

www.**Breaking News English**.com

Ready-to-Use English Lessons by Sean Banville

**"1,000 IDEAS & ACTIVITIES
FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS"**

www.breakingnewsenglish.com/book.html

**Thousands more free lessons
from Sean's other websites**

www.freeeslmaterials.com/sean_banville_lessons.html

Level 2

Video games should be in Olympics

27th December, 2014

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1412/141227-e-sports-2.html>

Contents

The Reading	2
Matching	3
Listening Gap Fill	4
No Spaces	5
Discussion	6
Writing	7

Please try Levels 0 and 1 (easier) and the 26–page Level 3 (harder).

Twitter



twitter.com/SeanBanville

Facebook



www.facebook.com/pages/BreakingNewsEnglish/155625444452176

Google +



<https://plus.google.com/+SeanBanville>

THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1412/141227-e-sports-2.html>

A designer for a popular computer game has said video games should be an Olympics sport. Rob Pardo, chief creative designer for the World of Warcraft game, told the BBC that video games should be in the Olympic Games. He said the Olympics needed to be more modern. He said millions of people love playing and watching competitive gaming, which is also known as e-sports. Mr Pardo said e-sports needs "a very competitive skillset". He added that professional gamers have "lightning quick" reflexes and have to make hundreds of quick decisions at any time.

Pardo said it would be difficult to get e-sports into the Olympics. Many people do not see it as a real sport. He says it is a proper sport because it needs physical effort and skill. He believes it is better and more popular than many Olympics sports. He said people did not want gaming to be in the Olympics because it uses technology and not athleticism. PC Magazine said there could be a separate international competition for e-sports that could be like the Olympics. This would make gaming the main event. In the Olympics, gaming would be one of many sports.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-30597623>
<http://www.pcgamer.com/esports-should-be-an-olympic-event-wow-creator/>
<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2474193,00.asp>

MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1412/141227-e-sports-2.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. A designer for a popular | a. "skillset" |
| 2. chief creative | b. reflexes |
| 3. the Olympics needed to | c. and watching |
| 4. people love playing | d. computer game |
| 5. e-sports needs "a very competitive | e. designer |
| 6. professional | f. decisions |
| 7. have "lightning quick" | g. gamers |
| 8. make hundreds of quick | h. be more modern |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1. difficult to get e-sports | a. many Olympics sports |
| 2. people do not see it | b. sport |
| 3. it is a proper | c. athleticism |
| 4. it needs physical | d. into the Olympics |
| 5. better and more popular than | e. for e-sports |
| 6. it uses technology and not | f. as a real sport |
| 7. a separate international competition | g. of many sports |
| 8. gaming would be one | h. effort |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1412/141227-e-sports-2.html>

A designer (1) _____ computer game has said video games should be an Olympics sport. Rob Pardo, (2) _____ for the World of Warcraft game, told the BBC that video games should be in the Olympic Games. He said the Olympics needed (3) _____. He said millions of people love playing and watching (4) _____, which is also known as e-sports. Mr Pardo said e-sports needs "a very (5) _____". He added that professional gamers have "lightning quick" reflexes and have to make hundreds (6) _____ at any time.

Pardo said it would be difficult (7) _____ the Olympics. Many people do not see (8) _____. He says it is a proper sport because it (9) _____ and skill. He believes it is better and more popular than many Olympics sports. He said people did not (10) _____ be in the Olympics because it uses technology and not athleticism. PC Magazine said there (11) _____ international competition for e-sports that could be like the Olympics. This would make gaming (12) _____. In the Olympics, gaming would be one of many sports.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1412/141227-e-sports-2.html>

A designer for a popular computer game has said video games should be an Olympic sport. Rob Pardo, chief creative designer for the World of Warcraft game, told the BBC that video games should be in the Olympic Games. He said the Olympics needed to be more modern. He said millions of people love playing and watching competitive gaming, which is also known as e-sports. Mr Pardo said e-sports needs "a very competitive skill set". He added that professional gamers have "lightning quick" reflexes and have to make hundreds of quick decisions at any time. Pardo said it would be difficult to get e-sports into the Olympics. Many people do not see it as a real sport. He says it is a proper sport because it needs physical effort and skill. He believes it is better and more popular than many Olympic sports. He said people did not want gaming to be in the Olympics because it uses technology and not athleticism. PC Magazine said there could be a separate international competition for e-sports that could be like the Olympics. This would make gaming the main event. In the Olympics, gaming would be one of many sports.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

Video games should be in Olympics – 27th December, 2014
More free lessons at www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1412/141227-e-sports-2.html>

Write about **gaming** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.
