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USA Olympics uniforms 'security risk' in Sochi

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THE READING

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American athletes at the Sochi Winter Olympics have been told that their uniforms pose a possible security risk if worn outside the security zones. Security is reported to be the tightest for any Olympics. It includes the "Ring of Steel" – a zone full of checkpoints that stretches for 90 kilometres along the coast and 40 kilometres inland. Everyone will be X-rayed as they enter. A U.S. official advised American athletes not to "advertise" their nationality outside the Olympic venues. He said wearing conspicuous clothing in the wrong areas may put athletes' personal safety at greater risk.

There are fears that militants from Russian states that want to break away from Russia will attack the games. A group from Dagestan recently claimed responsibility for two suicide bombings in Volgograd which killed 34 people and injured dozens. President Vladimir Putin has personally assured teams that the games will be safe and successful. Security officials are currently hunting for three possible female suicide bombers, one of whom is thought to be in Sochi. There will be more threats as the games get closer. They will be held between February 7 and 23.

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/1200548/team-usa-uniforms-pose-security-risk-in-sochi>
<http://edition.cnn.com/2014/01/24/us/sochi-us-security/>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. their uniforms pose a possible | a. any Olympics |
| 2. security | b. stretches for 90 km |
| 3. the tightest for | c. clothing |
| 4. a zone full of checkpoints that | d. security risk |
| 5. along the | e. safety at greater risk |
| 6. outside the | f. coast |
| 7. wearing conspicuous | g. zones |
| 8. put athletes' personal | h. Olympic venues |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. break | a. claimed responsibility |
| 2. A group from Dagestan recently | b. officials |
| 3. suicide | c. games will be safe |
| 4. personally assured teams that the | d. between February 7 and 23 |
| 5. security | e. is thought to be in Sochi |
| 6. one of whom | f. away from Russia |
| 7. more threats as the games | g. bombings |
| 8. They will be held | h. get closer |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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American athletes at the Sochi Winter Olympics (1) _____ their uniforms pose a possible security (2) _____ the security zones. Security is reported to be the tightest for any Olympics. It includes the "Ring of Steel" – a (3) _____ that stretches for 90 kilometres (4) _____ 40 kilometres inland. Everyone will be X-rayed as they enter. A U.S. official advised American athletes not to (5) _____ outside the Olympic venues. He said wearing (6) _____ the wrong areas may put athletes' personal safety at greater risk.

There are (7) _____ from Russian states that want to break away from Russia (8) _____. A group from Dagestan recently (9) _____ for two suicide bombings in Volgograd which killed 34 people (10) _____. President Vladimir Putin has personally assured teams that the games will be safe and successful. Security officials (11) _____ for three possible female suicide bombers, (12) _____ thought to be in Sochi. There will be more threats as the games get closer. They will be held between February 7 and 23.

SOCHI OLYMPICS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the Sochi Olympics in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

