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Mixed-gender events added to 2020 Olympics

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1706/170613-2020-olympics.html>

There will be more mixed-gender events and more women at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) said men and women would compete together in archery, athletics, judo, sailing, shooting, swimming, table tennis, and triathlon. There will be a 4x400m mixed relay in athletics and a 4x100m mixed relay in swimming. British Olympics swimming champion Adam Peaty told the BBC that having mixed events in Tokyo would make the Olympics "more fun". He said "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."

The IOC also announced that there would be more sports at the Tokyo Olympics. IOC president Thomas Bach said the Games will be "more youthful, more urban and include more women". Not everyone is happy with the introduction of the new events. Some people said it was wrong to include 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. Having newer sports means there will be fewer athletes in more traditional events like weightlifting and wrestling. Tokyo will be the most gender-balanced Olympics ever. Women will make up 48.8 per cent of athletes who will compete at the Games.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/sport/olympics/40226990>
http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2017/06/10/olympics-2020-mixed-gender-events_n_17022720.html
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<http://the-japan-news.com/news/article/0003752925>

WARM-UPS

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

2020 / Tokyo / Olympics / athletics / swimming / triathlon / champion / fun / spice / sports / urban / happy / skateboarding / BMX / traditional / weightlifting / wrestling

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

3. MIXED-GENDER EVENTS: Students A **strongly** believe all events at the Olympics should be mixed gender; Students B **strongly** believe none should. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. INTERESTING: How can we make the Olympics more interesting? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How?	Why?
Opening ceremony		
Stadiums		
Medals ceremony		
Athletics		
Cycling		
Closing ceremony		

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

6. EVENTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best Olympics events at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- marathon
- cycling
- BMX
- shooting
- wrestling
- skateboarding
- triathlon
- swimming

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1706/170613-2020-olympics.html>

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

- a. There will be no mixed-gender events in judo. **T / F**
- b. There will be mixed-gender relays in swimming and athletics. **T / F**
- c. A swimming champion said mixed-gender events would take away the fun. **T / F**
- d. The champion said mixed-gender events add a little spice to the Games. **T / F**
- e. The IOC president said the 2020 Games would be more youthful. **T / F**
- f. Everybody liked the introduction of sport climbing to the 2020 Games. **T / F**
- g. Traditional events like wrestling will have fewer athletes in Tokyo. **T / F**
- h. Women will make up less than 48% of the athletes. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1. compete | a. enjoyable |
| 2. champion | b. pleased |
| 3. fun | c. contain |
| 4. spice | d. excitement |
| 5. great | e. take part |
| 6. include | f. customary |
| 7. happy | g. not right |
| 8. wrong | h. gold medalist |
| 9. traditional | i. until now |
| 10. ever | j. wonderful |

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

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. There will be more mixed- | a. Olympics ever |
| 2. men and women would compete | b. spice |
| 3. a 4x400m mixed relay | c. 48.8% of athletes |
| 4. swimming | d. of the new events |
| 5. it adds a little | e. together |
| 6. happy with the introduction | f. like weightlifting |
| 7. try and get more young people | g. champion |
| 8. in more traditional events | h. gender events |
| 9. the most gender-balanced | i. to watch the Games |
| 10. Women will make up | j. in athletics |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1706/170613-2020-olympics.html>

There will be more mixed-gender (1) _____ and more women at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) said men and women would (2) _____ together in archery, athletics, judo, sailing, shooting, swimming, table tennis, and (3) _____. There will be a 4x400m mixed relay in athletics and a 4x100m mixed (4) _____ in swimming. British Olympics swimming champion Adam Peaty told the BBC that (5) _____ mixed events in Tokyo would make the Olympics "more fun". He said "It's something that would make things a (6) _____ bit more fun....It's great to mix (7) _____ up from what they've been for so long as it adds a little spice and [mixed events] are (8) _____ to watch."

little
compete
relay
great
events
things
triathlon
having

The IOC also announced that there would be more sports at the Tokyo Olympics. IOC (9) _____ Thomas Bach said the Games will be "more youthful, more (10) _____ and include more women". Not everyone is happy with the introduction of the (11) _____ events. Some people said it was wrong to include urban sports like skateboarding, 3-on-3 basketball, sport (12) _____ and BMX freestyle. These are to try and get more young people to watch the Games. Having (13) _____ sports means there will be fewer athletes in more traditional events (14) _____ weightlifting and wrestling. Tokyo will be the most gender-balanced Olympics (15) _____. Women will make up 48.8 per cent of (16) _____ who will compete at the Games.

climbing
urban
athletes
newer
ever
president
new
like

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1706/170613-2020-olympics.html>

- 1) men and women would _____
 - a. complete together
 - b. compete together
 - c. competing together
 - d. competes together
- 2) athletics, judo, sailing, shooting, swimming, table tennis, _____
 - a. and triathlons
 - b. and try alone
 - c. and trial on
 - d. and triathlon
- 3) British Olympics swimming champion Adam Peaty _____
 - a. told the BBC
 - b. scold the BBC
 - c. toll the BBC
 - d. old the BBC
- 4) He said "It's something that would make things a little _____"
 - a. bite more fun
 - b. bits more fun
 - c. byte more fun
 - d. bit more fun
- 5) mix things up from what they've been for so long as it adds _____
 - a. a little spicy
 - b. a little spice
 - c. a little spiced
 - d. a little space
- 6) The IOC also announced that there would _____
 - a. be more sports
 - b. been more sports
 - c. being more sports
 - d. become more sports
- 7) IOC president Thomas Bach said the Games will be "more _____ urban"
 - a. youth full, more
 - b. youthfully, more
 - c. youth fully, more
 - d. youthful, more
- 8) Not everyone is happy with the introduction _____ events
 - a. of a new
 - b. of the new
 - c. off the new
 - d. of the newly
- 9) Having newer sports means there will be _____
 - a. few a athletes
 - b. fewer athlete
 - c. fewer athletes
 - d. few are athletes
- 10) Tokyo will be the most gender-balanced _____
 - a. Olympics ever
 - b. Olympics even
 - c. Olympics every
 - d. Olympics never

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1706/170613-2020-olympics.html>

There will be more mixed-gender events and (1) _____ the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) said men and women would (2) _____ in archery, athletics, judo, sailing, shooting, swimming, table (3) _____. There will be a 4x400m mixed relay in athletics and a 4x100m mixed relay in swimming. British Olympics (4) _____ Adam Peaty told the BBC that having mixed events in Tokyo would make the Olympics "more fun". He said "It's something that would make things (5) _____ 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] (6) _____ watch."

The IOC also announced that there (7) _____ sports at the Tokyo Olympics. IOC president Thomas Bach said the Games will be "more youthful, (8) _____ include more women". Not everyone is happy with the introduction (9) _____ events. Some people said it was wrong to include urban sports like skateboarding, 3-on-3 basketball, sport climbing and BMX freestyle. These (10) _____ get more young people to watch the Games. Having newer sports means there (11) _____ athletes in more traditional events like weightlifting and wrestling. Tokyo will be the most gender-balanced Olympics ever. Women will make up 48.8 per cent of athletes (12) _____ at the Games.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1706/170613-2020-olympics.html>

1. What does IOC mean?
2. What mixed relay will there be in athletics?
3. In what sport did Adam Peaty win a gold medal?
4. What did Adam Peaty say would be "more fun"?
5. What did Adam Peaty say mixed events would add to the 2020 Games?
6. Who is Thomas Bach?
7. What did some people say about the introduction of new events?
8. What kind of basketball will be introduced?
9. Which two sports did the article say would have fewer athletes?
10. What percentage of the athletes at the Tokyo Games will be women?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1706/170613-2020-olympics.html>

- 1) What does IOC mean?
 - a) Internal Olympic Committee
 - b) International Olympic Committee
 - c) International Olympic Commission
 - d) Internal Olympics Commission
- 2) What mixed relay will there be in athletics?
 - a) 4x100m
 - b) 1x400m
 - c) 1x100m
 - d) 4x400m
- 3) In what sport did Adam Peaty win a gold medal?
 - a) BMX freestyle
 - b) athletics
 - c) swimming
 - d) judo
- 4) What did Adam Peaty say would be "more fun"?
 - a) mixed events
 - b) skateboarding
 - c) a little bit
 - d) the BBC
- 5) What did Adam Peaty say mixed events would add to the 2020 Games?
 - a) herbs
 - b) spice
 - c) sugar
 - d) bits
- 6) Who is Thomas Bach?
 - a) IOC president
 - b) an Olympics swimming champion
 - c) a BMX freestyler
 - d) a BBC journalist
- 7) What did some people say about the introduction of new events?
 - a) wonderful
 - b) they were over the moon
 - c) it was wrong
 - d) they were needed
- 8) What kind of basketball will be introduced?
 - a) 3-on-3
 - b) 4-on-4
 - c) 5-on-5
 - d) 6-on-6
- 9) Which two sports did the article say would have fewer athletes?
 - a) football and rugby
 - b) table tennis and triathlon
 - c) sport climbing and BMX freestyle
 - d) weightlifting and wrestling
- 10) What percentage of the athletes at the Tokyo Games will be women?
 - a) 48.6
 - b) 48.7
 - c) 48.8
 - d) 48.9

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – The Marathon

You think the marathon is the best Olympics event. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their events. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): wrestling, skateboarding or swimming.

Role B – Wrestling

You think wrestling is the best Olympics event. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their events. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the marathon, skateboarding or swimming.

Role C – Skateboarding

You think skateboarding is the best Olympics event. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their events. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): wrestling, the marathon or swimming.

Role D – Swimming

You think swimming is the best Olympics event. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their events. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): wrestling, skateboarding or the marathon.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1706/170613-2020-olympics.html>

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

mixed	gender
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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">• 2020• together• champion• fun• mix• great	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• president• youthful• everyone• 3• fewer• 48.8
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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.

TOKYO 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 images are in your mind when you hear the word 'Olympics'?
3. What do you think of the Olympics?
4. How good is your country at the Olympics?
5. What's your favourite Olympics sport and why?
6. What do you think of mixed-gender events?
7. Are you looking forward to watching the Olympics?
8. Do the Olympics need to be made more fun?
9. How can the IOC 'spice' things up at the Olympics?
10. Who is the greatest Olympian in history?

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TOKYO OLYMPICS DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the city name 'Tokyo'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Is the Olympics the world's best sporting event?
15. Should every sport in the world be at the Olympics?
16. What do you think of urban sports like skateboarding?
17. How can the IOC get more young people to watch the Olympics?
18. What do you think of traditional sports like wrestling?
19. How will having more women athletes change the Olympics?
20. What questions would you like to ask the boss of the IOC?

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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The IOC also announced that there would be more sports at the Tokyo Olympics. IOC president Thomas Bach said the Games will be "more (7) ____, more urban and include more women". Not everyone is happy (8) ____ the introduction of the new events. Some people said it was wrong to (9) ____ 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. Having newer sports (10) ____ there will be fewer athletes in more traditional events (11) ____ weightlifting and wrestling. Tokyo will be the most gender-balanced Olympics (12) _____. Women will make up 48.8 per cent of athletes who will compete at the Games.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) more | (b) most | (c) much | (d) moor |
| 2. | (a) complete | (b) competition | (c) compete | (d) compact |
| 3. | (a) at | (b) of | (c) in | (d) on |
| 4. | (a) what | (b) thus | (c) which | (d) that |
| 5. | (a) bite | (b) byte | (c) bit | (d) bitten |
| 6. | (a) space | (b) spice | (c) species | (d) special |
| 7. | (a) youth hostel | (b) youthful | (c) youthfulness | (d) youth |
| 8. | (a) to | (b) with | (c) of | (d) but |
| 9. | (a) conclude | (b) preclude | (c) include | (d) elude |
| 10. | (a) meaning | (b) meanie | (c) meanings | (d) means |
| 11. | (a) liking | (b) likelihood | (c) likely | (d) like |
| 12. | (a) even | (b) never | (c) every | (d) ever |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. The International Olympic Cmtmteioe (IOC)
2. oteepmc together in archery
3. swimming, table tennis, and ailrnthot
4. 4x400m mixed relay in heatsictl
5. Olympics swimming nphacoim
6. adds a little icspe

Paragraph 2

7. The IOC also unedcnoan that there would be more
8. the Games will be more hutulyfo
9. the cirdouotntin of the new events
10. BMX teeylefrs
11. taioiartldn events like weightlifting
12. the most gender-blcdanea Olympics ever

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1706/170613-2020-olympics.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () Committee (IOC) said men and women would compete together in archery, athletics, judo, sailing, shooting,
- () things a little bit more fun....It's great to mix things up from what they've
- () Tokyo would make the Olympics "more fun". He said "It's something that would make
- () The IOC also announced that there would be more sports at the Tokyo Olympics. IOC president Thomas Bach said the Games
- () ever. Women will make up 48.8 per cent of athletes who will compete at the Games.
- () swimming, table tennis, and triathlon. There will be a 4x400m mixed relay in athletics and a 4x100m mixed relay
- (**1**) There will be more mixed-gender events and more women at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. The International Olympic
- () will be "more youthful, more urban and include more women". Not everyone is happy with the introduction of the new
- () traditional events like weightlifting and wrestling. Tokyo will be the most gender-balanced Olympics
- () in swimming. British Olympics swimming champion Adam Peaty told the BBC that having mixed events in
- () people to watch the Games. Having newer sports means there will be fewer athletes in more
- () been for so long as it adds a little spice and [mixed events] are great to watch."
- () events. Some people said it was wrong to include urban sports like skateboarding, 3-on-3
- () basketball, sport climbing and BMX freestyle. These are to try and get more young

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1706/170613-2020-olympics.html>

1. mixed- more be will There Olympics 2020 the at events gender .
2. and Men archery in together compete would women .
3. relay be in a athletics 4x400m There mixed will .
4. Mixed Tokyo the fun in make more events would Olympics .
5. they've great things what It's mix from been to up .
6. more IOC that be The announced would sports also there .
7. events is the new everyone with of Not happy introduction .
8. include Some it to sports said wrong urban people was .
9. young watch Try more to Games get people the and .
10. Olympics will most balanced Tokyo the - ever be gender .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1706/170613-2020-olympics.html>

There will *be / being* more mixed-gender events and more women at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) said men and women would *complete / compete* together in archery, athletics, judo, sailing, shooting, swimming, table tennis, and *triathlete / triathlon*. There will be a 4x400m mixed *rally / relay* in athletics and a 4x100m mixed relay *in / on* swimming. British Olympics swimming *champion / championship* Adam Peaty told the BBC that having *mixer / mixed* events in Tokyo would make the Olympics "more fun". He said "It's something that would make things a little bit more *funny / fun*....It's great to mix things up from what they've been for so *longing / long* as it adds a little spice and [mixed events] are *great / grate* to watch."

The IOC also *announcement / announced* that there would be more sports at the Tokyo Olympics. IOC president Thomas Bach said the Games will be "more *youthful / youth*, more urban and *include / included* more women". Not everyone is happy *for / with* the introduction of the new events. Some people said it was wrong *to / for* include urban sports like skateboarding, 3-on-3 basketball, sport *climbing / climber* and BMX freestyle. These are to try and get more *youth / young* people to watch the Games. Having newer sports means there will be fewer athletes *in / on* more traditional events like weightlifting and wrestling. Tokyo will be the *most / must* gender-balanced Olympics ever. Women will *take / make* up 48.8 per cent of athletes who will compete at the Games.

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_r_ w_ll b_ m_r_ m_x_d-g_nd_r_ v_nts_ nd m_r_ w_m_n_ t th_ 2020 T_ky_ _lymp_cs. Th_ _nt_rn_t_n_l_ _lymp_c C_mm_tt_ (_C) s_d m_n_ nd w_m_n_ w_ll d c_mp_t_ t_g_th_r_n_ rch_ry, _thl_t_cs, j_d_, s_ll_ng, sh_t_ng, sw_mm_ng, t_bl_ t_nn_s, _nd tr_thl_n. Th_r_ w_ll b_ _ 4x400m m_x_d_r_l_y_ n_ thl_t_cs_ nd _ 4x100m m_x_d_r_l_y_ n_ sw_mm_ng. Br_t_sh_ _lymp_cs sw_mm_ng ch_mp_n_ d_m P_ty_ t_ld th_ BBC th_t h_v_ng_ m_x_d_ v_nts_ n_ T_ky_ w_ll d m_k_ th_ _lymp_cs "m_r_ f_n". H_ s_d_ "t's s_m_th_ng th_t w_ll d m_k_ th_ngs_ lttl_ b_t m_r_ f_n..._t's gr_t t_m_x_ th_ngs_ p_fr_m wh_t th_y'v_ b_n fr s_ll_ng_ s_t_dds_ lttl_ sp_c_ nd [m_x_d_ v_nts]_ r_ gr_t t_w_tch."

Th_ _C_ ls_ _nn_nc_d th_t th_r_ w_ll d b_ m_r_ sp_rts_ t th_ T_ky_ _lymp_cs. _C pr_s_d_nt Th_m_s B_ch_ s_d th_ G_m_s w_ll b_ "m_r_ y_thf_l, m_r_ _rb_n_ nd _ncl_d_ m_r_ w_m_n". N_t_ v_ry_n_ s_h_ppy w_th th_ _ntr_d_ct_n_ f th_ n_w_ v_nts. S_m_ p_pl_ s_d_ t w_s wr_ng t_ _ncl_d_ _rb_n sp_rts l_k_ sk_t_b_r_d_ng, 3-n-3 b_sk_tb_ll, sp_rt cl_mb_ng_ nd BMX fr_styl_. Th_s_ r_t_ try_ nd g_t m_r_ y_ng p_pl_ t_ w_tch th_ G_m_s. H_v_ng_ n_w_r sp_rts m_ns th_r_ w_ll b_ f_w_r_ thl_t_s_ n_ m_r_ tr_d_t_n_l_ v_nts l_k_ w_ghtl_ft_ng_ nd wr_stl_ng. T_ky_ w_ll b_ th_ m_st_ g_nd_r-b_l_nc_d_ _lymp_cs_ v_r. W_m_n_ w_ll m_k_ p_ 48.8 p_r_c_nt_ f_ thl_t_s_ wh_ w_ll c_mp_t_ t th_ G_m_s.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **Tokyo Olympics** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

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What are the good and bad things about mixed-gender sports? Discuss three things.

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 Tokyo Olympics. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. MIXED-GENDER SPORTS: Write a magazine article about mixed-gender sports, with men and women playing on the same teams. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against them.

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

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- | | |
|----------------|------------------|
| 1. compete | a. take part |
| 2. champion | b. gold medalist |
| 3. fun | c. enjoyable |
| 4. spice | d. excitement |
| 5. great | e. wonderful |
| 6. include | f. contain |
| 7. happy | g. pleased |
| 8. wrong | h. not right |
| 9. traditional | i. customary |
| 10. ever | j. until now |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. International Olympic Committee
2. 4x400m
3. swimming
4. mixed events
5. spice
6. IOC president
7. it was wrong
8. 3-on-3
9. weightlifting and wrestling
10. 48.8

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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