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Level 1

Rio Olympics medal predictions

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THE READING

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The bank Goldman Sachs has taken a break from looking at the world's economy. It has predicted how many medals countries will win at the 2016 Rio Olympics. There are no real surprises. Most people know the USA and China will win the most medals. One surprise is the bank predicted Great Britain will finish third, with 23 gold medals and 59 medals in total. It also thinks the world's second most populous country, India, will win just one gold medal.

There is good news for Brazil. The host of the Olympics usually gets 50 per cent more golds. The bank predicted that Brazil would win five gold medals. This would be Brazil's best ever performance. The bank also predicted the Olympics would be good for Brazil's economy. Thousands of athletes and visitors will come. They will spend money and get into the Olympic spirit. This will help the Brazilian economy. The Rio Olympics will be one of the best ever.

Sources: <http://www.businessinsider.com/goldman-sachs-2016-olympics-medal-predictions-2016-8>
<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-08-01/goldman-s-economists-are-forecasting-olympic-medals>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. taken a | a. finish third |
| 2. It has predicted how many medals | b. populous country |
| 3. There are no real | c. break |
| 4. China will win the | d. one gold medal |
| 5. Great Britain will | e. countries will win |
| 6. 59 medals | f. most medals |
| 7. the world's second most | g. surprises |
| 8. win just | h. in total |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. There is good news | a. the Olympics |
| 2. The host of | b. visitors |
| 3. Brazil would | c. Olympic spirit |
| 4. Brazil's best ever | d. best ever |
| 5. the Olympics would be good for | e. performance |
| 6. athletes and | f. win five gold medals |
| 7. get into the | g. for Brazil |
| 8. one of the | h. Brazil's economy |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The bank Goldman Sachs (1) _____ from looking at the world's economy. (2) _____ how many medals countries (3) _____ 2016 Rio Olympics. There (4) _____. Most people know the USA and China will win the most medals. One surprise is the bank predicted Great Britain (5) _____ 23 gold medals and 59 medals in total. It also thinks the world's second most populous country, India, (6) _____ gold medal.

There (7) _____ Brazil. The host of the Olympics usually gets 50 per cent more golds. The (8) _____ Brazil would win five gold medals. This would be Brazil's (9) _____. The bank also predicted the Olympics (10) _____ Brazil's economy. Thousands of (11) _____ will come. They will spend money and get into the Olympic spirit. This will help the Brazilian economy. The Rio Olympics (12) _____ best ever.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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.

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) _____

