德比 · a final 决赛 · a break 间歇期 · a draw 平局。

A　COMPREHENSION

读第 4 版文章，选出正确答案。

B1　46.
The Merseyside derby is on… A. Sat, Nov 28 · B. Sun, Nov 29, 12:00 · C. Mon, Nov 30

B1　47.
Arsenal play Manchester City on… A. Fri, Nov 27 · B. Sat, Nov 28 · C. Sun, Nov 29, 16:30

B1　48.
The Nations Championship final is on… A. Sunday, November 29 · B. Saturday, November 21 · C. Friday, November 27

B1　49.
England play New Zealand on… A. Nov 14 · B. Sat, Nov 21, 2:10 p.m. · C. Nov 29

B1　50.
The ATP singles final is not before… A. 3 p.m. · B. 12 p.m. · C. 6 p.m. local time

B1　51.
The first international was played on… A. November 30, 1872 · B. November 30, 2026 · C. November 21, 1872

B　SENTENCES

用所给词补全句子。

B1　52.　填空
Everton v Liverpool is a ___.

B1　53.　填空
The Nations Championship ends with a ___.

B1　54.　填空
England have ___ Australia and Japan at Twickenham.

A2　55.　填空
Scotland 0–0 England: the game was a ___.

C　THE WORDS

B1　56–59.　把词和释义配对

56. a derby
57. a final
58. a break
59. a draw

a. a pause between parts of a season
b. a game that ends with the same score
c. the last game of a competition
d. a game between two teams from the same city

D　PAST SIMPLE

用一般过去时改写（比赛已结束的说法）。

B1　60.　改写
England (beat) Australia 45–22 on November 8. → ___

B1　61.　改写
Scotland (play) England in 1872. → ___

B1　62.　改写
About 4,000 people (watch) the game. → ___

B1　63.　改写
Sinner (miss) the ATP Finals with a knee injury. → ___



The first international: Scotland against England, November 30, 1872, at Hamilton Crescent, Glasgow. The game ended 0–0. The drawing is by William Ralston.

William Ralston – public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

DERBY WEEKEND　德比周末

Fri Nov 27: Forest–Chelsea 20:00. Sat Nov 28: Man Utd–Brentford, Leeds–Coventry.

Sun Nov 29: Everton–Liverpool 12:00, Arsenal–Man City 16:30.

Rugby finals weekend: Fri Nov 27–Sun Nov 29, Twickenham.

ONE SCREEN, TWO SCREENS

The modern fan watches one game fully and follows the others on a phone. Try it in English: “The score is 1–0.” “Who scored?” “Liverpool are winning!” – short sentences, live English.

看球英语｜比分、谁得分、谁领先——短句就是直播英语。

Into the Jungle: Eleven Campmates, Three Weeks

By The Lucerna newsroom　Reading level: B1

On Monday, November 16, at 9 p.m., eleven famous faces walk into the Australian jungle. “I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!” is back on ITV1 – and it will be on every night for about three weeks. Ant and Dec are back too, live from the camp near Murwillumbah in New South Wales.

Who is in the camp? Wayne Rooney, the former England captain, leads the line-up. Joanna Page, who plays Stacey in “Gavin & Stacey”, is there. So is Ade Adepitan, the Paralympic medallist and television presenter – the first wheelchair user ever to take part in the show. ITV has changed the camp for him: the paths and the trials are built so a wheelchair can use them.

The other eight are AJ Odudu, the Big Brother presenter; Ricky Wilson, the Kaiser Chiefs singer; Sharky, the YouTuber from the Beta Squad; Chloe Burrows, from Love Island; Claire Sweeney, the actress; Jack Skipper, the comedian; Leomie Anderson, the model; and Mariella Frostrup, the broadcaster. Eleven campmates – and more may arrive later. Late arrivals are a tradition on this show.

What do they do in the jungle? They live together, cook together, and take Bushtucker Trials – the challenges that win food for the camp. Each star is a meal: win ten stars, and the camp eats ten meals. The public votes, and the last one standing is the King or Queen of the Jungle.

In the jungle, a star is a meal. That is the sentence to remember – and the reason the trials matter. A star is not a prize for the wall. It is dinner.

Why does Britain watch? Because the jungle is honest television: famous people, no make-up, no phones, and rice and beans for dinner. And because the launch is a national moment: the show usually starts on a Sunday, but this year it starts on a Monday – because England played Spain in the Nations League on Sunday, November 15.

THE CAMP IN NUMBERS　营地数字

11 – campmates on the first night. 3 – weeks in the jungle, about. 1 – first wheelchair user in the show's history.

If you want to practise jungle English, try this: watch one trial, and say what happened in three English sentences. “He ate the bug. He won five stars. The camp eats tonight.” Three sentences – and a whole evening of practice.

译注｜讲解｜a campmate 营地成员 · a trial 挑战任务 · a star 星星（= 一份饭） · the public 公众

A　COMPREHENSION

读第 5 版文章，选出正确答案。

B1　64.
“I'm a Celebrity” starts on... A. Sun, Nov 15 · B. Mon, Nov 16, 9 p.m. · C. Fri, Nov 20

B1　65.
The first wheelchair user in the show is... A. Ade Adepitan · B. Wayne Rooney · C. Ricky Wilson

B1　66.
The camp is near... A. Sydney · B. Perth · C. Murwillumbah, New South Wales

B1　67.
How many campmates on the first night? A. 8 · B. 11 · C. 12

B1　68.
A star in a trial means... A. one meal for the camp · B. one vote · C. one night

B1　69.
The show starts a day late because... A. of the rain · B. of the film · C. England played Spain on Sunday

B　SENTENCES

用所给词补全句子。

B1　70.　填空
Eleven famous faces walk into the ___.

B1　71.　填空
Win ten ___, and the camp eats ten meals.

A2　72.　填空
The public ___ for the King or Queen of the Jungle.

A2　73.　填空
More campmates may ___ later.

C　THE WORDS

B1　74–77.　把词和释义配对

74. a campmate
75. a trial
76. a star
77. the public

a. the people who watch and vote
b. a person who lives with you in the jungle camp
c. a challenge that wins food
d. one meal, won in a trial

D　PRESENT CONTINUOUS

用现在进行时改写（正在发生的事）。

B1　78.　改写
The campmates (live) in the jungle. → ___

B1　79.　改写
Ant and Dec (present) the show. → ___

B1　80.　改写
The public (vote) every night. → ___

B1　81.　改写
They (cook) rice for the camp. → ___



A tiger in a painted jungle: Henri Rousseau's “Surprised!” (1891). The real jungle is on television every night – and the campmates are in it.

Henri Rousseau – public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

SPEAK UP IN THE JUNGLE　丛林英语

“I'm a Celebrity – get me out of here!” “Ten stars!” “The camp eats tonight!” – three sentences for three weeks. Learn them, and Monday night in English is yours.

THE TRIALS

A trial is a test: eat it, hold it, find it. The stars are counted in public, and the camp watches every one. The worst trial is the one with no stars at all.

试炼｜吃、拿、找——星星当众数，营地人人看。

AFTER THE JUNGLE

After three weeks, one campmate is crowned King or Queen of the Jungle. The others go home – to showers, to phones, and to real food. The jungle stays in Australia. The stories come home with them.

The Budget and Your Winter Bills

By The Lucerna newsroom　Reading level: B2

On Wednesday, October 28, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, John Healey, stood up in the House of Commons and read the Budget. It was his first Budget – and the first Budget of the new Prime Minister, Andy Burnham. The slogan was “Breathing Space now, Hope for the Future”. In plain English: help now, hope later.

What is a budget? It is the government's plan for the year: how much money it will take in tax, and how much it will spend. A budget is a plan, not a present. The money has to come from somewhere – and this Budget says it will not come from higher taxes on working people. That promise was in the government's 2024 manifesto, and the Chancellor says he will keep it.

So what changes for you? Three things this winter. First, £100 for energy: households in Council Tax bands A to D in England get a £100 Household Energy Payment this winter. Second, the 5p cut in fuel duty – the tax on petrol and diesel – runs until July 2027. Third, the VAT cut on electricity at home runs until July 2027 too. A hundred pounds does not buy a winter – but it buys a warmer one.

What else? The Budget also raises money in other places: a temporary 3% rise in the tax on the profits of banks and building societies, for fifteen months from January 2027. And the Finance Bill – the law that turns the Budget into rules – was introduced in Parliament on November 3.

What happens next? The Budget is not one day. The Welsh Government publishes its draft budget on November 17. The Scottish Parliament sets its tax rates on December 3. Parliament debates the Finance Bill, line by line. And the help arrives in the winter – when the bills arrive too.

A note on numbers in this issue: this paper prints the Budget of October 28, and says so. The numbers are the ones the Chancellor read to the House of Commons. When the Finance Bill becomes law, VOL.6 will report what changed.

A PRACTICE BILL　模拟账单

Your winter bill: electricity £120 a month · gas £90 a month. The £100 payment covers most of one month of electricity. The numbers are practice numbers – they teach how to read a bill, not what you will pay.

This issue went to press on Monday, November 16, 2026. The Welsh draft budget comes out on Tuesday, November 17 – one day after press time. VOL.6 will carry the Welsh numbers.

译注｜讲解｜a budget 预算 · a manifesto 竞选宣言 · fuel duty 燃油税 · a bill 账单；法案。

READ THE CHART　读图表

How big was the help? The chart is the Budget of October 28 – not a prediction.

Budget day: Wednesday, October 28, 2026

Energy payment: £100, Council Tax bands A–D, England

Fuel duty cut: 5p a litre, until July 2027

VAT cut on home electricity: until July 2027

Bank tax rise: 3%, fifteen months from January 2027

Next dates: Wales November 17 · Scotland December 3

A　CHART READING

读上面的预算案图表，选出正确答案。

B2　82.
The Budget was read on… A. Nov 16 · B. Wed, Oct 28 · C. Dec 3

B2　83.
The energy payment is… A. £100 · B. £5 · C. £1,000

B2　84.
The fuel duty cut runs until… A. Nov 2026 · B. Jan 2027 · C. July 2027

B2　85.
The bank tax rise lasts… A. 3 months · B. 15 months · C. 3 years

B2　86.
Wales publishes its draft budget on… A. November 17 · B. November 3 · C. December 3

B2　87.
Scotland sets its tax rates on… A. Nov 17 · B. Oct 28 · C. Dec 3

B　COMPREHENSION

读第 6 版文章，选出正确答案。

B2　88.
A budget is… A. a present · B. a plan for the year · C. a bank

B2　89.
The Chancellor says taxes on working people will… A. not rise · B. rise a lot · C. fall to zero

B2　90.
The £100 payment is for… A. shops · B. every home in the UK · C. homes in bands A–D in England

B2　91.
The Finance Bill was introduced on… A. Oct 28 · B. Nov 3 · C. Dec 3

B2　92.
The Budget's slogan is… A. “Breathing Space now, Hope for the Future” · B. “Black November” · C. “Don't give up on giving”

B2　93.
What will VOL.6 report? A. the 2024 sales · B. the jungle final · C. what changed when the Bill becomes law

C　SENTENCES

用所给词补全句子。

B2　94.　填空
The ___ is the government's plan for the year.

B2　95.　填空
The Chancellor says he will ___ his promise.

B2　96.　填空
The fuel duty cut runs ___ July 2027.

B1　97.　填空
Parliament ___ the Finance Bill, line by line.

B1　98.　填空
The help ___ in the winter.

B1　99.　填空
The Budget ___ money from the banks.

THREE WINTER HELPS　冬季三项帮助

£100 energy payment · 5p fuel duty cut · VAT cut on home electricity. All three run this winter.

A PLAN, NOT A PRESENT

A budget is a plan, not a present. Learn the plan, and the winter makes sense.

计划不是礼物｜预算是计划，不是礼物——读懂计划，冬天就明白了。

WHO PAYS?

Every budget has two sides: who gets help, and who pays. This Budget helps homes with their bills – and asks the banks to pay a little more, for fifteen months.

谁得帮助、谁来买单｜每个预算都有两面：谁得到帮助，谁来付钱。

LANGUAGE IN HAND　语言在手

WORDS　A2　bargain

译注｜讲解｜bargain 是“便宜货”：价格好，不一定东西差。

bargain = a thing bought for less than its usual price. “A real bargain!” = a very good price.

A2: “I bought a book for £5 – a real bargain!” The price is low, and the book is good. A bargain is a good price, not a cheap thing.

Try it: sale / bargain – the sale is the event, the bargain is the thing you buy. “The sale is on. I found a bargain.”

WORDS　B1　more / less

译注｜讲解｜comparative 比较级：用 more than / less than 说数量和大小。

more than = a bigger number than. less than = a smaller number than. £100 is more than £5. £5 is less than £100.

B1: “£100 is more than the £5 I spent.” With numbers, use more than and less than: more people, less money, more seats, less time.

Try it: “The film is longer than the trailer.” “The book is cheaper than the film.”

GRAMMAR　A2　will + verb

译注｜讲解｜will + 动词原形：说将要发生的事；疑问句 will 提前。

The sales will end on November 30. Advent will begin on Sunday. Will the price fall again? Nobody knows.

Rule: will + verb, no -s, no -ed. “She will buy.” “They will watch.” Question: “Will they shop on Friday?”

GRAMMAR　B1　have done

译注｜讲解｜present perfect 现在完成时：have/has + 过去分词，说已经开始、到现在还成立的事。

The sales have started already. The shops have opened early. “Have started” = they started, and they are still on.

Rule: have/has + past participle. “I have bought a book.” “She has lit the candle.” Question: “Have you bought a bargain?”

GRAMMAR　B2　headlines

译注｜讲解｜headline present 标题现在时：报纸标题用现在时说已经发生的事。

Newspapers often use the present in headlines for what already happened: “Shops Open Early for Black Friday” – the shops opened, but the headline says Open. The present makes the news feel fresh. This issue's headline does the opposite on purpose: “Black Friday Week: The Sales Started Early” uses Started, the past – because the news is the early start, not the day itself.

GRAMMAR　B2　if + will

译注｜讲解｜first conditional 第一条件句：if + 现在时，will + 动词——说可能发生的事。

If you buy early, you will save money. If the price falls, I will buy two. If = when this happens, that happens.

GOLDEN SENTENCES

金句（本期正文原句）——背下来，下次你也可以这样写。

“Black Friday is one day. The sales last all month.”

—— From page 1 of this issue.

“A bargain is not a bargain if you did not need it.”

—— From page 1 of this issue.

“The tree stood on a table, not on the floor.”

—— From page 2 of this issue.

“Two witches, one fox – and a ballroom in Blackpool.”

—— From page 3 of this issue.

“The first international ended 0–0 – and football has never stopped since.”

—— From page 4 of this issue.

“In the jungle, a star is a meal.”

—— From page 5 of this issue.

“A budget is a plan, not a present.”

—— From page 6 of this issue.

“A hundred pounds does not buy a winter – but it buys a warmer one.”

—— From page 6 of this issue.

THE DRILLS　本周小练

用下列词填空：bargain / more / less / will / started / whether / chose / opens

A2　100. 填空
“A ___ is a thing bought for less than usual.”

B1　101. 填空
£100 is ___ than £5.

B1　102. 填空
£5 is ___ than £100.

A2　103. 填空
The sales ___ end on November 30.

B1　104. 填空
The sales have ___ already.

B2　105. 填空
Nobody knows ___ the price will fall again.

B2　106. 填空
ITV ___ Monday for the launch.

A2　107. 填空
“Zootropolis 2” ___ on November 26.

ERROR CLINIC　纠错门诊

A2　108. 纠错
“The sales is starting early.” (wrong verb)

A2　109. 纠错
“A bargain are a good price.” (wrong verb)

B1　110. 纠错
“£100 is less then £5.” (wrong word)

B2　111. 纠错
“Nobody knows if the sales will end or not whether.” (wrong structure)



Samuel Johnson, painted by Sir Joshua Reynolds in 1772. Johnson's dictionary fixed English words – and this page fixes yours.

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THE TOOLBOX　句型工具箱

A2 – “A bargain is a good price.”便宜货是好价钱。

B1 – “£100 is more than £5.” 100英镑比 5 英镑多。

B2 – “If you buy early, you will save money.”早买就省钱。

READERS' CORNER　读者来信

VOL.4 promised real letters from VOL.5. No letters arrived by press time. This page keeps the promise open: send your letter, your three sentences, or your five-sentence film review to the newsroom. Real letters, with your name and city only if you give them, will appear here from VOL.6.

VOL.4 曾承诺：从 VOL.5 起刊登真实读者来信。本期截稿时没有收到来信——这个承诺仍然有效：请把你的信、三句话练习或五句影评寄给编辑部。真实来信将从 VOL.6 起刊登，姓名与城市只在你同意时写出。

AN EXAMPLE LETTER　示例信

This letter is written by the editor, only to show the shape. It is not a reader's letter. No name and no city are given, because no real letter has arrived yet.

“Dear Lucerna, I read the Black Friday story with my class. We checked the prices together – £100, 5p, 88%. My question: is a bargain still a bargain if I buy two? Thank you for the numbers.” – A reader, somewhere in the world.

这封信是编辑写的示例，仅供参考格式，不是读者来信。没有写姓名与城市，因为尚未收到真实来信。

NEXT WEEK　VOL.6 预告

Cyber Monday and the first week of December: the jungle final, the Strictly semi-final, the first Nations Championship final – and your letters, the first real ones.

A　CLOZE　完形填空

Maya is a student in London. This week, she is following the sales. On (112)__ morning, November 26, she watches Zootropolis 2 with her class. On Friday, she reads the news about Black Friday. She learns a new word: a bargain is a thing bought for less than usual. She (113)__ the word in her notebook. On Saturday, she writes a sentence: “Black Friday is one day, but the sales (114)__ all month.” Her teacher smiles: “The shops (115)__ their sales on October 28.” Maya (116)__ the prices in her notebook: the shops (117)__ their prices every day. On Sunday, she (118)__ an advent candle with her family. And on Monday, she (119)__ her three sentences about the week to the newsroom.

选项：

112. [A2] A. Monday · B. Thursday · C. Friday

113. [A2] A. write · B. writes · C. is wrote

114. [A2] A. lasts · B. last · C. lasting

115. [A2] A. started · B. start · C. starting

116. [B1] A. write · B. writes · C. writing

117. [B1] A. changes · B. changed · C. change

118. [B1] A. lighting · B. light · C. lights

119. [B1] A. sends · B. send · C. sending

B　MULTIPLE CHOICE　单选

A2　120.
How many days is Amazon's Black Friday Week? A. 7 · B. 12 · C. 30

A2　121.
Black Friday 2026 is on... A. Fri, Nov 27 · B. Thu, Nov 26 · C. Mon, Nov 30

A2　122.
How many products did Which? track in 2024? A. 12 · B. 88 · C. 175

A2　123.
“Zootropolis 2” opens on... A. Nov 21 · B. Thu, Nov 26 · C. Nov 29

A2　124.
The first Sunday of Advent is... A. Nov 29 · B. Dec 25 · C. Nov 22

B1　125.
The Nations Championship final is on... A. Nov 21 · B. Sun, Nov 29 · C. Nov 27

B1　126.
The Budget gives £100 for... A. winter energy bills · B. new films · C. football tickets

B1　127.
The first international was... A. England 1–0 Scotland · B. Scotland 0–0 England · C. England 4–1 Scotland

B1　128.
St Andrew's Day is on... A. Sun, Nov 29 · B. Fri, Nov 27 · C. Mon, Nov 30

C　READING　阅读理解

Tom is a teacher in Manchester. On Monday, November 16, his class is reading about Black Friday. “The sales started in October,” he says. “And Black Friday is on November 27.” The class asks: “Is a bargain always a bargain?” “No,” says Tom. “Check the price first. Which? found no product at its cheapest price on the day.” Then Tom opens the second story: “On Sunday, Advent begins.” The children smile – Tom is holding an advent calendar with 24 little doors.

B1　129.
Tom is... A. a student · B. a teacher in Manchester · C. a reporter

B1　130.
The sales started in... A. October · B. December · C. January

B1　131.
Tom is holding... A. a turkey · B. a football · C. an advent calendar

B1　132.
Tom's class is reading about... A. the Ashes · B. Black Friday · C. the film

D　SENTENCES　完成句子与转换

B1　133.
Will future: “The shops (open) early on Friday.”→ ___

B1　134.
Past simple: “The sales (start) in October.”→ ___

B1　135.
Comparative: “£100 is ___ than £5.”

B2　136.
Whether: “Nobody knows ___ the price will fall.”

E　TRANSLATION　翻译

B2　137.
Translate: “Black Friday is on November 27.”

B2　138.
Translate: “Advent begins on November 29.”

B2　139.
Translate: “A budget is a plan, not a present.”

B1　140.
Translate: “In the jungle, a star is a meal.”

F　WORDS　词汇配对

A2　141–144. 配对

141. a bargain
142. a budget
143. a trial
144. a draw

a. a game that ends with the same score
b. a thing bought for less than usual
c. the government's plan for the year
d. a challenge that wins food

G　DIALOGUE　对话补全

– Two tickets for Zootropolis 2, please. – Which (145)__? – The front row, please. – Here you are. Is this the (146)__ about Judy and Nick? – Yes, the rabbit and the fox. – One large (147)__ and two drinks, please. – What time is the next (148)__? – At eight. – And the film opens on (149)__, November 26? – Yes, Thursday. Enjoy the film!

Levels: 145–149 [A2]

H　WRITING　写作 [B1]

Write a short text (80 to 100 words): “My Friday, November 27”. Tell us: did you go shopping, what did you buy, what did you watch on television, what did you read about the Budget – and one sentence about the film on Saturday. The best texts will appear in VOL.6 (page 7, “Readers' Corner”).

用英语写 80–100 词：我的 11 月 27 日周五。写清你是否去购物、买了什么、晚上看了什么电视、读了什么预算案新闻，再写一句周六的电影。



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MODEL　范文

On Friday, November 27, I went shopping with my mother. The shops opened early, and the streets were full. I bought a book for £5 – a real bargain! In the evening, we watched the jungle on television together with my family. On Saturday, we will watch the new Wicked film. On Sunday, Advent begins, and we will light the first candle. I read about the Budget in class: the government gives £100 to help with winter bills. It is a busy week of sales, films and stories – and I am learning to say it all in English.

ANSWERS　全部答案与简析（第1–8版）

– 第1版 –

1. Friday（星期五） · 2. Monday（星期一） · 3. sales（sales = 促销） · 4. cheapest（最便宜） · 5. 100（100 英镑） · 6. bargain · 7. B · 8. A · 9. C（亚马逊大促 12 天） · 10. B

– 第2版 –

11. 29（11 月 29 日） · 12. Friday（圣诞节周五） · 13. Monday（圣安德鲁日周一） · 14. 3（11 月 3 日） · 15. 1800（1800 年） · 16. Families will light the first candle on Sunday. · 17. Christmas will come in four weeks. · 18. We will open the calendar on December 1. · 19. Will they watch the advert again? · 20. B · 21. C（树放在桌上） · 22. A · 23. B（苏格兰银行假日） · 24. b · 25. d · 26. c · 27. a（saint=圣人 a）

– 第3版 –

28. B · 29. A · 30. C · 31. B · 32. A（关继威配音蛇反派） · 33. C · 34. opens · 35. fox（fox = 狐狸） · 36. won（win → won） · 37. points（point = 分数） · 38. b（witch=女巫 b） · 39. d · 40. c · 41. a · 42. The first film took more than $750 million. · 43. Baum published the book in 1900. · 44. Will Best left the show on Sunday. · 45. The first Zootropolis film won an Oscar.（win → won）

– 第4版 –

46. B · 47. C · 48. A · 49. B · 50. C · 51. A · 52. derby · 53. final（final = 决赛） · 54. beaten · 55. draw（draw = 平局） · 56. d（derby=德比 d） · 57. c（final=决赛 c） · 58. a · 59. b（draw=平局 b） · 60. England beat Australia 45–22. · 61. Scotland played England in 1872. · 62. About 4,000 people watched the game. · 63. Sinner missed the ATP Finals.

– 第5版 –

64. B · 65. A · 66. C（营地在新南威尔士） · 67. B（首夜 11 名营员） · 68. A（一颗星 = 一份饭） · 69. C（推迟一天因英格兰比赛） · 70. jungle · 71. stars（star = 星星） · 72. vote（vote = 投票） · 73. arrive · 74. b · 75. c · 76. d（star=星星 d） · 77. a · 78. The campmates are living in the jungle. · 79. Ant and Dec are presenting the show. · 80. The public is voting every night. · 81. They are cooking rice for the camp.

– 第6版 –

82. B（预算案 10 月 28 日） · 83. A（能源补贴 100 英镑） · 84. C（燃油税减免至 2027 年 7 月） · 85. B（银行附加税 15 个月） · 86. A（威尔士预算草案 11 月 17 日） · 87. C（苏格兰税率 12 月 3 日） · 88. B（预算是一年的计划） · 89. A（工薪阶层税不涨） · 90. C · 91. B · 92. A · 93. C · 94. budget · 95. keep（keep = 遵守） · 96. until（until = 直到） · 97. debates · 98. arrives · 99. raises

– 第7版 –

100. bargain · 101. more · 102. less · 103. will · 104. started · 105. whether · 106. chose · 107. opens · 108. Correct: The sales are starting early.（sales 复数 are） · 109. Correct: A bargain is a good price.（单数 is） · 110. Correct: £100 is more than £5.（more than 结构） · 111. Correct: Nobody knows whether the sales will end.（whether 引导从句）

– 第8版 –

112. Thursday（周四 11 月 26 日） · 113. writes（writes 三单） · 114. last（last 现在时） · 115. started（started 过去时） · 116. writes（writes 三单） · 117. change（change 现在时） · 118. lights（lights 三单） · 119. sends（sends 三单） · 120. B（亚马逊大促 12 天） · 121. A（黑色星期五 11 月 27 日） · 122. C（Which? 追踪 175 件商品） · 123. B（《疯狂动物城 2》11 月 26 日） · 124. A（将临期第一主日 11 月 29 日） · 125. B（国家锦标赛决赛 11 月 29 日） · 126. A（100 英镑能源补贴） · 127. B（首场国际赛 0–0） · 128. C（圣安德鲁日 11 月 30 日） · 129. B（汤姆在曼彻斯特教书） · 130. A（促销 10 月开始） · 131. C（汤姆拿着将临期日历） · 132. B（汤姆的课在读黑色星期五） · 133. The shops will open early on Friday.（will + 动词原形） · 134. The sales started in October.（start → started） · 135. more（more than 比较级） · 136. whether（whether = 是否） · 137. 黑色星期五是 11 月 27 日。（Black Friday=黑色星期五） · 138. 将临期从 11 月 29 日开始。（Advent=将临期） · 139. 预算是一个计划，不是一份礼物。（budget=预算） · 140. 在丛林里，一颗星就是一份饭。（a star=一颗星） · 141. b（bargain=便宜货 b） · 142. c（budget=预算 c） · 143. d（trial=挑战任务 d） · 144. a（draw=平局 a） · 145. row（row = 一排座位） · 146. film（film = 电影） · 147. popcorn（popcorn = 爆米花） · 148. show（show = 场次） · 149. Thursday（Thursday = 星期四） · 150. 开放题 – 要点见写作框，范文在第 8 版写作框内（按要点给分）