BBC LEARNING ENGLISH Media English 媒体英语 Royal 'Fab Four' appear at charity event 英国"王室四人组"出席慈善活动



英国剑桥公爵威廉王子和剑桥公爵夫人凯特王妃,哈里王子及他的未婚妻梅根•马克尔(Meghan Markle)首次为了工作在公众场合一同露面。这几位被称为王室版"披头士四人组(The Fab Four)"的年轻人讲述了慈善事业对于他们的重要性。梅根说她非常期待开始履行皇室职务。

It was the first working appearance by the **foursome** who will take the Royal Family forward for **decades** to come.

In a speech, William said their parents had set them an example of **compassion** and **duty**; their grandparents had made support for charities **central** to their decades of service.

Their task, William said, was to **engage** in **public life** in a way which was updated and relevant for what he called "our generation."

To that end, in a discussion that followed, Meghan Markle said that she was looking forward to hitting the ground running on issues like women's rights after her wedding in May.

这是四人首次为了工作在公众场合一同露面,他们也将成为在接下来的几十年内带领英国王室家族前进的主要角色。

在一次演讲中,威廉王子说他的父母给他和弟弟哈里王子树立了一个做有爱心、有责任感的人的榜样;他们的祖父母长久以来也同样地把支持慈善机构视为其王室工作的要务。威廉王子说,他们的任务是通过最新的和被他称作"我们这一代人"密切相关的方式参与到公众事务中去。

为此,在后续的讨论中,梅根·马克尔表示她非常期待在五月份与哈里王子举行婚礼后 开始投入到包括女性权利等问题的相关工作中去。

1. 词汇表

foursome	四人组
decades	数十年,几十年
compassion	爱心、同情心
duty	责任、职责
central	主要的,核心的
engage	参与、参加
public life	公众生活,公众事务
hitting the ground running	投入到中去,积极地开展

2. 阅读理解:请在读完上文后,回答下列问题。(答案见下页)

- 1. True or false? These four people will be engaging in royal duties for many years to come.
- 2. What two qualities does Prince William think his parents displayed?
- 3. What word is used to show that charity was very important to William's grandparents?
- 4. Does Meghan Markle want to start working on issues she cares about immediately?

3. 答案

- I. True or false? These four people will be engaging in royal duties for many years to come. True. They will take the Royal Family forward for decades.
- 2. What two qualities does Prince William think his parents displayed? **Compassion and duty.**
- 3. What word is used to show that charity was very important to William's grandparents? Central. "Their grandparents had made support for charities central to their decades of service."
- 4. Does Meghan Markle want to start working on issues she cares about immediately? **Yes. She's looking forward to hitting the ground running.**