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Rio Olympics medal predictions

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THE READING

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Economists from the banking company Goldman Sachs have taken a break from looking at the world's economy. They have put their heads together to predict how many medals different countries will win at the 2016 Rio Olympics. There are no real surprises. Most people know that the USA and China will win the most medals. A small surprise is the economists predicted Great Britain will finish third. They predicted 23 gold medals for Team GB and 59 medals in total. They also think the world's second most populous country, India, will win just one gold medal.

There is good news for the host Brazil. The country that hosts the Olympics usually gets 50 per cent extra golds. Goldman Sachs predicts that Brazil will win 22 medals, including five golds. This would be Brazil's best ever Olympics performance. The economists also predicted the Olympics will benefit Brazil's economy. They said: "As the country welcomes thousands of athletes and visitors and cheers the local favorites, it silently hopes that the soaring Olympic spirit will also help lift the spirits of the Brazilian economy." The 2016 Rio Olympics is sure to be one of the best ever.

Sources: <http://www.businessinsider.com/goldman-sachs-2016-olympics-medal-predictions-2016-8>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Economists from the | a. break |
| 2. taken a | b. populous country |
| 3. looking at the world's | c. surprises |
| 4. They have put their heads | d. banking company |
| 5. There are no real | e. one gold medal |
| 6. 59 medals | f. together |
| 7. the world's second most | g. in total |
| 8. win just | h. economy |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. There is good news | a. spirits |
| 2. The country that | b. and visitors |
| 3. Brazil will win 22 medals, | c. the best ever |
| 4. the Olympics will | d. including five golds |
| 5. thousands of athletes | e. favorites |
| 6. cheers the local | f. for the host Brazil |
| 7. also help lift the | g. benefit Brazil's economy |
| 8. sure to be one of | h. hosts the Olympics |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Economists from the banking company Goldman Sachs have taken a (1) _____ at the world's economy. They have put their heads together to (2) _____ medals different countries will win at the 2016 Rio Olympics. There are (3) _____. Most people know that the USA and China will win the most medals. A (4) _____ the economists predicted Great Britain will finish third. They predicted 23 gold medals for Team GB and (5) _____. They also think the world's second (6) _____ country, India, will win just one gold medal.

There is good (7) _____ Brazil. The country that hosts the Olympics usually gets 50 per cent extra golds. Goldman Sachs predicts that Brazil will win 22 medals, (8) _____. This would be Brazil's best ever Olympics performance. The economists also predicted the Olympics will (9) _____. They said: "As the country welcomes thousands of (10) _____ and cheers the local favorites, it silently hopes that the soaring Olympic spirit will also help (11) _____ the Brazilian economy." The 2016 Rio Olympics is sure (12) _____ best ever.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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OLYMPICS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about 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) _____

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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) _____

