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Level 5 – 27th July, 2021

Naomi Osaka lights flame to open Tokyo Olympics

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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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Tennis superstar Naomi Osaka has lit the flame to open the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. The Games officially started, albeit a year late. Fears of a fifth wave of Covid-19 in Japan's capital meant it was touch and go whether or not they would go ahead. The pandemic has greatly affected the event. It now takes place with no fans and several athletes withdrawing after testing positive. Japan still hopes the Games will showcase its culture to the world. The Opening Ceremony ended around midnight with a spectacular fireworks show that illuminated Tokyo's night sky.

Games organizers said 950 people attended the opening ceremony, in a venue with a capacity of 68,000. Attendees included Japan's Emperor Naruhito and the US First Lady Jill Biden. Emperor Naruhito declared the Games officially open. Olympics President Thomas Bach said: "It is very different from what all of us had imagined, but let us cherish this moment because finally we are all here together. Today is a moment of hope." Naomi Osaka tweeted about lighting the flame. She said it was: "Undoubtedly the greatest athletic achievement and honour I will ever have in my life."

Sources: <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/sports/2021/07/23/olympics/summer-olympics/tokyo-2020-opening-ceremony/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The Games officially started, | a. to the world |
| 2. it was touch | b. fireworks show |
| 3. It now takes place | c. and go |
| 4. athletes withdrawing after | d. Tokyo's night sky |
| 5. showcase its culture | e. albeit a year late |
| 6. ended around | f. testing positive |
| 7. a spectacular | g. midnight |
| 8. illuminated | h. with no fans |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. 950 people attended | a. here together |
| 2. a venue with a capacity | b. the opening ceremony |
| 3. different from what all of us | c. achievement |
| 4. let us | d. flame |
| 5. finally we are all | e. had imagined |
| 6. Today is a | f. cherish this moment |
| 7. lighting the | g. of 68,000 |
| 8. greatest athletic | h. moment of hope |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Tennis superstar Naomi Osaka has (1) _____ to open the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. The Games officially started, albeit a year late. Fears of (2) _____ of Covid-19 in Japan's capital meant it was (3) _____ whether or not they would go ahead. The pandemic has greatly affected the event. It now takes place with no (4) _____ athletes withdrawing after testing positive. Japan still hopes the Games will (5) _____ to the world. The Opening Ceremony ended around midnight with a spectacular fireworks (6) _____ Tokyo's night sky.

Games organizers said 950 people (7) _____ ceremony, in a venue with (8) _____ 68,000. Attendees included Japan's Emperor Naruhito and the US First Lady Jill Biden. Emperor Naruhito (9) _____ officially open. Olympics President Thomas Bach said: "It is very different from what all of us had imagined, but let us (10) _____ because finally we are all here together. Today is a moment of hope." Naomi Osaka (11) _____ the flame. She said it was: "Undoubtedly the greatest athletic achievement and (12) _____ ever have in my life."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TOKYO OLYMPICS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210725-tokyo-olympic-games-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about 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) _____

