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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 10/09/13

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### SPEAKING

Think of three ways you know about the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. Go round the room swapping details with others.

### LISTENING – WRITING - DICTATION

The teacher will read some lines of the article slowly to the class.

### READING

Students should now read the article aloud, swapping readers every paragraph.

### SPEAKING - UNDERSTANDING

**1) The article** – Students check any unknown vocabulary or phrases with the teacher.

**2) The article** - Students should look through the article with the teacher.

- 1) What is the article about?
- 2) What do you think about the article?
- 3) Was this an easy or difficult article to understand?
- 4) Was this a boring or interesting article?
- 5) Discuss the article.

**3) Article quiz** - Students quiz each other in pairs. Score a point for each correct answer. Score half a point each time you have to look at the article for help. See who can get the highest score!

#### Student A questions

- 1) Name the Japanese Prime Minister.
- 2) What happened in 1964?
- 3) Name the three cities competing for the Olympic Games 2020.
- 4) What is wrestling?
- 5) Where is Istanbul?

#### Student B questions

- 1) What sport was reinstated?
- 2) What were the concerns if Tokyo won?
- 3) Why did Istanbul lose?
- 4) Where did the session take place?
- 5) What did the Japanese Prime Minister say?

**Category: Olympic Games / Tokyo 2020 / IOC**  
**Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate**

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### WRITING / SPEAKING

*In pairs.* On the board write as many words as you can to do with '**Olympic Games**'. *One-two minutes.* Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

### WRITING / SPEAKING

*In pairs* think of three previous cities that have hosted the Olympic Games. In what year did they host the games? Write them below.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

**Add** three top Olympic sports.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

*The teacher* will choose some pairs to discuss their findings in front of the class.

### WRITING / SPEAKING – 60 seconds

*In pairs,* write down as many Olympic sports as you can in 60 seconds then discuss together.

*The teacher* will choose some students to read out their suggestions to the class.

### DISCUSSION

#### Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Would you like to go to Tokyo?
- 3) Would you like to watch the Olympic Games live in Tokyo in 2020?
- 4) What did you like about London 2012?
- 5) Did your country win any gold medals at London 2012?
- 6) What Olympic sport is your country good at?
- 7) Why did Japan win the Olympic City 2020 host nation bid?
- 8) Do you watch any wrestling on TV?
- 9) Why was wrestling reinstated?
- 10) Have you learnt anything in today's English lesson?

### SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 1

*In groups.* One of you is the interviewer. There are up to four guests. You are in the *Sport FM* radio studio in London. Today's interview is: *Olympic Games 2020 – It's Tokyo! 10 mins.*

- 1) Head of the IOC
- 2) A wrestling official
- 3) A Tokyo resident
- 4) An Olympics fan

*The teacher* will choose some groups to roleplay their interview in front of the class.

### SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

*In pairs.* You are in a bar. Start a conversation about the Olympic Games 2020 in Tokyo. *5 mins.*

### SPEAKING – DISCUSSION

*Allow 10 minutes – As a class.*

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*The teacher* can moderate the session.

### DISCUSSION

#### Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) Which were your favourite Olympic Games?
- 3) Have you ever been to an Olympic Games opening ceremony?
- 4) Why is hosting the Olympic Games such a big thing?
- 5) Where are the Olympic Games being held in 2016?
- 6) What sports do you play?
- 7) Name your country's top sports person.
- 8) Which is your favourite Olympic sport? Why?
- 9) Has this been a difficult lesson for you to understand?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

**GAP FILL: READING**

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Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe had flown to the Argentinean capital to (7)\_\_\_ his city at the session. Speaking afterwards he said, "I would like to thank everyone in the Olympic movement and we will host a (8)\_\_\_ Olympic Games."

***promote / host / radiation / wonderful / message / session / thrilling / favourite***

Earlier, there had been (1)\_\_\_ when Istanbul and Madrid tied in the first round of voting, forcing a (2)\_\_\_ break among the 94 voters that ended with a narrow win for the Turkish capital. In the second round Tokyo won the vote.

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Meanwhile (6)\_\_\_ has been reinstated by the IOC as an Olympic sport for 2020 and the 2024 Games after being voted in ahead of (7)\_\_\_ and baseball/softball. Wrestling is one of the original disciplines of the (8)\_\_\_ Olympics.

***eruption / drama / ancient / tie / supporters / wrestling / dejected / squash***

**GAP FILL: GRAMMAR**

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***but / in / his / I / the / our / at / a***

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***after / whilst / about / when / there / with / that / for***

## GAP FILL: LISTENING

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## WRITING/SPELLING

### WRITING / SPEAKING

**1) On the board** - *In pairs*, write down 10 former Olympic Games host cities together with the year they held the games. Talk about them! Which was the best? Which do you remember most? *5 mins.*

**2) Sentence starters** - Finish these sentence starters. Correct your mistakes. Compare what other people have written.

- 1) The Olympic Games \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Tokyo \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) My favourite sport \_\_\_\_\_

**3) Homework** - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **Olympic Games 2020 – It's Tokyo!** Your email can be read out in class.

### GAP FILL READING

- 1) host
- 2) thrilling
- 3) session
- 4) favourite
- 5) radiation
- 6) message
- 7) promote
- 8) wonderful

### SPELLING

The teacher will ask the class individually to spell the following words that are in the article. Afterwards check your answers.

- 1) promote
- 2) afterwards
- 3) thrilling
- 4) favourite
- 5) nuclear
- 6) radiation
- 7) message
- 8) wrestling
- 9) movement
- 10) wonderful

### ANSWERS

- 1) drama
- 2) tie
- 3) eruption
- 4) supporters
- 5) dejected
- 6) wrestling
- 7) squash
- 8) ancient

### SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

**Pass = 12**

**Good = 15**

**Very good = 18**

**Excellent = 20**

- 11) earlier
- 12) drama
- 13) tie break
- 14) narrow
- 15) whilst
- 16) eruption
- 17) despair
- 18) dejected
- 19) defeat
- 20) opponents

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