

BBC Learning English
Story of the Week 每周一报
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Ugly masks
难看的面具



Transcript 文字稿:

They may not be the most **aesthetically pleasing** group of people you've ever met, but these **revellers** at the Lucerne Carnival in Switzerland hope their ugly masks will **scare off** the evil spirits of winter and **pave the way for** spring.

The festival also features lanterns, costumes and music, and is part of a tradition which can be **traced back to** the 15th Century.

Vocabulary 词汇:

aesthetically pleasing 美观的

revellers 狂欢者

scare off 吓跑

pave the way for 为...铺平道路

traced back to 追溯到

中文文字稿:

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但这些前来参加卢塞恩狂欢节的人们希望他们难看的面具能驱赶走冬日的恶魔以为即将到来的春季铺平道路。

Watch this video online: Ugly masks <http://bbc.in/YcmDOY>

Exercise 练习:

以下练习中的语句全部选自于其他网页。
请从下面的词汇表里选择答案来完成句子。
注意：你可能需要改变单词的时态来完成句子。

aesthetically pleasing/ revellers/ scare off/ pave the way for/ traced back to

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