

World's longest tunnel and a

Strange kind of race

世界最长铁路隧道，扛羊毛袋比赛

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- **An unusual kind of race** 英国泰特伯里镇举行“扛羊毛袋比赛”

文字稿

The world's largest railway tunnel opens in Switzerland on Wednesday after nearly two decades of construction. The Gotthard base tunnel, 57 kilometres long, will carry high-speed trains through **the heart of** the Alps.

历时近二十年的施工，位于瑞士的世界规模最大的铁路隧道将在周三开通。哥达基线隧道全长 57 公里，它能让高速列车穿过阿尔卑斯山脉的核心地带。

The annual running of the Tetbury Wool Sack Races: Competitors have to climb Gumstool Hill carrying a sack of wool. The men are lifting 27 kilos – the women carry 16 kilos. They run 220 metres up the hill. Tetbury was once a **thriving** wool town, hence this - a way of showing one's strength.

英国泰特伯里镇举行了一年一度的“扛羊毛袋比赛”：参赛者的任务是背着一袋羊毛攀上古姆斯图尔山，男士搬 27 公斤，女士搬 16 公斤。选手们需要跑 220 米到达山顶处。泰特伯里镇曾是一座因生产羊毛而兴旺的小镇，因此对当地人来说，这个比赛是展示力量的一种方式。

词汇

the heart of 核心
thriving 兴旺的

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练习

请从以下词汇中选择适当的答案来完成句子。注意：你可能需要改变单词的时态来完成句子。

the heart of / thriving

1. Having everybody at the meeting meant we could get to _____ the problem and do something about it.
2. We lived in a _____ village until they closed the school and post office.

答案

1. Having everybody at the meeting meant we could get to **the heart of** the problem and do something about it.
2. We lived in a **thriving** village until they closed the school and post office.