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**Level 4 – 30th January, 2021**

## Organizers say Tokyo Olympics will go ahead

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# THE READING

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There has been speculation about whether or not the Tokyo Olympics will happen. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) vowed they would take place. It said: "Our task is to organize the Olympic Games and not to cancel them." It is working "day and night" and is "confident" the Games would go ahead, "unless some drastic changes occur". It added: "There are no certainties in life and what might happen with the virus."

The Games are a logistical nightmare. Authorities have to keep safe athletes, reporters and spectators. Tokyo is currently under a state of emergency. It has a third wave of infections. Warmer weather and a vaccine rollout may see safer conditions. Japan's Prime Minister is sure the Games will take place. However, an anti-Olympics group says Japan's government is "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. place             |
| 2. vowed they would take       | b. in life           |
| 3. Our task is to organize     | c. would go ahead    |
| 4. It is working day           | d. with the virus    |
| 5. confident the Games         | e. occur             |
| 6. unless some drastic changes | f. the Olympic Games |
| 7. There are no certainties    | g. speculation       |
| 8. what might happen           | h. and night         |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                     |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. The Games are a logistical       | a. of emergency   |
| 2. reporters and                    | b. with the Games |
| 3. under a state                    | c. spectators     |
| 4. a third wave                     | d. people's lives |
| 5. a vaccine                        | e. of infections  |
| 6. sure the Games will              | f. rollout        |
| 7. Japan's government is "obsessed" | g. nightmare      |
| 8. The Olympics would sacrifice     | h. take place     |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There (1) \_\_\_\_\_ about whether or not the Tokyo Olympics will happen. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) vowed they would take place. It said: "Our task (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the Olympic Games and not to cancel them." It is working "day and night" (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the Games would go ahead, "(4) \_\_\_\_\_ changes occur". It added: "There are (5) \_\_\_\_\_ life and what might happen (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

The Games are (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Authorities have to keep safe athletes, (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Tokyo is currently under a state of emergency. It has a third (9) \_\_\_\_\_. Warmer weather and (10) \_\_\_\_\_ may see safer conditions. Japan's Prime Minister is sure the Games will take place. However, an anti-Olympics group says Japan's government (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the Games. It said: "The Olympics (12) \_\_\_\_\_ lives."

# 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

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

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