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Level 2

Mixed-gender events added to 2020 Olympics

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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There will be more mixed-gender events and women at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) said mixed-gender events would be in archery, athletics, judo, sailing, shooting, swimming, table tennis, and triathlon. There will be mixed relays in athletics and swimming. Olympics swimming champion Adam Peaty told the BBC that: "It's something that would make things a little bit more fun....It's great to mix things up from what they've been for so long as it adds a little spice and [mixed events] are great to watch."

There will also be more sports at the Tokyo Olympics. Spokesman Thomas Bach said the Games will be "more youthful, more urban and include more women". Not everyone wants the new events, especially urban sports like skateboarding, 3-on-3 basketball, sport climbing and BMX freestyle. These are to try and get more young people to watch the Games. The newer sports means there will be fewer athletes in traditional events like weightlifting and wrestling. There will be more women competing in Tokyo. Women will make up 48.8 per cent of the athletes.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/sport/olympics/40226990>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. more mixed-gender events | a. bit more fun |
| 2. table tennis and | b. spice |
| 3. mixed | c. and women |
| 4. Olympics swimming | d. great to watch |
| 5. make things a little | e. triathlon |
| 6. It's great to | f. champion |
| 7. it adds a little | g. relays |
| 8. mixed events are | h. mix things up |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. There will also be | a. of the athletes |
| 2. the Games will be more | b. like skateboarding |
| 3. Not everyone wants the | c. youthful |
| 4. urban sports | d. weightlifting |
| 5. get more young people | e. more sports |
| 6. traditional events like | f. competing |
| 7. There will be more women | g. new events |
| 8. Women will make up 48.8 per cent | h. to watch the Games |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There (1) _____ mixed-gender events and women at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) said mixed-gender events (2) _____ archery, athletics, judo, sailing, shooting, swimming, table tennis, and triathlon. There will be (3) _____ athletics and swimming. Olympics swimming champion Adam Peaty told the BBC that: "It's something that would make (4) _____ bit more fun....It's great to (5) _____ from what they've been for so long as it adds a little spice and [mixed events] are (6) _____."

There (7) _____ more sports at the Tokyo Olympics. Spokesman Thomas Bach said the Games will be "more youthful, (8) _____ and include more women". Not everyone wants (9) _____, especially urban sports like skateboarding, 3-on-3 basketball, sport climbing and BMX freestyle. These (10) _____ get more young people to watch the Games. The newer sports means there (11) _____ athletes in traditional events like weightlifting and wrestling. There will be more women competing in Tokyo. Women (12) _____ 48.8 per cent of the athletes.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TOKYO OLYMPICS SURVEY

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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) _____

WRITING

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