

Sealed with a Kiss 吻之展

英语学习点: *Kissing Vocabulary* 有关'吻'的词汇

"Get your **gob** in gear for a night!" That was the invitation to a recent event in London celebrating the art of kissing.

People were asked to put on **lip gloss**, press their mouths against a piece of card and then write a message describing a memorable smacker.

One woman mentioned her experience of giving a **peck** on a baby's cheek.



William and Catherine: Was this the kiss of 2011?

Another moaned about a **sloppy kiss** she had received from a new boyfriend.

Anthropologists suggest the origins of the **snog** aren't romantic: in primitive times mothers chewed food and gave it to their babies mouth-to-mouth.

Today, kissing etiquette varies according to local customs. In some countries people will greet you with one **peck**, in others with two or more.

In France, they are so keen on kissing that they have even got a smacker named after them: **the French kiss**. That's the one where tongues get busy.

But in India a **smooch** in public could land you in jail. In Germany, you won't be **giving your freedom the kiss-off** but an inappropriate snog could be **the kiss of death** for your promotion. The Knigge Society says the practice of greeting work colleagues with a kiss is uncomfortable for many Germans.

The longest continuous snog ever recorded lasted for more than 46 hours. A Thai couple **locked lips** in a special event in the beach resort of Pattaya.

But what about Britain? Well, we Brits are much less shy than we used to be about kissing in public, but not everyone is keen. In particular, **air kissing** is seen as an **affectation** of the rich and beautiful classes. You can even refer to such people as **mwahs**, which is the sound of a kiss: "Darling! Mwah!"

词汇表请参看答案与词汇部分

Quiz 测验

阅读短文并回答问题。

1. What is a word for a small, quick kiss?
2. Does everybody like to receive wet kisses?
3. What was the original purpose of kissing, according to researchers?
4. In which country could you be arrested for kissing people passionately on the street?
5. Put these kissing styles in order of extent of contact, from more to less: a smacker, a French kiss, an air kiss.

Exercise 练习

请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. He hasn't been playing well in the last few matches. Unless he improves, he might be giving his football career the kiss_____.

-on	-over	-up	-off
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2. When the lights went on in the cinema the couple had their lips _____.

licked	locked	looked	allocated
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3. Mary was very jealous of her sister. She caught her _____ their handsome neighbour.

mashing	smashing	smooching	mooching
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4. We haven't seen each other for months, my friend. Come here and give me a kiss on the _____.

shin	chin	cheek	cheap
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5. My best friend has been living abroad. If you meet her, tell her I am sending her a _____ kiss.

large	damp	untidy	big
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Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

Quiz 小测验

1. What is a word for a small, quick kiss? A peck on the cheek.
2. Does everybody like to receive wet kisses? No. The woman mentioned in the text was moaning about the sloppy kiss she received from a new boyfriend.
3. What was the original purpose of kissing, according to researchers? It was a way for mothers to feed their babies: they chewed food and gave it to their babies mouth-to-mouth.
4. In which country could you be arrested for kissing people passionately on the street? India.
5. Put these kissing styles in order of extent of contact, from more to less: a smacker, a French kiss, an air kiss. Order from more contact to less contact: a French kiss, a smacker, an air kiss.

Exercise 练习

1. He hasn't been playing well in the last few matches. Unless he improves, he might be giving his football career the kiss-off.
2. When the lights went on in the cinema the couple had their lips locked.
3. Mary was very jealous of her sister. She caught her smooching their handsome neighbour.
4. We haven't seen each other for months, my friend. Come here and give me a kiss on the cheek.
5. My best friend has been living abroad. If you meet her, tell her I am sending her a big kiss.

Glossary 词汇表

a gob (俚语) 嘴	lip gloss 唇彩
a smacker (俚语) 响亮的吻	a peck (俚语) 轻吻
a sloppy kiss 心不在焉, 草率的亲吻	a snog (英式俚语) 长时间的接吻
a French kiss 法式接吻 (舌头伸入对方口中)	a smooch 浪漫地亲吻并拥抱着在一起
to give something the kiss-off (俚语) 直接说不要什么东西了	the kiss of death 死亡之吻
to lock lips 亲吻	air kissing 空吻
affectation 矫揉造作、装模做样	a mwah (原意指亲脸颊发出的声音) 一个无诚意的有钱社交名流