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## **Level 3**

# **Video games should be in Olympics**

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# THE ARTICLE

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A top designer for one of the world's most popular computer games has said that video games should be an Olympics sport. Rob Pardo, who was chief creative designer for the World of Warcraft game, told the BBC his game and other video games should be part of the Olympic Games. He said the competition needed to become more modern and up-to-date. He added that millions of people around the world love playing and watching competitive gaming, which is also known as e-sports. Mr Pardo said: "I think the way that you look at e-sports is that it's a very competitive skillset....You look at these professional gamers and the reflexes are lightning quick.... and they're having to make very quick decisions on the fly."

Pardo told the BBC that it would be difficult to get e-sports into the Olympics. He said many people do not even see it as a real sport. He argues it is proper sport because it takes a lot of physical effort and skill and is very exciting to watch. He believes it is a better and more popular sport than many of those already in the Olympics. Pardo said many people did not want gaming to become an Olympic sport because it is based on technology and not athleticism. The PC Magazine website suggests there should be a separate international competition just for e-sports, that could follow a format like the Olympics. This would make gaming the star of the show rather than just another event among many in the Olympics.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. GAMING:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about gaming. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

*designer / video games / creative / competition / modern / millions / e-sports / quick / difficult / physical effort / skill / technology / format / gaming / the star of the show*

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. GAMES:** What physical and mental skills do these activities need? Should they be in the Olympics? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Physical skills	Mental skills	Olympics sport?	Why?
Gaming				
Cards				
Formula 1				
Cricket				
Chess				
Sky Diving				

**4. OLYMPICS:** Students A **strongly** believe gaming should be in the Olympics; Students B **strongly** believe it shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. SPORT:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- football (soccer)
- ice hockey
- rugby
- basketball
- cricket
- boxing
- Formula 1
- cycling

**6. COMPETITION:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "competition". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141227-e-sports.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| a. A software company boss said gaming should be in the Olympics.        | T / F |
| b. A designer said gaming would make the Olympics more modern.           | T / F |
| c. The designer said that gaming was part of something called i-sport.   | T / F |
| d. The designer spoke about a gamer who was hit by lightning.            | T / F |
| e. The designer thinks it would be easy to get gaming into the Olympics. | T / F |
| f. Gamers need a lot of physical effort and skill.                       | T / F |
| g. The designer said gaming is better than many Olympic sports.          | T / F |
| h. A technology magazine suggested a separate gaming Olympics.           | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. top          | a. real         |
| 2. popular      | b. contemporary |
| 3. modern       | c. different    |
| 4. competition  | d. leading      |
| 5. professional | e. energy       |
| 6. difficult    | f. salaried     |
| 7. proper       | g. well-liked   |
| 8. effort       | h. style        |
| 9. separate     | i. contest      |
| 10. format      | j. hard         |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                     |                      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. the world's most popular         | a. like the Olympics |
| 2. chief creative                   | b. quick             |
| 3. the competition needed to become | c. designer          |
| 4. up-to-                           | d. athleticism       |
| 5. the reflexes are lightning       | e. the show          |
| 6. it takes a lot of physical       | f. computer games    |
| 7. based on technology and not      | g. competition       |
| 8. a separate international         | h. date              |
| 9. follow a format                  | i. more modern       |
| 10. the star of                     | j. effort            |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141227-e-sports.html>

A (1) \_\_\_\_\_ designer for one of the world's most popular computer games has said that video games should be an Olympics sport. Rob Pardo, who was chief (2) \_\_\_\_\_ designer for the World of Warcraft game, told the BBC his game and (3) \_\_\_\_\_ video games should be (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Olympic Games. He said the competition needed to become more modern and up-to-(5) \_\_\_\_\_. He added that millions of people around the world love playing and watching competitive gaming, which is also (6) \_\_\_\_\_ as e-sports. Mr Pardo said: "I think the way that you look at e-sports is that it's a very competitive skillset....You look at these professional (7) \_\_\_\_\_ and the reflexes are lightning quick.... and they're having to make very quick (8) \_\_\_\_\_ on the fly."

*part*  
*creative*  
*known*  
*top*  
*decisions*  
*other*  
*gamers*  
*date*

Pardo told the BBC that it would be (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to get e-sports into the Olympics. He said many people do not even see it as a real sport. He argues it is (10) \_\_\_\_\_ sport because it takes a lot of (11) \_\_\_\_\_ effort and skill and is very exciting to watch. He believes it is a better and more popular sport than many of those (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Olympics. Pardo said many people did not want gaming to become an Olympic sport because it is (13) \_\_\_\_\_ on technology and not athleticism. The PC Magazine website suggests there should be a (14) \_\_\_\_\_ international competition just for e-sports, that could follow a (15) \_\_\_\_\_ like the Olympics. This would make gaming the star of the show rather than just another event (16) \_\_\_\_\_ many in the Olympics.

*based*  
*proper*  
*format*  
*difficult*  
*already*  
*among*  
*physical*  
*separate*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141227-e-sports.html>

- 1) A top designer for one of the world's most \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. popularity computer games
  - b. polar computer games
  - c. populate computer games
  - d. popular computer games
- 2) He said the competition needed to become more modern \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and up-too-date
  - b. and up-to-date
  - c. and up-to-date
  - d. and up-thru-date
- 3) people around the world love playing and watching \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. competition gaming
  - b. competitively gaming
  - c. competitive gaming
  - d. compete at it gaming
- 4) You look at these professional gamers and the reflexes \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. are lightning quick
  - b. are lightening quick
  - c. are light and in quick
  - d. are lighten in quick
- 5) and they're having to make very quick \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. decisions on the fry
  - b. decisions on the pry
  - c. decisions on the ply
  - d. decisions on the fly
- 6) He said many people do not even see it \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. as a really sport
  - b. as a real sport
  - c. as a realism sport
  - d. as a reality sport
- 7) He argues it is proper sport because it takes a lot of physical \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. efforts and skill
  - b. effort and skills
  - c. effort and skill
  - d. efforts and skills
- 8) He believes it is a better and more popular sport than many of \_\_\_\_\_ the Olympics
  - a. those already on
  - b. those already in
  - c. those already an
  - d. those already win
- 9) there should be a separate international competition \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. justly for e-sports
  - b. adjust for e-sports
  - c. just for e-sports
  - d. justice for e-sports
- 10) This would make gaming the star of the show rather than \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. just another event
  - b. just the other event
  - c. just other event
  - d. just the others event

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141227-e-sports.html>

A (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of the world's most popular computer games has said that video games should be an Olympics sport. Rob Pardo, who was chief (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the World of Warcraft game, told the BBC his game and other video games should be part of the Olympic Games. He said the competition needed to become more modern (3) \_\_\_\_\_. He added that millions of people around the world love playing and watching competitive gaming, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ as e-sports. Mr Pardo said: "I think the way that you look at e-sports is that it's a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ ....You look at these professional gamers and the reflexes are lightning quick.... and they're having to make very quick (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

Pardo told the BBC that it would be difficult to get e-sports into the Olympics. He said many people do not even (7) \_\_\_\_\_ sport. He argues it is proper sport because (8) \_\_\_\_\_ physical effort and skill and is very exciting to watch. He believes it is a better and more popular sport than many (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the Olympics. Pardo said many people did not want gaming to become an Olympic sport because (10) \_\_\_\_\_ technology and not athleticism. The PC Magazine website suggests there should be a separate international competition just for e-sports, that (11) \_\_\_\_\_ like the Olympics. This would make gaming the star of the show rather than just another (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Olympics.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141227-e-sports.html>

1. What was Rob Pardo's job?

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2. What did Pardo say the Olympic Games needed to be?

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3. What else is competitive gaming known as?

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4. What did Pardo say gamers had that were very quick?

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5. What do gamers have to make very quickly?

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6. Who does not see gaming as a real sport?

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7. What does Pardo think gaming is better than?

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8. What did Pardo say gaming was not based on?

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9. Who said there should be a separate international gaming competition?

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10. What would gaming be the star of in its own competition?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141227-e-sports.html>

1. What was Rob Pardo's job?
  - a) graphics designer
  - b) software engineer
  - c) chief creative designer
  - d) hardware engineer
2. What did Pardo say the Olympic Games needed to be?
  - a) more up-to-date
  - b) traditional
  - c) online
  - d) sporty
3. What else is competitive gaming known as?
  - a) finger Olympics
  - b) video marathon
  - c) joysticking
  - d) e-sport
4. What did Pardo say gamers had that were very quick?
  - a) relaxes
  - b) reflexes
  - c) eyes
  - d) fingers
5. What do gamers have to make very quickly?
  - a) money
  - b) kills
  - c) decisions
  - d) coffee
6. Who does not see gaming as a real sport?
  - a) gamers
  - b) many people
  - c) Rob Pardo
  - d) the Olympics boss
7. What does Pardo think gaming is better than?
  - a) chess
  - b) football
  - c) not gaming
  - d) many Olympic sports
8. What did Pardo say gaming was not based on?
  - a) old computers
  - b) athleticism
  - c) logic
  - d) the ancient Olympics
9. Who said there should be a separate international gaming competition?
  - a) PC Magazine
  - b) the Olympics boss
  - c) athletes
  - d) gamers
10. What would gaming be the star of in its own competition?
  - a) gaming
  - b) the class
  - c) the sky
  - d) the show

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141227-e-sports.html>

## **Role A – Gaming**

You think gaming should be the new Olympics sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good for the Olympics. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Formula 1, chess or sky diving.

## **Role B – Formula 1**

You think Formula 1 should be the new Olympics sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good for the Olympics. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): gaming, chess or sky diving.

## **Role C – Chess**

You think chess should be the new Olympics sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good for the Olympics. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Formula 1, gaming or sky diving.

## **Role D – Sky diving**

You think sky diving should be the new Olympics sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good for the Olympics. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Formula 1, chess or gaming.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141227-e-sports.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'computer' and 'game'.

computer	game

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• top</li><li>• chief</li><li>• needed</li><li>• known</li><li>• quick</li><li>• fly</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• real</li><li>• skill</li><li>• better</li><li>• based</li><li>• format</li><li>• among</li></ul>
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# GAMING SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141227-e-sports.html>

Write five GOOD questions about gaming 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.

# GAMING DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'gaming'?
- 3) What do you think of the Olympic Games?
- 4) Should gaming be in the Olympic Games?
- 5) Is gaming a sport?
- 6) Is gaming more exciting to watch than many Olympic sports?
- 7) What's your favourite Olympics sport and why?
- 8) Do the Olympic Games need to be more up-to-date?
- 9) What do you think of the idea of gaming as an "e-sport"?
- 10) How skillful are gamers?

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# GAMING DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) What is stopping gaming from becoming an Olympic sport?
- 13) Which is better to watch, gaming or the 10km walk (and why)?
- 14) How much physical strength do gamers need?
- 15) Would gaming make the Olympics more popular?
- 16) Do events in the Olympics need to be about athleticism?
- 17) Is an international "gaming Olympics" a good idea?
- 18) Who do you admire most, a top runner or a top gamer?
- 19) How much technology should be in the Olympics?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask Rob Pardo?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141227-e-sports.html>

A top designer for one of the world's most (1) \_\_\_\_\_ computer games has said that video games should be an Olympics sport. Rob Pardo, who was (2) \_\_\_\_\_ creative designer for the World of Warcraft game, told the BBC his game and other video games should be part (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the Olympic Games. He said the competition needed to become more modern and (4) \_\_\_\_\_-to-date. He added that millions of people around the world love playing and watching competitive gaming, which is also (5) \_\_\_\_\_ as e-sports. Mr Pardo said: "I think the way that you look at e-sports is that it's a very competitive skillset....You look at these professional gamers and the reflexes are (6) \_\_\_\_\_ quick.... and they're having to make very quick decisions on the fly."

Pardo told the BBC that it would be difficult to get e-sports into the Olympics. He said many people do not even see it as a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ sport. He argues it is proper sport because it (8) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of physical effort and skill and is very exciting to watch. He believes it is a better and more popular sport than many of (9) \_\_\_\_\_ already in the Olympics. Pardo said many people did not want gaming to become an Olympic sport because it is based (10) \_\_\_\_\_ technology and not athleticism. The PC Magazine website suggests there should be a separate international competition just for e-sports, that could (11) \_\_\_\_\_ a format like the Olympics. This would make gaming the star of the show rather than just another event (12) \_\_\_\_\_ many in the Olympics.

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |               |              |                |               |
|-----|---------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) proper    | (b) polar    | (c) populate   | (d) popular   |
| 2.  | (a) cleft     | (b) chafe    | (c) chef       | (d) chief     |
| 3.  | (a) in        | (b) of       | (c) for        | (d) at        |
| 4.  | (a) down      | (b) in       | (c) up         | (d) on        |
| 5.  | (a) known     | (b) knowing  | (c) knows      | (d) knowledge |
| 6.  | (a) lightning | (b) lighting | (c) lightening | (d) listening |
| 7.  | (a) realistic | (b) really   | (c) reality    | (d) real      |
| 8.  | (a) takes     | (b) fuels    | (c) games      | (d) is        |
| 9.  | (a) them      | (b) those    | (c) they       | (d) that      |
| 10. | (a) to        | (b) of       | (c) on         | (d) for       |
| 11. | (a) line      | (b) chase    | (c) follow     | (d) stalk     |
| 12. | (a) on        | (b) among    | (c) between    | (d) as        |

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# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. A top engerisd
2. more modern and uo-ea-dptt
3. inslimol of people
4. it's a very iecvtmitepo skillset
5. the reflexes are nnitigghl quick
6. make very quick ssdeiiocn

## Paragraph 2

7. it would be flduciift
8. it is erropp sport
9. it takes a lot of lycipsah effort
10. it is based on tocelhnogy
11. a rtaeaspe international competition
12. follow a taomrf like the Olympics



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141227-e-sports.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) be an Olympics sport. Rob Pardo, who was chief creative designer for the World of Warcraft game, told the
- ( ) playing and watching competitive gaming, which is also known as e-sports. Mr Pardo said: "I think the way that you look
- ( ) at e-sports is that it's a very competitive skillset...You look at these professional gamers and the reflexes are lightning
- ( ) already in the Olympics. Pardo said many people did not want gaming to become an Olympic sport because it is
- ( ) BBC his game and other video games should be part of the Olympic Games. He said the competition needed
- ( ) quick.... and they're having to make very quick decisions on the fly."
- ( ) international competition just for e-sports, that could follow a format like the Olympics. This would make
- ( **1** ) A top designer for one of the world's most popular computer games has said that video games should
- ( ) even see it as a real sport. He argues it is proper sport because it takes a lot of physical effort and
- ( ) to become more modern and up-to-date. He added that millions of people around the world love
- ( ) gaming the star of the show rather than just another event among many in the Olympics.
- ( ) skill and is very exciting to watch. He believes it is a better and more popular sport than many of those
- ( ) Pardo told the BBC that it would be difficult to get e-sports into the Olympics. He said many people do not
- ( ) based on technology and not athleticism. The PC Magazine website suggests there should be a separate

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141227-e-sports.html>

1. world's most One popular of computer the games.

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2. games should be part of the Olympic Games Other video.

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3. the to modern said needed more He competition become.

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4. around the Millions world of love people playing.

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5. decisions quick very make to having They're.

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6. get be into e difficult It the - to would Olympics sports.

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7. a as it see even not do people Many sport real.

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8. believes a more He is and sport it better popular.

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9. e international for sports separate just - A competition.

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10. star show would the the This gaming of make.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141227-e-sports.html>

A top designer for one of the world's most *popularity / popular* computer games has said that video games should *be / make* an Olympics sport. Rob Pardo, who was *chief / chef* creative designer for the World of Warcraft game, told the BBC his game and *another / other* video games should be part *of / for* the Olympic Games. He said the competition needed to become more modern and up-to-date. He *added / add* that millions of people around the world love playing and watching *compete / competitive* gaming, which is also *known / knowing* as e-sports. Mr Pardo said: "I think the way that you *look / view* at e-sports is that it's a very competitive skillset....You look at these professional gamers and the reflexes are lightning quick.... and they're having to make very *quickly / quick* decisions on the fly."

Pardo told the BBC that it would *have / be* difficult to get e-sports into the Olympics. He said many people do not even see it as a *really / real* sport. He argues it is *proper / properly* sport because it takes a lot of physical effort and *skill / skillful* and is very exciting to watch. He believes it is a better and more popular sport than many of *them / those* already in the Olympics. Pardo said many people did not want *gaming / gambling* to become an Olympic sport because it is based on *technology / technological* and not athleticism. The PC Magazine website *suggests / suggestions* there should be a separate international competition just for e-sports, that could follow a format *similar / like* the Olympics. This would make gaming the star of the show rather than just another event *among / between* many in the Olympics.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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\_ t\_p d\_s\_gn\_r f\_r \_n\_ \_f th\_ w\_rld's m\_st p\_p\_l\_r  
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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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pardo told the bbc that it would be difficult to get e-sports into the olympics he said many people do not even see it as a real sport he argues it is proper sport because it takes a lot of physical effort and skill and is very exciting to watch he believes it is a better and more popular sport than many of those already in the olympics pardo said many people did not want gaming to become an olympic sport because it is based on technology and not athleticism the pc magazine website suggests there should be a separate international competition just for e-sports that could follow a format like the olympics this would make gaming the star of the show rather than just another event among many in the olympics

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about gaming. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. GAMING:** Make a poster about gaming. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. GAMING OLYMPICS:** Write a magazine article about gaming being part of the Olympics. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on gaming. Ask him/her three questions about gaming. Give him/her three of your ideas about including gaming in the Olympics. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b T    c F    d F    e F    f T    g T    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. top          | a. leading      |
| 2. popular      | b. well-liked   |
| 3. modern       | c. contemporary |
| 4. competition  | d. contest      |
| 5. professional | e. salaried     |
| 6. difficult    | f. hard         |
| 7. proper       | g. real         |
| 8. effort       | h. energy       |
| 9. separate     | i. different    |
| 10. format      | j. style        |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Chief Creative Designer
2. More modern and up-to-date
3. E-sport
4. Reflexes
5. Decisions
6. Many people
7. Many Olympic sports
8. Athleticism
9. PC Magazine
10. The show

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. c    2. a    3. d    4. b    5. c    6. d    7. b    8. d    9. a    10. d

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)