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**Level 5 – 30th January, 2021**

## Organizers say Tokyo Olympics will go ahead

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**Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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There has been a lot of speculation about whether or not the Tokyo Olympics will take place in July. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) president has vowed that the event will go ahead. It said: "Our task is to organize the Olympic Games and not to cancel them." It added it is working "day and night" to host a safe event. An IOC spokesperson said he was "confident" the Games would go ahead, "unless some drastic changes occur". He added: "I hope that we're able to pull it off." He said: "There are no certainties in life and what might happen with the virus."

The Games are a logistical nightmare. Authorities have to secure the safety of 11,000 athletes, the world's media and spectators. Over 25,000 journalists attended the Games in 2016. Tokyo is currently under a state of emergency amid a third wave of infections. Warmer weather and a vaccine rollout will see safer conditions. Japan's Prime Minister is sure the Games will take place. However, an anti-Olympics group in Tokyo accused Japan's government of being "obsessed" with the Games. It said: "The Olympics would sacrifice people's lives."

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. There has been a lot of      | a. to pull it off |
| 2. vowed that the event         | b. event          |
| 3. host a safe                  | c. with the virus |
| 4. he was "confident" the Games | d. speculation    |
| 5. unless some drastic          | e. would go ahead |
| 6. I hope that we're able       | f. in life        |
| 7. There are no certainties     | g. will go ahead  |
| 8. what might happen            | h. changes occur  |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The Games are a logistical   | a. of infections      |
| 2. secure the safety            | b. with the Games     |
| 3. the world's media            | c. of emergency       |
| 4. under a state                | d. people's lives     |
| 5. amid a third wave            | e. nightmare          |
| 6. an anti-Olympics group       | f. and spectators     |
| 7. being "obsessed"             | g. of 11,000 athletes |
| 8. The Olympics would sacrifice | h. in Tokyo           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There has been a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ about whether or not the Tokyo Olympics will take place in July. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) president (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the event will go ahead. It said: "(3) \_\_\_\_\_ to organize the Olympic Games and not to cancel them." It added it is working "day and night" to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ event. An IOC spokesperson said he was "confident" the Games would go ahead, "unless some (5) \_\_\_\_\_". He added: "I hope that we're able to pull it off." He said: "There are no (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and what might happen with the virus."

The Games are (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Authorities have to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of 11,000 athletes, the world's media and spectators. Over 25,000 journalists attended the Games in 2016. Tokyo is currently (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of emergency amid a third wave of infections. Warmer weather and (10) \_\_\_\_\_ will see safer conditions. Japan's Prime Minister is sure the Games will take place. However, an anti-Olympics group (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Japan's government of being "obsessed" with the Games. It said: "The Olympics would (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# THE TOKYO OLYMPICS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210130-tokyo-olympics-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about the Tokyo 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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210130-tokyo-olympics-5.html>

Write about **the Tokyo Olympics** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.

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