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Olympic Torch Relay starts in Japan

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THE ARTICLE

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The torch relay for the Tokyo Olympics is finally under way. The 2020 Summer Games were postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic but organizers have been determined to ensure they go ahead in July. Members of the Japan women's football team ran as torchbearers in the first leg of the relay on Thursday. It began in Fukushima Prefecture, which was devastated by the triple disasters of the 2011 earthquake, tsunami and nuclear meltdown. The relay torch is made of aluminium recycled from prefabricated housing built for survivors of the triple calamity. Fukushima was chosen as the start of the relay to show the area has recovered, although many people say claims of recovery are a little premature.

The head of Japan's Olympic organizing committee, Seiko Hashimoto, opened the torch relay ceremony. She said in her opening address: "The flame will embark on a 121-day journey and will carry the hopes of the Japanese people and wishes for peace." Japanese people are being encouraged to look at live broadcasts of the relay and refrain from travelling to watch it amid fears of a spike in COVID 19 cases. Spectators must wear face masks, and are being urged to clap rather than cheer. Japan's Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga reiterated his commitment to stage a "safe and secure" Olympics in spite of the pandemic. He said: "We will do our utmost on coronavirus measures."

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WARM-UPS

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

torch / relay / coronavirus / pandemic / disasters / earthquake / tsunami / recovery / committee / ceremony / flame / peace / spike / face masks / clap / cheer / pandemic

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

3. THE GREATEST: Students A **strongly** believe the Olympic Games is the greatest sporting event in the world; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SPORTING EVENTS: How good are these sporting events? What are the good and bad things about them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

| | How Good? | Good Things | Bad Things |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| The Summer Olympics | | | |
| The Winter Olympics | | | |
| The FIFA World Cup | | | |
| Wimbledon tennis | | | |
| Formula 1 racing | | | |
| The Tour de France | | | |

5. TORCH: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "torch". 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 events at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Marathon
- Weightlifting
- Sailing
- Archery
- Judo
- Gymnastics
- 100 metres
- Hockey

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 1. under way | a. Having made a firm decision and being resolved not to change. |
| 2. postponed | b. An event causing great and often sudden damage or distress; a disaster. |
| 3. determined | c. Having started and in progress; being done or carried out. |
| 4. devastated | d. Cause or arrange for (something) to take place at a time later than that first scheduled. |
| 5. prefabricated | e. Destroyed or ruined. |
| 6. calamity | f. Pre-made sections of (a building or piece of furniture) to enable quick assembly on site. |
| 7. premature | g. Happening or done before the usual or proper time; too early. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 8. address | h. A person who watches at a show, game, or other event. |
| 9. embark | i. A formal speech delivered to an audience. |
| 10. refrain | j. A sharp increase in something. |
| 11. spike | k. Recommend something strongly. |
| 12. spectator | l. Begin a course of action. |
| 13. urged | m. The biggest effort one is capable of. |
| 14. utmost | n. Stop oneself from doing something. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210327-olympic-torch-relay.html>

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

- a. Japan's men's football team kicked off the Olympic Torch Relay. **T / F**
- b. The Olympic Torch Relay began in Tokyo and will end in Osaka. **T / F**
- c. The torch for the relay is made of recycled aluminium. **T / F**
- d. Many people say Fukushima hasn't recovered from the 2011 earthquake. **T / F**
- e. Japan's Prime Minister opened the Olympic Torch Relay ceremony. **T / F**
- f. The Olympic Torch Relay will take 121 days. **T / F**
- g. Spectators along the relay route should clap but not cheer. **T / F**
- h. Japan's leader said the utmost is being done for coronavirus. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. under way | a. rise |
| 2. determined | b. disaster |
| 3. devastated | c. too early |
| 4. calamity | d. intent on |
| 5. premature | e. speech |
| 6. address | f. hold back |
| 7. journey | g. in process |
| 8. refrain | h. best |
| 9. spike | i. destroyed |
| 10. utmost | j. trip |

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

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. The torch relay for the Tokyo Olympics is | a. rather than cheer |
| 2. determined to ensure they | b. of the relay |
| 3. in the first leg | c. ceremony |
| 4. the 2011 earthquake, tsunami and | d. premature |
| 5. claims of recovery are a little | e. secure Olympics |
| 6. opened the torch relay | f. on coronavirus measures |
| 7. The flame will embark on | g. finally under way |
| 8. urged to clap | h. nuclear meltdown |
| 9. stage a safe and | i. a 121-day journey |
| 10. We will do our utmost | j. go ahead in July |

GAP FILL

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The torch relay for the Tokyo Olympics is finally (1) _____ way. The 2020 Summer Games were postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic but organizers have been determined to ensure they (2) _____ ahead in July. Members of the Japan women's football team ran as (3) _____ in the first leg of the relay on Thursday. It began in Fukushima Prefecture, which was devastated by the (4) _____ disasters of the 2011 earthquake, tsunami and nuclear (5) _____. The relay torch is made of aluminium recycled from prefabricated housing built for (6) _____ of the triple calamity. Fukushima was chosen as the start of the relay to show the area has recovered, although many people say (7) _____ of recovery are a little (8) _____.

torchbearers
meltdown
under
premature
go
claims
triple
survivors

The head of Japan's Olympic organizing committee, Seiko Hashimoto, opened the torch relay (9) _____. She said in her opening (10) _____: "The flame will (11) _____ on a 121-day journey and will carry the hopes of the Japanese people and wishes for peace." Japanese people are being encouraged to look at live broadcasts of the relay and (12) _____ from travelling to watch it amid fears of a (13) _____ in COVID 19 cases. Spectators must wear face masks, and are being (14) _____ to clap rather than cheer. Japan's Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga (15) _____ his commitment to stage a "safe and secure" Olympics in spite of the pandemic. He said: "We will do our (16) _____ on coronavirus measures."

spike
address
utmost
ceremony
urged
refrain
reiterated
embark

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) The torch relay for the Tokyo Olympics is _____
 - a. finally under way
 - b. finally over way
 - c. finally under weigh
 - d. finale udder way
- 2) the Japan women's football team ran as torchbearers in _____
 - a. the first toe
 - b. the first leg
 - c. the first calf
 - d. the first thigh
- 3) by the triple disasters of the 2011 earthquake, tsunami _____
 - a. and nuclear melted down
 - b. and nuclear melts down
 - c. and nuclear melting down
 - d. and nuclear meltdown
- 4) recycled from prefabricated housing built for survivors of _____
 - a. the triple calamitous
 - b. the triple calamity
 - c. the triple calamitously
 - d. the triple clam
- 5) although many people say claims of recovery are _____
 - a. a little immature
 - b. a little maturation
 - c. a little maturity
 - d. a little premature
- 6) opened the torch relay ceremony. She said in _____
 - a. her opening address
 - b. her opening redress
 - c. her opening undress
 - d. her opening dresser
- 7) encouraged to look at live broadcasts of the relay and _____
 - a. refrain of travelling
 - b. refrain to travelling
 - c. refrain as travelling
 - d. refrain from travelling
- 8) to watch it amid fears of a spike in _____
 - a. COVID 19 case is
 - b. COVID 19 castes
 - c. COVID 19 case
 - d. COVID 19 cases
- 9) wear face masks, and are being urged to clap _____
 - a. rather than cheers
 - b. rather than cheer
 - c. rather than cheerio
 - d. rather than cheered
- 10) Olympics in spite of the pandemic. He said: "We will _____"
 - a. do our at most
 - b. do our mostly
 - c. do our utmost
 - d. do our uppermost

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210327-olympic-torch-relay.html>

1. Who was determined the Olympics would go ahead?
2. Who ran the first leg of the relay?
3. Where did the Olympic Torch Relay begin?
4. What is the Olympic flame made of?
5. What did many people say about claims of Fukushima's recovery?
6. Who is Seiko Hashimoto?
7. How long will the Olympic Torch Relay take?
8. What are Japanese people being encouraged to look at?
9. What should spectators do instead of cheer?
10. What did Japan's Prime Minister say he is doing about coronavirus?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210327-olympic-torch-relay.html>

- 1) Who was determined the Olympics would go ahead?
 - a) the IOC
 - b) Seiko Hashimoto
 - c) organizers
 - d) Japan's government
- 2) Who ran the first leg of the relay?
 - a) members of Japan's women's football team
 - b) members of Japan's men's football team
 - c) sumo wrestlers
 - d) children
- 3) Where did the Olympic Torch Relay begin?
 - a) Fukushima
 - b) Tokyo
 - c) Sapporo
 - d) Kyoto
- 4) What is the Olympic torch made of?
 - a) gold
 - b) recycled aluminium
 - c) silver
 - d) recycled medals
- 5) What did many people say about claims of Fukushima's recovery?
 - a) they are false
 - b) they are accurate
 - c) there are errors
 - d) they are a little premature
- 6) Who is Seiko Hashimoto?
 - a) Fukushima's mayor
 - b) the head of Japan's Olympic organizing committee
 - c) an actress
 - d) a 100-metre runner
- 7) How long will the Olympic Torch Relay take?
 - a) 121 days
 - b) 122 days
 - c) 123 days
 - d) 124 days
- 8) What are Japanese people being encouraged to look at?
 - a) the news
 - b) newspapers
 - c) live broadcasts
 - d) the Internet
- 9) What should spectators do instead of cheer?
 - a) sing
 - b) wave
 - c) chant
 - d) clap
- 10) What did Japan's Prime Minister say he is doing about coronavirus?
 - a) his utmost
 - b) not much
 - c) everything
 - d) thinking

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – The Marathon

You think the marathon is the best Olympic event. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their events. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): judo, gymnastics or hockey.

Role B – Judo

You think judo is the best Olympic event. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their events. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the marathon, gymnastics or hockey.

Role C – Gymnastics

You think gymnastics is the best Olympic event. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their events. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): judo, the marathon or hockey.

Role D – Hockey

You think hockey is the best Olympic event. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their events. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): judo, gymnastics or the marathon.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210327-olympic-torch-relay.html>

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

| | |
|----------------|--------------|
| Olympic | games |
|----------------|--------------|

- 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">• finally• due• leg• meltdown• built• little | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• head• flame• live• face• stage• utmost |
|---|---|

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.

THE 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 'Olympic'?
3. What do you think of the Olympic Games?
4. What are the benefits of the Olympic Games?
5. What is your favourite event?
6. How successful do you think the Tokyo Olympics will be?
7. How has coronavirus affected the Olympics?
8. Do you think the Tokyo Olympics should go ahead?
9. What do you think of there being no international spectators?
10. What do the Olympics do for the host city?

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THE 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 word 'games'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of the Olympic Torch Relay?
15. What does the Olympic flame symbolize?
16. What do you know about the history of the Olympics?
17. Why might Japanese people not want the Games to go ahead?
18. How good is your country at Olympic events?
19. Who is the greatest ever Olympian?
20. What questions would you like to ask the Olympics organizers?

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 head of Japan's Olympic organizing committee, Seiko Hashimoto, opened the torch relay ceremony. She said in her opening (7) _____: "The flame will embark on a 121-day journey and will (8) _____ the hopes of the Japanese people and wishes for peace." Japanese people are being encouraged to look at live broadcasts of the relay and (9) _____ from travelling to watch it amid fears of a spike in COVID 19 cases. Spectators must wear face masks, and are being (10) _____ to clap rather than cheer. Japan's Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga reiterated his commitment to (11) _____ a "safe and secure" Olympics in spite of the pandemic. He said: "We will do our (12) _____ on coronavirus measures."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) under | (b) about | (c) through | (d) over |
| 2. | (a) at | (b) by | (c) to | (d) on |
| 3. | (a) carry | (b) come | (c) do | (d) go |
| 4. | (a) arm | (b) leg | (c) back | (d) head |
| 5. | (a) clam | (b) calamitously | (c) calamitous | (d) calamity |
| 6. | (a) immature | (b) maturity | (c) premature | (d) maturation |
| 7. | (a) home | (b) address | (c) number | (d) details |
| 8. | (a) carry | (b) pack | (c) transit | (d) trip |
| 9. | (a) refrain | (b) retrain | (c) regain | (d) refer |
| 10. | (a) purged | (b) curbed | (c) urged | (d) perturbed |
| 11. | (a) conform | (b) leg | (c) platform | (d) stage |
| 12. | (a) most | (b) utmost | (c) mostly | (d) at most |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. ontoppsde due to the coronavirus pandemic
2. organizers have been terenmided
3. devtetdasa by the triple disasters
4. housing built for srsrvvuoi
5. the triple ictmyaal
6. a little prmraeute

Paragraph 2

7. organizing comiettme
8. the torch relay renmeyco
9. rkmeab on a 121-day journey
10. ainrref from travelling
11. eartrdteei his commitment
12. We will do our osmtut

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () disasters of the 2011 earthquake, tsunami and nuclear meltdown. The relay torch is made of aluminium recycled from prefabricated
- () ceremony. She said in her opening address: "The flame will embark on a 121-day journey and will carry the
- () his commitment to stage a "safe and secure" Olympics in
- () housing built for survivors of the triple calamity. Fukushima was chosen as the start of the relay to show the area has
- () wear face masks, and are being urged to clap rather than cheer. Japan's Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga reiterated
- () broadcasts of the relay and refrain from travelling to watch it amid fears of a spike in COVID 19 cases. Spectators must
- () relay on Thursday. It began in Fukushima Prefecture, which was devastated by the triple
- () The head of Japan's Olympic organizing committee, Seiko Hashimoto, opened the torch relay
- () to the coronavirus pandemic but organizers have been determined to ensure they go
- () spite of the pandemic. He said: "We will do our utmost on coronavirus measures."
- (**1**) The torch relay for the Tokyo Olympics is finally under way. The 2020 Summer Games were postponed due
- () hopes of the Japanese people and wishes for peace." Japanese people are being encouraged to look at live
- () ahead in July. Members of the Japan women's football team ran as torchbearers in the first leg of the
- () recovered, although many people say claims of recovery are a little premature.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. ahead . ensure Organizers to are they go determined
2. and The 2011 meltdown . tsunami earthquake, nuclear
3. torch The relay recycled made of aluminum . is
4. survivors built calamity . Housing of the for triple
5. recovery a of are Claims premature . little
6. on will a 121-day flame embark journey . The
7. broadcasts . encouraged being are People to watch live
8. spike Amid COVID 19 cases . in of fears a
9. rather to clap urged People cheer . are than
10. on coronavirus do measures . our will utmost We

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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The torch relay for the Tokyo Olympics is finally *over / under* way. The 2020 Summer Games were postponed due *at / to* the coronavirus pandemic but organizers have been determined to *reassure / ensure* they go ahead in July. Members of the Japan women's football team ran as torchbearers in the first *leg / arm* of the relay on Thursday. It began in Fukushima Prefecture, which was *devastating / devastated* by the triple disasters of the 2011 earthquake, tsunami and nuclear *meltdown / melting*. The relay torch is made of aluminium recycled from prefabricated housing *building / built* for survivors of the triple calamity. Fukushima was *chosen / chasten* as the start of the relay to *show / view* the area has recovered, although many people say claims of recovery are a little *premature / prematurely*.

The head of Japan's Olympic organizing committee, Seiko Hashimoto, *opened / unveiled* the torch relay ceremony. She said in her opening *address / number*: "The flame will *embark / disembark* on a 121-day journey and will carry the hopes of the Japanese people and wishes for peace." Japanese people are *being / been* encouraged to look at live broadcasts of the relay and *retrain / refrain* from travelling to watch it *middling / amid* fears of a spike in COVID 19 cases. Spectators must wear face masks, and are being *purged / urged* to clap rather than cheer. Japan's Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga reiterated his commitment to *state / stage* a "safe and secure" Olympics in *spite / spate* of the pandemic. He said: "We will do our *most / utmost* on coronavirus measures."

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_ t_rch r_l_y f_r th_ T_ky_ _lymp_cs _s f_n_lly
_nd_r w_y. Th_ 2020 S_mm_r G_m_s w_r_ p_stp_nd
d__ t_ th_ c_r_n_v_r_s p_nd_m_c b_t _rg_n_z_rs h_v_
b__n d_t_r_m_n_d t_ _ns_r_ th_y g_ _h__d _n J_ly.
M_mb_rs _f th_ J_p_n w_m_n's f__tb_ll t__m r_n _s
t_rchb__r_rs _n th_ f_rst l_g _f th_ r_l_y _n
Th_rsd_y. _t b_g_n _n F_k_sh_m_ Pr_f_ct_r_, wh_ch
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c_l_m_ty. F_k_sh_m_ w_s ch_s_n _s th_ st_rt _f th_
r_l_y t_ sh_w th_ _r__ h_s r_c_v_r_d, _lth__gh m_ny
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_mb_rk _n _ 121-d_y j__rn_y _nd w_ll c_rry th_ h_p_s
f th J_p_n_s_ p__pl_ _nd w_sh_s f_r p__c_."
J_p_n_s_ p__pl_ _r_ b__ng _nc__r_g_d t_ l__k _t l_v_
br__dc_sts _f th_ r_l_y _nd r_fr__n fr_m tr_v_ll_ng t_
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Sp_ct_t_rs m_st w__r f_c_ m_sks, _nd _r_ b__ng _rg_d
t_ cl_p r_th_r th_n ch__r. J_p_n's Pr_m_ M_n_st_r
Y_sh_h_d_ S_g_ r__t_r_t_d h_s c_mm_tm_nt t_ st_g_ _
"s_f_ _nd s_c_r_" _lymp_cs _n sp_t_ _f th_ p_nd_m_c.
H_ s__d: "W_ w_ll d_ __r _tm_st _n c_r_n_v_r_s
m__s_r_s."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210327-olympic-torch-relay.html>

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the head of japans olympic organizing committee seiko hashimoto opened the torch relay ceremony she said in her opening address the flame will embark on a 121day journey and will carry the hopes of the japanese people and wishes for peace japanese people are being encouraged to look at live broadcasts of the relay and refrain from travelling to watch it amid fears of a spike in covid 19 cases spectators must wear face masks and are being urged to clap rather than cheer japans prime minister yoshihide suga reiterated his commitment to stage a safe and secure olympics in spite of the pandemic he said we will do our utmost on coronavirus measures

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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

4. NO INTERNATIONAL SPECTATORS: Write a magazine article about having no international spectators at the Tokyo Olympics. 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 the Olympics. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make the Games better. 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. d 3. a 4. e 5. f 6. b 7. g
8. i 9. l 10. n 11. j 12. h 13. k 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Organizers
2. Members of Japan's women's football team
3. Fukushima
4. Recycled aluminium
5. They are a little premature
6. The head of Japan's Olympic organizing committee
7. 121 days
8. Live broadcasts
9. Clap
10. His utmost

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Organizers are determined to ensure they go ahead.
2. The 2011 earthquake, tsunami and nuclear meltdown.
3. The relay torch is made of recycled aluminum.
4. Housing built for survivors of the triple calamity.
5. Claims of recovery are a little premature.
6. The flame will embark on a 121-day journey.
7. People are being encouraged to watch live broadcasts.
8. Amid fears of a spike in COVID 19 cases.
9. People are urged to clap rather than cheer.
10. We will do our utmost on coronavirus measures.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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