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Level 1 – 26th August, 2021

2020 Tokyo Paralympics under way

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games have begun. The 12-day competition has 539 events in 22 sports. The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) said 161 countries and 4,500 para athletes will take part. Japan's emperor opened the Games. He said: "I would like to join you in wishing all athletes the very best." The IPC president said the Paralympics were "fantastic to watch" and have the ability to change society.

The Games should have taken place last year but coronavirus postponed them. The IPC president said: "I cannot believe we are finally here....Thanks to the efforts of many, the most transformative sport event on Earth is about to begin." A 14-year-old swimmer spoke about her excitement. She said: "I feel like I'm meeting movie stars." She added: "Since it's the Paralympics and everybody else is disabled, I feel really comfortable."

Sources: <https://the-japan-news.com/news/article/0007704337>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The 12- | a. to watch |
| 2. 539 events | b. will take part |
| 3. 4,500 para athletes | c. change society |
| 4. Japan's emperor opened | d. day competition |
| 5. I would like | e. very best |
| 6. wishing all athletes the | f. the Games |
| 7. the Paralympics were fantastic | g. to join you |
| 8. have the ability to | h. in 22 sports |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The Games should have taken | a. event on Earth |
| 2. coronavirus | b. comfortable |
| 3. I cannot believe we | c. of many |
| 4. Thanks to the efforts | d. excitement |
| 5. the most transformative sport | e. place last year |
| 6. spoke about her | f. movie stars |
| 7. I feel like I'm meeting | g. postponed them |
| 8. I feel really | h. are finally here |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Games should have taken (7) _____ but coronavirus postponed them. The IPC president said: "I cannot believe we (8) _____....Thanks to the efforts of many, the most transformative (9) _____ Earth is about to begin." A 14-year-old (10) _____ her excitement. She said: "I feel like I'm (11) _____." She added: "Since it's the Paralympics and everybody else is disabled, (12) _____ comfortable."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE PARALYMPICS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210826-tokyo-paralympics-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about the Paralympics 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) _____

