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SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things you know about the Olympic Games. 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) Where is Peru?
- 2) Where is Paris?
- 3) Where is Los Angeles?
- 4) Who hosted the summer Olympic Games in 2012?
- 5) Name the French President.

Student B questions

- 1) Describe the Eiffel Tower.
- 2) Who hosted the Olympic Games in 2016?
- 3) Name the IOC president.
- 4) Why did many cities drop out of the bidding process?
- 5) What happens in 2020?

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WRITING / SPEAKING

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs – Think of three new summer Olympic sports. Which is best? Discuss together.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Think of three summer Olympic sports you like to watch on TV. Why? Discuss together.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

WRITING / SPEAKING – 60 SECONDS

In pairs – Write down as many summer Olympic sports as you can. Discuss together.

SPEAKING – GETTING TO A HOST CITY

In pairs – You are planning a trip together to Paris or Los Angeles to see the 2024 or 2028 Olympic Games. How will you get there? Where will you stay? What will you take with you? What is particular Olympic sports might you like to see? *Discuss together. 5 mins.*

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) What summer sports do you play?
- 3) What sports do you like to play in winter?
- 4) Which Olympic sport in particular do you like to watch on TV?
- 5) What is your most memorable Olympics? Why?
- 6) Have you ever attended an Olympic Games? If yes, where and when?
- 7) What do you think of Paris?
- 8) What do you think of Los Angeles?
- 9) Will you be going to the 2024 or 2028 Summer Olympic Games?
- 10) Will you be going to Tokyo in 2020 to see the Olympic Games there?

SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 1

In groups. One of you is the interviewer. The others are one of the following people. You are in the *Discussion FM* radio studio in London. Today's interview is about: *Paris and Los Angeles to host Olympics in 2024 and 2028.*

- 1) Someone from Paris.
- 2) Someone from Los Angeles.
- 3) IOC President Thomas Bach.
- 4) The mayor of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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

SPEAKING – HOST PRESENTATION

In pairs – You represent either Paris, Los Angeles, or the capital city in your country. Prepare a 2 minute bid presentation for the International Olympic committee on why your city should host the next Olympic Games. *3 mins prep. 5-10 mins.*

SPEAKING - DISCUSSION

Allow 5-10 minutes – As a class.

Compare Paris and Los Angeles – What do you know about them?

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Is the cost of hosting the Olympic Games becoming too much? Explain.
- 3) Do you like to watch the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games?
- 4) Did you watch the Summer Olympic Games in London or Rio?
- 5) During the last Olympics in Rio, who was the best athlete?
- 6) Would you like to take part in the Olympics?
- 7) Where was the first Olympic Games held?
- 8) What was your most memorable moment from the last Olympics?
- 9) Do you prefer the Olympic Games or the World Cup? Why?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

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weight / beach volleyball / signals / bid / host / historic / allocation / situation

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

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WRITING/SPELLING

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1) On the board - In pairs/As a class, list **10 Olympic sports** or **as many Olympic sports as you can think of**. Talk about them. Which is best? Why? Which don't you like playing or watching? Why? Talk briefly about each of them. *Five minutes*.

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

1) Paris _____

2) Los Angeles _____

3) The Olympics _____

3) Write down 50 words about: **Paris and Los Angeles to host Olympics in 2024 and 2028**. Your words can be read out in class.

4) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **Paris and Los Angeles to host Olympics in 2024 and 2028**.

SPELLING

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

- 1) announcement
- 2) international
- 3) signals
- 4) cities
- 5) billion
- 6) Olympic
- 7) facilities
- 8) equal
- 9) enormous
- 10) previously

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

Pass = 12

Good = 15

Very good = 18

Excellent = 20

- 11) host
- 12) stage
- 13) allocation
- 14) double
- 15) situation
- 16) weight
- 17) committee
- 18) iconic
- 19) backdrops
- 20) volleyball

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