



# Reading and writing

## D4 DARWIN

**cramp** (n) a sudden painful tightening of a muscle 抽筋 | 抽筋

**cuttle** (n) used to rhyme with cuddle, not a real word

與 cuddle 押韻的虛構字 | 与 cuddle 押韵的虚构字

**cuttlefish** (n) a sea animal with a soft body and a flat shell inside its body 墨魚 | 墨魚

**squirt** (v) to force liquid out of a small hole in a fast stream

使液體噴出 | 使液体喷出

## ZOOM IN

**bank** (n) the sloping land along the side of a river 河堤 | 河堤

**clay** (n) a kind of soil that is soft when it is wet and hard when it is dry

陶土 | 陶土

**decipher** (v) to understand the hidden meaning 破解 | 破解

**last** (v) to continue to be in good quality 維持 | 维持

**manuscript** (n) a document written by hand 手稿 | 手稿

**marsh** (n) wet ground near a lake, a river or the sea 沼澤 | 沼泽

**monastery** (n) a building where monks live 修道院 | 修道院

**papyrus** (n) paper made from a tall, grass-like plant and used in ancient Egypt

莎草紙 | 莎草纸

**parchment** (n) dried animal skin used for writing in the old days 羊皮紙 | 羊皮纸

**pottery** (n) objects made out of clay 陶器 | 陶器

**reed** (n) a tall plant with hollow stems that grows in shallow water

蘆葦 | 芦苇

**sacred** (adj) in connection with God 神聖 | 神圣

**shepherd** (n) the man who looks after his sheep 牧羊人 | 牧羊人

**wedge** (n) a piece of material with a pointed edge at one end and a wide

edge at the other 楔子 | 楔子

**INVESTIGATE**

**contaminated** (adj) polluted 受污染 | 受污染

**dummy** (n) a model of a human 人體模型 | 人体模型

**evidence** (n) proof 證據 | 证据

**forensic** (n) related to the scientific methods of examining evidence in order to solve crimes 法證 | 法证

**hand** (v) to pass something to someone from your hand 遞給 | 递给

**innocent** (adj) not guilty 無罪 | 无罪

**make** (n) the name of the company that has made that product 品牌 | 品牌

**ridge** (n) a long, narrow raised part of a surface 脊 | 脊

**suspect** (n) someone who is believed to have done something wrong  
疑犯 | 疑犯

**upsetting** (adj) making you feel worried or unhappy  
令人心煩意亂 | 令人心烦意乱

**victim** (n) a person who has been hurt or killed 受害者 | 受害者

**PICS & FACTS**

**braille** (n) a system of representing words as different patterns of raised dots so that people can read using their fingers 點字 | 点字

**dormitory** (n) a building where students or workers live together 宿舍 | 宿舍

**fuzzy** (adj) not clear 模糊不清 | 模糊不清

**harness** (n) a set of straps and belts used to control an animal 韉具 | 挽具

**organ** (n) a large musical instrument with long air pipes 管風琴 | 管风琴

**permission** (n) approval to do something 批准 | 批准

**portable** (adj) that can be easily carried around 便攜 | 便携

**saddle** (n) a seat that is put on the back of an animal for people to ride on  
鞍具 | 鞍具

**sighted** (adj) able to see 看得見 | 看得见

**tuberculosis** (n) a serious infectious disease of the lung 肺結核 | 肺结核

**visually-impaired** (adj) having greatly reduced vision 視障 | 视障

**voice synthesiser** (adj) a software that produce human speech artificially  
語音合成器 | 语音合成器

**WILD LIFE**

- cheep** (v) to make a high, weak cry of a young bird 唧唧叫 | 唧唧叫
- courtship** (n) the behaviour of animals by which they select their partners for reproduction 求偶 | 求偶
- down** (n) small, soft feathers of a bird 羽絨 | 羽絨
- duckling** (n) young ducks 小鴨 | 小鸭
- fowl** (n) any bird 鳥 | 鸟
- fresh water** (n) water that is not salty 淡水 | 淡水
- gland** (n) a part of your body which gives out liquid 腺體 | 腺体
- hatch** (v) to come out of an egg 孵出 | 孵出
- mallard duck** (n) a green wild duck that is common in Europe and North America 綠頭鴨 | 绿头鸭
- pheasant** (n) a large wild bird with a long tail 山雞 | 山鸡
- plumage** (n) all the feathers on a bird's body 全身羽毛 | 全身羽毛

**FUN FACTS**

- burrow** (n) a hole or tunnel in the ground in which some animals live 洞穴 | 洞穴
- dormouse** (n) a small animal that looks like a mouse 睡鼠 | 睡鼠
- dozy** (adj) tired and sleepy 昏昏欲睡 | 昏昏欲睡
- droop** (v) to hang down heavily 下垂 | 下垂
- hibernation** (n) the behaviour of spending the winter sleeping 冬眠 | 冬眠
- jerky** (adj) not smooth 顛簸 | 颠簸
- magma** (n) hot liquid rock under the surface of the Earth 岩漿 | 岩浆
- monument** (n) a large structure built to honour a special person or event 紀念性建築物 | 纪念性建筑物
- mosque** (n) a building for Islamic religious activities 清真寺 | 清真寺
- parkour** (n) the activity of moving quickly around buildings and objects in a city, also called free running 飛躍道 | 飞跃道
- rodent** (n) a small animal with sharp front teeth 齧齒動物 | 啮齿动物

**KROGG AND ALIENNE**

- inherit** (v) to be born with the same characteristics as one of your parents 遺傳 | 遗传