

The United States of America



LALA AND SKOOP

buffaloes (n) large wild animals that look like a cow with long, curved horns 水牛 | 水牛 **trampled** (v) stepped heavily and carelessly on something 踩踏 | 踩踏

ZOOM IN

achievement (n) a job well done 成就 | 成就

backdrops (n) the view behind something 背景 | 背景

breath-taking (adj) extremely beautiful or surprising 令人屏住呼吸 | 令人屏住呼吸 canyons (n) large valleys with steep sides 峽谷 | 峽谷

chaos (n) total disorder 一片混亂 | 一片混乱

continents (n) large masses of land; the 7 continents of the world are Asia, Africa, Europe, North American, South America, Australia and Antarctica 洲 | 洲

declaration (n) an official announcement 宣言 | 宣言

distant (adj) faraway 遙遠 | 遥远

elevators (n) lifts 升降機 | 升降机

galaxy (n) a very large group of stars and planets 星系 | 星系

geysers (n) holes in the ground from which hot water and steam come out 間歇噴泉 | 间歇喷泉

grizzly bears (n) a type of large greyish-brown bear in North America 大灰熊 | 大灰熊 **ideal** (adj) perfect 理想 | 理想

independence (n) not ruled by another country any more 獨立 | 独立

liberty (n) freedom 自由 | 自由

military (adj) relating to the armed force of a country 軍事的 | 军事的 mincemeat (n) meat that is cut up into very small pieces 碎肉 | 碎肉

pedestal (n) a structure for putting something on it 底座 | 底座

pickup truck (n) a small vehicle with an open body for carrying goods 開蓬小貨車 | 开蓬小货车

rangers (n) guards for a forest or natural park 護林員 | 护林员

scenery (n) view of the natural environment 風景 | 风景

Silicon Valley (n) an area in California, USA, where a lot of high-tech companies are located 矽谷 \ 矽谷

skyscrapers (n) a very tall modern city building 摩天大廈 | 摩天大厦

slavery (n) a system in which people are owned and traded 奴隸制度 | 奴隶制度 spinning (adj) moving quickly around a central point 快速旋轉 | 快速旋转

stand (v) successfully bear something that is unpleasant or difficult 承受 | 承受 tornado (n) a very strong windstorm that spins around and is shaped like an upside-down cone 龍捲風 | 龙卷风

vast (adj) extremely big 廣大 | 广大



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INVESTIGATE

beam (n) a long piece of support 樑柱 | 梁柱

lasso (n) a rope formed into a ring for catching cattle 套索 | 套索

ranch (n) a large farm for raising animals like cattle, horses or sheep 大牧場 | 大牧场

saddle (n) a seat that is put on the back of a horse 馬鞍 | 马鞍 **stiff** (adj) not easily bent or moved 不易活動的 | 不易活动的

stirrup (n) a piece of metal where you rest your foot when you ride 馬鐙 | 马镫

PICS & FACTS

abolished (v) ended something officially 廢除 废除

affordable (adj) not expensive 買得起的 | 买得起的

apprentice (n) someone who works in order to learn a skill 學徒 | 学徒

assassinated (v) killed a person 暗殺 | 暗杀

casino (n) a building where people play gambling games 賭場 | 赌场

crisis (n) a very difficult or dangerous situation 危機 | 危机

forbidden(v) not allowed 被禁止的 | 被禁止的

gangs (n) groups of young people who often fight with each other and behave badly 幫派 | 帮派

gifted (adj) having a natural ability to do something well 資優 | 资优

moving (adj) causing strong feelings of sadness or pity 感人 感人

oil well (n) a deep hole in the ground built for getting oil from it 油井 | 油井 parlour (n) a shop 店舗 | 店舗

portrait (n) a painting, drawing or photograph of a person 肖像 | 肖像

put my name down for (phr) applied for 申請成為 申请成为

reserve players (n) backup players 候補運動員 | 候补运动员

slogan (n) a short and easily remembered phrase 口號 | 口号

WILD LIFE

beige (adi) pale brown 淡棕色的 | 淡棕色的

coats (n) the fur or hair on an animal 皮毛 | 皮毛

endangered species (n) animals or plants that are at risk of dying out 瀕危物種 | 濒危物种

growl (v) to make a low, angry sound 咆哮 | 咆哮

puma (n) a wild animal from the cat family 美洲獅 | 美洲狮

retractable (adj) can be pulled back in 可縮回的 可缩回的

scruff (n) the back of the neck 後頸 | 后颈

spotted (adj) having spots or round coloured areas 有斑點的 | 有斑点的

FUNFACTS

adapted (v) changed something to suit certain conditions 適應 | 适应

couches (n) long comfortable seats 睡椅 | 睡椅

impressionists (n) painters who follow a style that began in France in the 1860s 印象派畫家 | 印象派画家

spring (n) a place where water comes up from the ground 泉水 | 泉水 **vertebrate** (n) an animal having a back bone 脊椎動物 | 脊椎动物