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## Level 3

### Rio Olympics medal predictions

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# THE ARTICLE

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There is good news for host nation Brazil. The country that hosts the Olympics usually gets 50 per cent more golds than usual, and 20 per cent more medals in total. Goldman Sachs predicts that Brazil will get a record 22 medals, including five golds. This would be Brazil's best ever performance in an Olympic games. The economists also predicted the Olympics would 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, Brazil-style, is sure to be one of the best ever.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. OLYMPICS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Olympics. 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?

banking / take a break / medals / Rio Olympics / predictions / surprises / India / gold  
good news / hosts / 50 per cent / performance / benefit / athletes / visitors / spirits

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

**3. EVENT:** Students A **strongly** believe the Olympics is the greatest event on Earth; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. SPORTS:** What do you think of these sports? What training do you have to do to win a gold medal? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What do you think?	Training to win a gold medal
Marathon		
Shot Putt		
Golf		
Diving		
Karate		
Cycling		

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

**6. OLYMPIC SPORTS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- canoe
- heptathlon
- 100 metres
- boxing
- swimming
- equestrian
- weightlifting
- shooting

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1608/160804-rio-olympics.html>

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

- a. A bank has made predictions about which countries will win medals. **T / F**
- b. Economists at the bank worked together to make the predictions. **T / F**
- c. There are many big surprises in the predictions. **T / F**
- d. The bank predicted that India would win just one gold medal. **T / F**
- e. The bank said it had some bad news for Brazil. **T / F**
- f. Host nations usually win around 50% more medals than usual. **T / F**
- g. One of the predictions was that Brazil would win five gold medals. **T / F**
- h. The economists said the Olympics would not lift spirits. **T / F**

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

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1. break       | a. best ever   |
| 2. predictions | b. small       |
| 3. contain     | c. increasing  |
| 4. slight      | d. nation      |
| 5. country     | e. rest        |
| 6. record      | f. gain        |
| 7. performance | g. certain     |
| 8. benefit     | h. forecasts   |
| 9. soaring     | i. achievement |
| 10. sure       | j. include     |

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

- |                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. put their heads              | a. for host nation Brazil |
| 2. Their predictions contain no | b. populous country       |
| 3. Great Britain will finish    | c. ever performance       |
| 4. win just                     | d. the spirits            |
| 5. the world's second most      | e. real surprises         |
| 6. There is good news           | f. together               |
| 7. The country that             | g. visitors               |
| 8. This would be Brazil's best  | h. one gold medal         |
| 9. athletes and                 | i. hosts the Olympics     |
| 10. help lift                   | j. third                  |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1608/160804-rio-olympics.html>

The worldwide banking company Goldman Sachs has taken a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ from guessing what will happen to the world's economy. Economists from the company have put their (2) \_\_\_\_\_ together and made predictions about how many medals (3) \_\_\_\_\_ countries will win at the 2016 Rio Olympics. Their predictions (4) \_\_\_\_\_ no real surprises. Most people could predict that the USA and China will win the most medals. Perhaps a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ surprise is that Goldman Sachs is predicting Great Britain will finish (6) \_\_\_\_\_, as they did in the 2012 London Olympics. The economists predicted 23 gold medals for Team GB and 59 medals in (7) \_\_\_\_\_. They also predict that the world's second most (8) \_\_\_\_\_ country, India, will win just one gold medal.

*different*

*total*

*break*

*slight*

*populous*

*heads*

*contain*

*third*

There is good news for (9) \_\_\_\_\_ nation Brazil. The country that hosts the Olympics usually gets 50 per cent more golds than (10) \_\_\_\_\_, and 20 per cent more medals in total. Goldman Sachs predicts that Brazil will get a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ 22 medals, including five golds. This would be Brazil's best ever (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in an Olympic games. The economists also predicted the Olympics would (13) \_\_\_\_\_ Brazil's economy. They said: "As the country welcomes thousands of athletes and visitors and cheers the local favorites, it (14) \_\_\_\_\_ hopes that the soaring Olympic spirit will also help lift the (15) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Brazilian economy." The 2016 Rio Olympics, Brazil-(16) \_\_\_\_\_, is sure to be one of the best ever.

*record*

*benefit*

*host*

*spirits*

*style*

*performance*

*usual*

*silently*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1608/160804-rio-olympics.html>

- 1) The worldwide banking company Goldman Sachs has \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. taken a break
  - b. taking a break
  - c. take in a break
  - d. taken in a break
- 2) Economists from the company have put their \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. heads to gather
  - b. heads two gather
  - c. heads too gather
  - d. heads together
- 3) Their predictions contain no \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. really surprises
  - b. real surprises
  - c. real surprise
  - d. really surprise
- 4) Great Britain will finish third, \_\_\_\_\_ the 2012 London Olympics
  - a. as they didn't in
  - b. was they did in
  - c. has they didn't in
  - d. as they did in
- 5) the world's second most populous country, India, will \_\_\_\_\_ gold medal
  - a. won just one
  - b. win just once
  - c. win justly one
  - d. win just one
- 6) The country that hosts the Olympics usually gets 50 per cent more golds \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. that usual
  - b. than usually
  - c. than usual
  - d. than use you all
- 7) The economists also predicted the Olympics would \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. benefits Brazil's economies
  - b. benefit Brazil's economy
  - c. beneficial Brazil's economy
  - d. benefit Brazil's economics
- 8) the country welcomes thousands of athletes and visitors and cheers \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. all local favorites
  - b. the locally favorites
  - c. all locals favorites
  - d. the local favorites
- 9) it silently hopes that the soaring Olympic spirit will also help \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. lift the spirit
  - b. lift the spirits
  - c. lift the sprites
  - d. lift the splits
- 10) The 2016 Rio Olympics, Brazil-style, is sure to be one of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the best ever
  - b. the best never
  - c. the best every
  - d. the best even

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The worldwide banking company Goldman Sachs has (1) \_\_\_\_\_ from guessing what will happen to the world's economy. Economists from the company have (2) \_\_\_\_\_ together and made predictions about how many medals different countries will win at the 2016 Rio Olympics. Their predictions (3) \_\_\_\_\_ surprises. Most people could predict that the USA and China will win the most medals. Perhaps (4) \_\_\_\_\_ is that Goldman Sachs is predicting Great Britain will finish third, as they did in the 2012 London Olympics. The (5) \_\_\_\_\_ 23 gold medals for Team GB and 59 medals in total. They also predict that the world's second most populous country, India, (6) \_\_\_\_\_ gold medal.

There is good news (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Brazil. The country that hosts the Olympics usually gets 50 per cent more golds than usual, and 20 per cent more (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Goldman Sachs predicts that Brazil will get a record 22 medals, including five golds. This would be Brazil's best (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in an Olympic games. The economists also predicted the Olympics would benefit Brazil's economy. 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, Brazil-style, is (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of the best ever.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1608/160804-rio-olympics.html>

1. What has Goldman Sachs taken?
2. What did economists from the bank put together?
3. In what position did the bank predict Great Britain would finish?
4. How many medals did the bank predict Great Britain would win?
5. How many gold medals did the bank predict India would win?
6. What kind of news was there for Brazil?
7. How many more medals does a host nation usually get?
8. What did the bank say the Olympics would benefit?
9. Who will Brazil welcome thousands of?
10. What kind of style did the article say the Rio Olympics would be in?



# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1608/160804-rio-olympics.html>

- 1) What has Goldman Sachs taken?
  - a) a break
  - b) gold medals
  - c) the Olympic torch
  - d) the lead
- 2) What did economists from the bank put together?
  - a) differences
  - b) money
  - c) their heads
  - d) medals
- 3) In what position did the bank predict Great Britain would finish?
  - a) upright
  - b) third
  - c) last
  - d) a sound position
- 4) How many medals did the bank predict Great Britain would win?
  - a) 50
  - b) 1
  - c) 23
  - d) 59
- 5) How many gold medals did the bank predict India would win?
  - a) 1
  - b) 50
  - c) 23
  - d) 59
- 6) What kind of news was there for Brazil?
  - a) medal news
  - b) weather news
  - c) bad news
  - d) good news
- 7) How many more medals does a host nation usually get?
  - a) just a few
  - b) 20% more
  - c) 50% more
  - d) 17
- 8) What did the bank say the Olympics would benefit?
  - a) its profits
  - b) golf
  - c) Copacabana Beach
  - d) Brazil's economy
- 9) Who will Brazil welcome thousands of?
  - a) Brazilians
  - b) VIPs
  - c) visitors and athletes
  - d) soccer fans
- 10) What kind of style did the article say the Rio Olympics would be in?
  - a) classical style
  - b) Brazil-style
  - c) samba
  - d) perfect style

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Canoeing**

You think canoeing is the most exciting Olympic sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sports are not that exciting. Also, tell the others which is the most boring of these (and why): the 100 metres, equestrian events or shooting.

## **Role B – 100 metres**

You think the 100 metres is the most exciting Olympic sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sports are not that exciting. Also, tell the others which is the most boring of these (and why): canoeing, equestrian events or shooting.

## **Role C – Equestrian**

You think equestrian is the most exciting Olympic sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sports are not that exciting. Also, tell the others which is the most boring of these (and why): the 100 metres, canoeing or shooting.

## **Role D – Shooting**

You think shooting is the most exciting Olympic sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sports are not that exciting. Also, tell the others which is the most boring of these (and why): the 100 metres, equestrian events or canoeing.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1608/160804-rio-olympics.html>

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

<b>Olympics</b>	<b>games</b>
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- 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>• break</li><li>• heads</li><li>• real</li><li>• slight</li><li>• 2012</li><li>• second</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• good</li><li>• 22</li><li>• performance</li><li>• benefit</li><li>• local</li><li>• sure</li></ul>
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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.

# OLYMPICS 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 'Olympics'?
3. What are your predictions for the Olympics?
4. How well do you think your country will do?
5. What do you think of the Olympics?
6. How good will Rio be at hosting the Olympics?
7. What is your favourite Olympic sport and why?
8. What is the 'Olympics spirit'?
9. Which is best – the 100-metres or the marathon?
10. Why does a country as big as India get so few medals?

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# OLYMPICS DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. Who are your favourite sports stars and why?
13. How do you think it feels to win a gold medal?
14. What kind of atmosphere will there be in Rio?
15. What do you think of the ban on Russian athletes?
16. How do you feel when you hear your national anthem at the Olympics?
17. What do you think of athletes staying away because of the Zika virus?
18. Is the Olympics the greatest sporting event in the world?
19. Will the 2020 Tokyo Olympics be better than the 2016 Rio Olympics?
20. What questions would you like to ask the head of the Olympics?

## **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

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There is good news for (7) \_\_\_\_ nation Brazil. The country that hosts the Olympics usually gets 50 per cent more golds than (8) \_\_\_\_, and 20 per cent more medals in total. Goldman Sachs predicts that Brazil will get a record 22 medals, including five golds. This (9) \_\_\_\_ be Brazil's best ever performance in an Olympic games. The economists also predicted the Olympics would benefit Brazil's economy. They said: "(10) \_\_\_\_ the country welcomes thousands of athletes and visitors and cheers the local favorites, (11) \_\_\_\_ silently hopes that the soaring Olympic spirit will also help lift the spirits of the Brazilian economy." The 2016 Rio Olympics, Brazil-style, is sure to (12) \_\_\_\_ one of the best ever.

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

- |     |             |                |                |              |
|-----|-------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) took    | (b) taken      | (c) taking     | (d) takes    |
| 2.  | (a) hearts  | (b) heads      | (c) heeds      | (d) hearths  |
| 3.  | (a) control | (b) contact    | (c) content    | (d) contain  |
| 4.  | (a) do      | (b) could      | (c) have to    | (d) ought to |
| 5.  | (a) were    | (b) did        | (c) done       | (d) was      |
| 6.  | (a) rather  | (b) mere       | (c) just       | (d) once     |
| 7.  | (a) most    | (b) ghost      | (c) host       | (d) post     |
| 8.  | (a) often   | (b) frequently | (c) usual      | (d) always   |
| 9.  | (a) can     | (b) must       | (c) have to    | (d) would    |
| 10. | (a) As      | (b) Is         | (c) Was        | (d) Has      |
| 11. | (a) it      | (b) we         | (c) Brazilians | (d) they     |
| 12. | (a) is      | (b) doing      | (c) be         | (d) has      |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. The ldwwordie banking company
2. different orstuince
3. Their predictions nnoacit no real surprises
4. A hltisg surprise
5. Great Britain will finish idrht
6. the world's second most ulupposo country

## Paragraph 2

7. There is good news for host otnani Brazil
8. Brazil's best ever opfnmrracee
9. the country lweocesm thousands
10. etsetahl and visitors
11. cheers the llcoa favorites
12. lift the srpsiti of the Brazilian economy



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1608/160804-rio-olympics.html>

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

- ( ) economy. They said: "As the country welcomes thousands of athletes and visitors and cheers the local
- ( ) 22 medals, including five golds. This would be Brazil's best ever performance in
- ( ) surprises. Most people could predict that the USA and China will win the most medals. Perhaps a slight surprise is
- ( ) an Olympic games. The economists also predicted the Olympics would benefit Brazil's
- ( ) of the Brazilian economy." The 2016 Rio Olympics, Brazil-style, is sure to be one of the best ever.
- ( ) about how many medals different countries will win at the 2016 Rio Olympics. Their predictions contain no real
- ( ) most populous country, India, will win just one gold medal.
- ( ) golds than usual, and 20 per cent more medals in total. Goldman Sachs predicts that Brazil will get a record
- ( ) that Goldman Sachs is predicting Great Britain will finish third, as they did in the 2012 London Olympics. The economists
- ( ) to the world's economy. Economists from the company have put their heads together and made predictions
- ( ) predicted 23 gold medals for Team GB and 59 medals in total. They also predict that the world's second
- ( **1** ) The worldwide banking company Goldman Sachs has taken a break from guessing what will happen
- ( ) There is good news for host nation Brazil. The country that hosts the Olympics usually gets 50 per cent more
- ( ) favorites, it silently hopes that the soaring Olympic spirit will also help lift the spirits

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1608/160804-rio-olympics.html>

1. to the world's economy A break from guessing what will happen .
2. heads many predictions together Put about and their how made .
3. contain predictions Their surprises real no .
4. 23 GB gold The medals economists for predicted Team .
5. populous country , India , will win The world's second most .
6. gets that the % usually hosts 50 more country Olympics The .
7. medals that get 22 predicts will record Sachs Brazil a .
8. This be best performance would Brazil's ever .
9. benefit economy the would Brazil's Predicted Olympics .
10. Olympic also the soaring will lift The spirit help spirits .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1608/160804-rio-olympics.html>

The worldwide banking *companion / company* Goldman Sachs has taken a *broken / break* from guessing what will happen to the world's economy. Economists from the company have put their heads *apart / together* and made predictions about how many medals *different / difference* countries will win at the 2016 Rio Olympics. Their predictions contain no *real / really* surprises. Most people could *prediction / predict* that the USA and China will win the most medals. Perhaps a *slight / slightly* surprise is that Goldman Sachs is predicting Great Britain will finish third, *was / as* they did in the 2012 London Olympics. The economists predicted 23 gold medals for Team GB and 59 medals *in / on* total. They also predict that the world's second most populous country, India, will win just *one / once* gold medal.

There is good news for *hosted / host* nation Brazil. The country that hosts the Olympics usually gets 50 per cent more golds than *usually / usual*, and 20 per cent more medals in *totally / total*. Goldman Sachs predicts that Brazil will get a record 22 medals, *including / inclusive* five golds. This would be Brazil's best *ever / every* performance in an Olympic games. The economists *also / alas* predicted the Olympics would *beneficial / benefit* Brazil's economy. They said: "As the country welcomes thousands of athletes and visitors and *cheering / cheers* the local favorites, it silently hopes *what / that* the soaring Olympic spirit will also help lift the spirits of the Brazilian economy." The 2016 Rio Olympics, Brazil-style, is sure to be one *of / for* the best ever.

**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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Th\_ w\_rldw\_d\_ b\_nk\_ng c\_mp\_ny G\_ldm\_n S\_chs h\_s  
t\_k\_n \_ br\_\_k fr\_m g\_\_ss\_ng wh\_t w\_ll h\_pp\_n t\_ th\_  
w\_rld's \_c\_n\_my. \_c\_n\_m\_sts fr\_m th\_ c\_mp\_ny h\_v\_  
p\_t th\_\_r h\_\_ds t\_g\_th\_r \_nd m\_d\_ pr\_d\_ct\_\_ns \_b\_\_t  
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Ch\_n\_ w\_ll w\_n th\_ m\_st m\_d\_ls. P\_rh\_ps \_ sl\_ght  
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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 the history of the Olympics. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. 2016 RIO OLYMPICS:** Make a poster about Olympics. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. PREDICTIONS:** Write a magazine article about Olympics. Include imaginary predictions about what will happen. Include imaginary interviews with the sports stars.

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 the Olympics. Ask him/her three questions about the Olympics. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make the Olympics better. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1. break       | a. rest        |
| 2. predictions | b. forecasts   |
| 3. contain     | c. include     |
| 4. slight      | d. small       |
| 5. country     | e. nation      |
| 6. record      | f. best ever   |
| 7. performance | g. achievement |
| 8. benefit     | h. gain        |
| 9. soaring     | i. increasing  |
| 10. sure       | j. certain     |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A break
2. Their heads
3. Third
4. 59
5. 1
6. Good news
7. 20% more
8. Brazil's economy
9. Athletes and visitors
10. Brazil-style

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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