BBC LEARNING ENGLISH Media English 媒体英语 Important new finds in the ancient city of Pompeii



庞贝古城的重要新发现

一个装饰着蛇的形象的灶房神龛、一个面包房、一些骨架遗骸、精美的湿壁画,甚至 还有一幅图画中的事物看起来很像披萨饼。这些都在意大利庞贝遗址考古公园内挖掘 出土的新发现之中。

Dig anywhere in Pompeii and you'll uncover an ancient treasure, a **snapshot** of a lost Roman world. Most of those who lived in the city probably escaped the **eruption** of Mount Vesuvius, but what they left behind is still being **unearthed** 2,000 years later.

不论在庞贝古城的何处挖掘,你都能发现古老的宝藏,庞贝就像是失落的罗马世界的一个缩影。当时,这座城市的大多数居民可能躲过了维苏威火山的爆发,但他们遗留在身后的物品直到 2000 年后的今天仍在陆续被发掘出土。

The new discoveries from this **excavation** include a huge oven, capable of producing 100 loaves a day, a **shrine** to make offerings to the gods that's decorated with snakes, and a bed reduced to ashes in a fire. There are skeletons too – three individuals crushed under falling **masonry**.

这次新挖掘出的发现物包括一台每天能烤制 **100** 条面包的大型烤箱,一个用于供奉神明的神龛,上面装饰着蛇的形象,以及一张在火焰中化为灰烬的床。一同出土的还有被落下的砖石压住的三个人的骨架遗骸。

The archaeologists plan to erect a **walkway**, so tourists can see what's going on. It will prove popular. This is the dig that recently revealed a **fresco**, depicting a bread meal that looked like it might be a forerunner of pizza.

考古学家们计划在公园内搭建一条走道,这样游客就可以沿走道参观挖掘工程。这个新设计将大受欢迎,因为在这次挖掘中发现了一幅湿壁画,画中描绘了一顿配有面包的菜肴,面包看上去可能是披萨饼的原型。

1. 词汇表

snapshot	快照,照片
eruption	爆发
unearthed	被发掘出土
excavation	挖掘工作
shrine	神龛
masonry	(建筑用的) 砖,石
walkway	走道,人行道
fresco	湿壁画

- 2. 阅读理解:请在读完上文后,回答下列问题。(答案见下页)
- 1. Where in Pompeii could you find a treasure buried in the ground?
- 2. When did Mount Vesuvius erupt, destroying Pompeii?
- 3. What happened to three of the people whose skeletons were discovered?
- 4. Where can you see a depiction of something that looks like an early pizza?

3. 答案

1. Where in Pompeii could you find a treasure buried in the ground?

Dig anywhere in Pompeii and you'll uncover an ancient treasure.

2. When did Mount Vesuvius erupt, destroying Pompeii?

Mount Vesuvius erupted 2,000 years ago, destroying Pompeii.

3. What happened to three of the people whose skeletons were discovered?

Three skeletons were found crushed under falling masonry.

4. Where can you see a depiction of something that looks like an early pizza?

In a fresco which depicts a bread meal.