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Take Away English 随身英语
There's a museum for everyone
千奇百怪的博物馆 总有一个适合你

Vocabulary: the usual and unusual 词汇：寻常的和非同寻常的事物

What comes to mind when you think of a museum? Perhaps you picture an imposing building in a rather **traditional** design made of high-quality stone? Perhaps you imagine one of the **classic** concepts, such as the museum of natural history, the museum of fine art, or the national museum - its exhibits displayed in a **time-honoured** style and **falling in line with convention**.

Some people might consider these **customary** institutions the best way to safe-guard the future of **typical** educational topics. A museum of antique breadboards, they may say, does not constitute an **orthodox** or legitimate exhibition. But according to the Museums Association, a museum is defined as a place enabling "…people to explore collections for inspiration, learning and enjoyment." And so of the 2500 estimated museums in the UK, a few are bound to be considered a little **unconventional**, **eccentric** or even **niche**. No matter how **atypical** your interest, there's a museum for you!

What about Neil Cole's Adventures in Science Fiction? This **quirky** museum of classic science fiction was opened by founder Neil Cole. Visitors to this Allendale attraction in Northumberland can see items ranging from props used in the BBC series Dr Who to part of Thor's costume from the Avengers movie. "Science fiction has become more **mainstream** so I thought people might want to see this," says Mr Cole.

If clocks are more to your taste, why not visit the Cuckooland Museum? Set up by brothers Roman and Maz Piekarski, this Cheshire collection of over 600 cuckoo clocks is considered to be the largest of its kind in the world – and all from the Black Forest region in Germany.

Finally, you could visit the Viktor Wynd Museum of Curiosities in London. This **off-beat**, **alternative** institution **bucks the trend** of educating visitors through written explanations alongside its curios. Instead, it displays all of its **kooky** treasures, which include dodo bones, shrunken heads and a collection of McDonald's Happy Meal toys, with no explanation at all.

These are just a few examples. There are many more wonderful institutions out there that **march to the beat of their own drum**. All you have to do is go and find them!

词汇表

traditional	传统的
classic	典型的、经典的
time-honoured	由来已久的
fall in line with	遵循
convention	惯例
customary	惯有的、传统的
typical	有代表性的、典型的
orthodox	正统的
unconventional	不同寻常的
eccentric	古怪的
niche	小众的
atypical	非典型的，不寻常的
quirky	离奇古怪的
mainstream	主流的
off-beat	别具一格的
alternative	另类的
buck the trend	逆势而行
kooky	怪诞的
march to the beat of your own drum	特立独行，按自己的风格走

测验与练习

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2. What makes a museum according to the Museums Association?

3. Why did Neil Cole decide to open his museum?

4. In what way is the Viktor Wynd Museum of Curiosities different to many other museums?

5. Which word used in the article means 'an unusual object'?

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1. After being asked "How do you do?" the _____ is to reply, "How do you do?"

classic	convention	customary	typical

2. I don't like pop music. It's far too _____. I much prefer alternative bands.

time-honoured	atypical	off-beat	mainstream

3. She's lovely, but a bit _____. At our formal dinner, she dressed up as a vampire!

customary	traditional	buck the trend	quirky

4. Follow your passions, not what society tells you to do. Be yourself and _____ your own drum.

bang	play	march to the beat of	beat to the march of

5. The programme is a little _____ so it doesn't appeal to everybody.

fall in line	customary	orthodox	niche

答案

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   It does not accompany its curios with written explanations. In fact, no explanations are given at all.

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