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## **Level 3 – 2nd September, 2020**

### **India and Russia share chess gold medal after Internet fails**

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# THE ARTICLE

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This year's Chess Olympiad started in July. Teams from over 160 countries took part. The final round was not the only time teams had technical glitches. A player from Armenia was disconnected from the tournament's server during his quarter-final match against India. However, on that occasion, officials rejected his appeal. Armenia withdrew from the competition in protest. Officials said there were "unprecedented circumstances" in the final. They said: "The Online Chess Olympiad has been impacted by a global Internet outage that severely affected several countries, including India. Two of the Indian players were affected and lost connection when the outcome of the match was still unclear."

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-53965748>  
<https://news.sky.com/story/chess-olympiad-ends-with-joint-winners-after-Internet-outage-12059942>  
<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8679543/India-Russia-gold-medals-chess-championship.html>

# WARM-UPS

**1. CHESS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about chess. 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?

gold / medal / glitch / chess / online / competition / coronavirus / Internet / choice / countries / technical / final / officials / protest / unprecedented / outage / connection

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

**3. INTERNET:** Students A **strongly** believe the Internet has become too important in our lives; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. BOARD GAMES:** What do you know about these board games? How are they good or bad for us? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What You Know	How Good/Bad
Chess		
Monopoly		
Othello		
Pictionary		
Mah jong		
Backgammon		

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

**6. OLYMPIAD:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best Olympiad at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Chess
- Pokemon Go
- Athletics
- Spelling
- Maths
- General knowledge
- Football
- Monopoly

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |               |  |
|---------------|--|
| 1. joint      | a. A particular form of something differing in certain respects from an earlier form or other forms of the same type of thing. |
| 2. glitch     | b. Give a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement.   |
| 3. nation     | c. Shared, held, or made by two or more people, parties, or organizations together.  |
| 4. version    | d. A particular country or territory.  |
| 5. connection | e. A sudden, usually temporary malfunction or irregularity of equipment.   |
| 6. tournament | f. The action of linking one thing with another, like a computer to the Internet.  |
| 7. award      | g. A series of contests between a number of competitors, who compete for an overall prize.                                     |

## Paragraph 2

- |                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| 8. round          | h. A computer or computer program which manages access to a network or the Internet.                |
| 9. server         | i. A particular time or instance of an event.   |
| 10. occasion      | j. A period when a power supply or other service is not available or when equipment is closed down. |
| 11. unprecedented | k. One of different stages in a sporting contest or other competition.                              |
| 12. impacted      | l. The way a thing turns out; a result.   |
| 13. outage        | m. Strongly affected by something.  |
| 14. outcome       | n. Never done or known before.  |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200902-chess.html>

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

- a. There were 43 chess Olympiads before the one in the article. **T / F**
- b. The chess Olympiad takes place every four years. **T / F**
- c. The Olympiad was online because a supercomputer took part. **T / F**
- d. Officials at the Olympiad said it was unfair to award both countries gold. **T / F**
- e. More than 160 countries took part in the Olympiad. **T / F**
- f. A player from Armenia successfully appealed against a computer glitch. **T / F**
- g. An official said there was a global Internet outage. **T / F**
- h. It was clear that the Russian players were winning the final. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                         |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1. <b>received</b>      | a. incident   |
| 2. <b>glitch</b>        | b. link       |
| 3. <b>version</b>       | c. result     |
| 4. <b>connection</b>    | d. joined in  |
| 5. <b>fair</b>          | e. problem    |
| 6. <b>took part</b>     | f. unheard of |
| 7. <b>occasion</b>      | g. format     |
| 8. <b>rejected</b>      | h. just       |
| 9. <b>unprecedented</b> | i. refused    |
| 10. <b>outcome</b>      | j. got        |

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

- |   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| 1. because of a glitch                    | a. glitches                   |
| 2. This year it was held                  | b. to the two countries       |
| 3. some games came                        | c. affected several countries |
| 4. award the gold medal                   | d. online for the first time  |
| 5. lost time when the                     | e. took part                  |
| 6. Teams from over 160 countries          | f. appeal                     |
| 7. technical                              | g. Internet connection failed |
| 8. officials rejected his                 | h. was still unclear          |
| 9. a global Internet outage that severely | i. to an end                  |
| 10. the outcome of the match              | j. with the Internet          |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200902-chess.html>

The gold medal for the 44th Chess Olympiad has been (1) \_\_\_\_\_ by India and Russia. The countries received joint-gold because of a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ with the Internet. The Olympiad takes place every two years to find the best chess-playing (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in the world. This year it was held online for the first time. The online (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of the competition was because of coronavirus. The (5) \_\_\_\_\_ was between players from Russia and India. However, some games came to an end after two Indian players (6) \_\_\_\_\_ their Internet connection. Officials at the tournament said they had no choice but to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the gold medal to the two countries. They said this was fair because the Indian players lost (8) \_\_\_\_\_ when the Internet connection failed.

*nation*  
*final*  
*time*  
*shared*  
*version*  
*award*  
*glitch*  
*lost*

This year's Chess Olympiad started in July. Teams from over 160 countries took (9) \_\_\_\_\_. The final round was not the only time teams had technical glitches. A player from Armenia was (10) \_\_\_\_\_ from the tournament's (11) \_\_\_\_\_ during his quarter-final match against India. However, on that (12) \_\_\_\_\_, officials rejected his (13) \_\_\_\_\_. Armenia withdrew from the competition in protest. Officials said there were "unprecedented circumstances" in the (14) \_\_\_\_\_. They said: "The Online Chess Olympiad has been impacted by a global Internet (15) \_\_\_\_\_ that severely affected several countries, including India. Two of the Indian players were affected and lost connection when the outcome of the match was still (16) \_\_\_\_\_."

*server*  
*final*  
*part*  
*unclear*  
*disconnected*  
*appeal*  
*occasion*  
*outage*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200902-chess.html>

- 1) shared by India and Russia. The countries received joint-gold because \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. offer glitch
  - b. oft a glitch
  - c. off a glitch
  - d. of a glitch
- 2) This year it was held online for the first time. The \_\_\_\_\_...
  - a. online vision
  - b. online verge on
  - c. online version
  - d. online voice on
- 3) final was between players from Russia and India. However, some games came \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to an end
  - b. to amend
  - c. tour an end
  - d. tour end
- 4) Officials at the tournament said they had no choice but to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. award the golden
  - b. aware the gold
  - c. award the gold
  - d. aware the golden
- 5) because the Indian players lost time when the Internet \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. connection flailed
  - b. connection frayed
  - c. connection failed
  - d. connection fade
- 6) This year's Chess Olympiad started in July. Teams from over 160 countries \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. took apart
  - b. took a part
  - c. took part
  - d. took parts
- 7) A player from Armenia was disconnected from the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. tournament's sir veer
  - b. tournament's serve are
  - c. tournament's saver
  - d. tournament's server
- 8) However, on that occasion, officials \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. reject it his appeal
  - b. rejected his appeal
  - c. reject it this appeal
  - d. reject his appeal
- 9) impacted by a global Internet outage that severely affected \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. several countries
  - b. severe all countries
  - c. sever all countries
  - d. sever rail countries
- 10) affected and lost connection when the outcome of the match \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. was stills uncle are
  - b. was stilled non-clear
  - c. was stills unclear
  - d. was still unclear

Level 3

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# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The gold medal for the 44th Chess Olympiad (1) \_\_\_\_\_ by India and Russia. The countries received joint-gold because of (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the Internet. The Olympiad takes place every two years to find the best chess-playing (3) \_\_\_\_\_ world. This year it was held online for the first time. The online version of the competition was because of coronavirus. The final was between players from Russia and India. However, some games came (4) \_\_\_\_\_ after two Indian players lost their Internet connection. Officials at the tournament said they had no choice (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the gold medal to the two countries. They said this was fair because the Indian players lost time when the (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

This year's Chess Olympiad started in July. Teams from over 160 countries took part. The (7) \_\_\_\_\_ not the only time teams had technical glitches. A player from Armenia was disconnected from the tournament's (8) \_\_\_\_\_ quarter-final match against India. However, on that occasion, officials (9) \_\_\_\_\_. Armenia withdrew from the (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Officials said there were "unprecedented circumstances" in the final. They said: "The Online Chess Olympiad has been (11) \_\_\_\_\_ global Internet outage that severely affected several countries, including India. Two of the Indian players were affected and lost connection when (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the match was still unclear."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200902-chess.html>

1. How many chess Olympiads have there been?
2. How often do Chess Olympiads take place?
3. How many times has the Olympiad been online before this one?
4. Why was this Olympiad held online?
5. What did tournament officials say Indian players had lost?
6. How many countries took part in the Olympiad?
7. Which other country has technical problems?
8. What kind of circumstances did officials talk about?
9. How many countries did officials say the Internet outage affected?
10. What did officials say about the outcome of the match?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200902-chess.html>

- 1) How many chess Olympiads have there been?
  - a) 42
  - b) 43
  - c) 44
  - d) 40
- 2) How often do Chess Olympiads take place?
  - a) every two years
  - b) every year
  - c) every four years
  - d) every five years
- 3) How many times has the Olympiad been online before this one?
  - a) one
  - b) none
  - c) three
  - d) two
- 4) Why was this Olympiad held online?
  - a) it was sponsored by Microsoft
  - b) because a supercomputer took park
  - c) so more people could watch
  - d) because of coronavirus
- 5) What did tournament officials say Indian players had lost?
  - a) fitness
  - b) face
  - c) time
  - d) reputation
- 6) How many countries took part in the Olympiad?
  - a) exactly 160
  - b) over 160
  - c) around 160
  - d) just fewer than 160
- 7) Which other country has technical problems?
  - a) Albania
  - b) Azerbaijan
  - c) Andorra
  - d) Armenia
- 8) What kind of circumstances did officials talk about?
  - a) unforeseen circumstances
  - b) unprecedented circumstances
  - c) strange circumstances
  - d) planned circumstances
- 9) How many countries did officials say the Internet outage affected?
  - a) 70
  - b) several
  - c) 17
  - d) seven
- 10) What did officials say about the outcome of the match?
  - a) it was unclear
  - b) it was great
  - c) it will be decided
  - d) it was a shock

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Chess**

You think chess is the best theme for an Olympiad. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Pokemon Go, spelling or general knowledge.

## **Role B – Pokemon Go**

You think Pokemon Go is the best theme for an Olympiad. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): chess, spelling or general knowledge.

## **Role C – Spelling**

You think spelling is the best theme for an Olympiad. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Pokemon Go, chess or general knowledge.

## **Role D – General Knowledge**

You think general knowledge is the best theme for an Olympiad. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Pokemon Go, spelling or chess.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

gold	medal

- 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"><li>• received</li><li>• nation</li><li>• version</li><li>• end</li><li>• award</li><li>• failed</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• started</li><li>• only</li><li>• server</li><li>• protest</li><li>• severely</li><li>• outcome</li></ul>
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# CHESS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about chess 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.

# CHESS 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 'chess'?
3. What do you know about chess?
4. What experiences do you have of playing chess?
5. What do you think of the idea of an Olympics for chess?
6. Have you ever won a gold medal?
7. When was the last time you experienced an Internet glitch?
8. What do you think of online chess?
9. Are machines better at chess than humans?
10. Was it fair to award the gold medal to both countries?

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# CHESS 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 word 'medal'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What are the rules of chess?
15. What is your favourite board game?
16. Should the final have been replayed?
17. How would you feel if you were one of the players?
18. What do you think of chess?
19. How can chess help you in life?
20. What questions would you like to ask the chess players?

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

- |     |              |               |               |               |
|-----|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) sharing  | (b) shared    | (c) share     | (d) shares    |
| 2.  | (a) pace     | (b) place     | (c) plaice    | (d) peace     |
| 3.  | (a) gripped  | (b) clutched  | (c) grasped   | (d) held      |
| 4.  | (a) of       | (b) to        | (c) at        | (d) as        |
| 5.  | (a) let      | (b) get       | (c) put       | (d) but       |
| 6.  | (a) last     | (b) lest      | (c) lost      | (d) list      |
| 7.  | (a) part     | (b) down      | (c) this      | (d) up        |
| 8.  | (a) then     | (b) which     | (c) during    | (d) belong    |
| 9.  | (a) as       | (b) at        | (c) on        | (d) in        |
| 10. | (a) impacted | (b) compacted | (c) implanted | (d) respected |
| 11. | (a) several  | (b) server    | (c) severe    | (d) serve     |
| 12. | (a) outcome  | (b) income    | (c) outgoing  | (d) incoming  |



# SPELLING

## Paragraph 1

1. because of a cgilht with the Internet
2. the best chess-playing ionatn
3. The online evnrsoi
4. Officials at the reaountmtn
5. drawa the gold medal
6. the Internet enocciotnn failed

## Paragraph 2

7. A player from Armenia was cnديوedtnesc
8. on that occisnao
9. officials rejected his epaalp
10. withdrew from the competition in eottprs
11. the otmoeduc of the match
12. still rnclEAU

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200902-chess.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) circumstances" in the final. They said: "The Online Chess Olympiad has been impacted
- ( ) by a global Internet outage that severely affected several countries, including India. Two of the Indian
- ( ) gold because of a glitch with the Internet. The Olympiad takes place every two years to find the best chess-
- ( ) fair because the Indian players lost time when the Internet connection failed.
- ( ) playing nation in the world. This year it was held online for the first time. The online version of the competition was because
- ( ) had no choice but to award the gold medal to the two countries. They said this was
- ( **1** ) The gold medal for the 44th Chess Olympiad has been shared by India and Russia. The countries received joint-
- ( ) This year's Chess Olympiad started in July. Teams from over 160 countries took part. The final
- ( ) his appeal. Armenia withdrew from the competition in protest. Officials said there were "unprecedented
- ( ) round was not the only time teams had technical glitches. A player from Armenia was disconnected from the tournament's
- ( ) players were affected and lost connection when the outcome of the match was still unclear."
- ( ) of coronavirus. The final was between players from Russia and India. However, some games came to an
- ( ) end after two Indian players lost their Internet connection. Officials at the tournament said they
- ( ) server during his quarter-final match against India. However, on that occasion, officials rejected

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200902-chess.html>

1. of received a countries glitch . The because joint-gold
2. every Olympiad takes two The place years .
3. held It the first was time . online for
4. connection . lost After Indian players two Internet their
5. time Players Internet lost failed . connection the when
6. Teams countries from over took part . 160
7. glitches . had teams only Not the technical time
8. from protest . Armenia the competition withdrew in
9. the in There were unprecedented final . circumstances
10. affected . Indian of Two players chess the were

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200902-chess.html>

The gold medal *for / on* the 44th Chess Olympiad has been shared *at / by* India and Russia. The countries *receiving / received* joint-gold because of a *glitch / ditch* with the Internet. The Olympiad takes place every two years to find the best chess-playing nation in the world. This year it was *grasped / held* online for the first time. The online *vision / version* of the competition was because of coronavirus. The final was *between / connection* players from Russia and India. However, some games *came / went* to an end after two Indian players lost their Internet connection. Officials at the tournament said they had no *choose / choice* but to award the gold medal to the two countries. They said this was fair because the Indian players lost time when the Internet connection *failure / failed*.

This year's Chess Olympiad *starred / started* in July. Teams from over 160 countries took part. The final *square / round* was not the only time teams had *technique / technical* glitches. A player from Armenia was disconnected from the tournament's *server / saver* during his quarter-final match against India. However, on that *occasion / occasionally*, officials rejected his appeal. Armenia withdrew from the competition in *detest / protest*. Officials said there were "unprecedented circumstances" in the final. They said: "The Online Chess Olympiad has been *compacted / impacted* by a global Internet outage that severely *affected / effected* several countries, including India. Two of the Indian players were affected and *lose / lost* connection when the outcome of the match was still *unclear / clarity*."

**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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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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this years chess olympiad started in july teams from over 160 countries took part the final round was not the only time teams had technical glitches a player from armenia was disconnected from the tournaments server during his quarterfinal match against india however on that occasion officials rejected his appeal armenia withdrew from the competition in protest officials said there were unprecedented circumstances in the final they said the online chess olympiad has been impacted by a global Internet outage that severely affected several countries including india two of the indian players were affected and lost connection when the outcome of the match was still unclear

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

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Chess is the greatest game in the world. Discuss.

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# 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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. GOLD MEDAL:** Make a poster about gold medals. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. CHESS:** Write a magazine article about all of us having to learn chess. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 chess. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on chess. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c    2. e    3. d    4. a    5. f    6. g    7. b  
8. k    9. h    10. i    11. n    12. m    13. j    14. l

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. j	2. e	3. g	4. b	5. h
6. d	7. a	8. i	9. f	10. c

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- 44
- Every two years
- None
- Because of coronavirus
- Time
- Over 160
- Armenia
- Unprecedented circumstances
- Several
- It was unclear

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- The countries received joint-gold because of a glitch.
- The Olympiad takes place every two years.
- It was held online for the first time.
- After two Indian players lost their Internet connection.
- Players lost time when the Internet connection failed.
- Teams from over 160 countries took part.
- Not the only time teams had technical glitches.
- Armenia withdrew from the competition in protest.
- There were unprecedented circumstances in the final.
- Two of the Indian chess players were affected.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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