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**Level 4** – 14th March, 2020

**Sports events cancelled, COVID-19 fears over Olympics**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200314-sports-4.html>

The spread of COVID-19 is hitting world sport. As the coronavirus is now a pandemic, many sports are acting to stop the spread of the virus. European football is coming to a standstill and major leagues worldwide have suspended games for the coming weeks. The Champions League could be suspended. In other sports, the first grand prix of the Formula 1 season has been cancelled and major league sports in the USA have been suspended until further notice.

The biggest worry is uncertainty over the Tokyo Olympics. Japan is preparing to continue with the Games as scheduled and said it was "inconceivable" they would be cancelled. U.S. President Donald Trump suggested Japan should consider postponing the Games. Sport is already being hit in Japan. The nation's 15-day spring sumo tournament is being held behind closed doors, and a national high school baseball tournament has been cancelled.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The spread                     | a. the spread      |
| 2. the coronavirus is             | b. league sports   |
| 3. acting to stop                 | c. weeks           |
| 4. European football is coming    | d. further notice  |
| 5. suspended games for the coming | e. now a pandemic  |
| 6. the Formula 1 season has       | f. of COVID-19     |
| 7. major                          | g. to a standstill |
| 8. suspended until                | h. been cancelled  |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                     |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The biggest worry is             | a. closed doors    |
| 2. Japan is preparing to            | b. inconceivable   |
| 3. it was                           | c. tournament      |
| 4. Japan should consider postponing | d. continue        |
| 5. Sport is already being           | e. sumo tournament |
| 6. The nation's 15-day spring       | f. the Games       |
| 7. being held behind                | g. hit in Japan    |
| 8. baseball                         | h. uncertainty     |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The spread of COVID-19 (1) \_\_\_\_\_ sport. As the coronavirus is (2) \_\_\_\_\_, many sports are acting to stop the spread of the virus. European football is coming (3) \_\_\_\_\_ and major leagues worldwide have suspended games for (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The Champions League could be suspended. In other sports, the first grand prix of the Formula 1 season (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and major league sports in the USA have been suspended (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The biggest worry (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the Tokyo Olympics. Japan is preparing to continue with the Games (8) \_\_\_\_\_ said it was "inconceivable" they (9) \_\_\_\_\_. U.S. President Donald Trump suggested Japan should (10) \_\_\_\_\_ Games. Sport is already being hit in Japan. The nation's 15-day spring sumo tournament is being held (11) \_\_\_\_\_, and a national high school baseball tournament (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# SPORTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200314-sports-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about sports 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

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Write about **sports** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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