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Level 4 – 27th March, 2021

Olympic Torch Relay starts in Japan

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The Tokyo Olympics torch relay started. The Games were postponed due to coronavirus but they will go ahead in July. Japan's women's football team carried the torch in the first leg. It began in Fukushima, which was devastated by the 2011 earthquake, tsunami and nuclear meltdown. The torch is made of aluminium recycled from housing built for survivors of the disasters. Fukushima was chosen as the start of the relay to show it has recovered.

The head of Japan's Olympic organizing committee said: "The flame will embark on a 121-day journey and will carry hopes...and wishes for peace." She asked people to look at live broadcasts of the relay and not travel to watch it because of COVID 19. Spectators must clap rather than cheer. Japan's Prime Minister wants to stage a "safe and secure" Olympics in spite of the pandemic. He said: "We will do our utmost on coronavirus measures."

Sources: <https://www.npr.org/2021/03/25/981136160/torch-relay-kicks-off-for-troubled-tokyo-olympic-games>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The Games were | a. aluminium |
| 2. they will go | b. postponed |
| 3. carried the torch in the first | c. the relay |
| 4. devastated | d. leg |
| 5. nuclear | e. disasters |
| 6. The torch is made of | f. meltdown |
| 7. survivors of the | g. ahead in July |
| 8. the start of | h. by the 2011 earthquake |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Japan's Olympic organizing | a. of the relay |
| 2. embark on a 121-day | b. utmost |
| 3. carry hopes and | c. than cheer |
| 4. look at live broadcasts | d. journey |
| 5. clap rather | e. of the pandemic |
| 6. stage a safe | f. committee |
| 7. in spite | g. and secure Olympics |
| 8. We will do our | h. wishes for peace |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ to coronavirus but they
(2) _____ in July. Japan's women's football team
carried the torch in (3) _____. It began in Fukushima,
which was devastated by the 2011 earthquake,
(4) _____ meltdown. The torch is made of aluminium
(5) _____ built for survivors of the disasters.
Fukushima was chosen as the start of the relay to show
(6) _____.

The head of Japan's Olympic organizing committee said: "The
(7) _____ on a 121-day journey and
(8) _____...and wishes for peace." She asked people to
look at live broadcasts (9) _____ and not travel to
watch it because of COVID 19. Spectators (10) _____
than cheer. Japan's Prime Minister wants (11) _____
"safe and secure" Olympics in spite of the pandemic. He said: "We will
(12) _____ on coronavirus measures."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE OLYMPICS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the 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) _____

