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Organizers say Tokyo Olympics will go ahead

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THE ARTICLE

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WARM-UPS

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

speculation / July / Olympics / president / organize / cancel / event / confident / life / due / nightmare / safety / athletes / media / vaccine / obsessed / hosting / disaster

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

3. TOKYO 2021: Students A **strongly** believe the Tokyo Olympics should go ahead; Students B **strongly** believe they should be cancelled or postponed. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. GLOBAL EVENTS: How important are these global events? What are the challenges in hosting them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Important	Challenges
The Olympics		
The Oscars		
The G8 Summit		
The FIFA World Cup		
UN Meetings		
Pokemon Conference		

5. SPECULATION: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "speculation". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. OLYMPICS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best Olympic sports at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- 100 metres
- Javelin
- Marathon
- Archery
- Judo
- Weightlifting
- Wrestling
- Sailing

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 1. speculation | a. Likely to have a strong or far-reaching effect; radical and extreme. |
| 2. vowed | b. A piece of work to be done or undertaken. |
| 3. task | c. Promised to do something. |
| 4. host | d. Be successful with something that looked difficult to do. |
| 5. drastic | e. The forming of a theory or opinions without firm evidence. |
| 6. proposition | f. Be the place in which a party or sports events takes place. |
| 7. pull it off | g. A statement or assertion that expresses a judgment or opinion. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 8. logistical | h. A terrifying or very unpleasant experience or prospect. |
| 9. nightmare | i. The official launch or introduction of a new product or service. |
| 10. spectator | j. An act of giving up something valued for the sake of something else regarded as more important or worthy. |
| 11. amid | k. A person who watches at a show, game, or other event. |
| 12. rollout | l. Refusing to be persuaded or to change one's mind. |
| 13. adamant | m. Surrounded by; in the middle of. |
| 14. sacrifice | n. Relating to or involving organization and planning. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210130-tokyo-olympics.html>

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

- a. There has been little speculation about the Tokyo Olympics taking place. **T / F**
- b. The IOC president promised the Tokyo Olympics would take place. **T / F**
- c. The president said the IOC is working around the clock. **T / F**
- d. An IOC spokesperson said life has no certainties. **T / F**
- e. Around 11,000 athletes are due to participate in the Tokyo Olympics. **T / F**
- f. Over 25,000 athletes participated in the 2016 Rio Olympics. **T / F**
- g. Japan's Prime Minister really want the Olympics to go ahead. **T / F**
- h. An anti-Olympics group fears the Olympics will be sacrificed. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. speculation | a. assured |
| 2. vowed | b. job |
| 3. task | c. preoccupied |
| 4. confident | d. organisational |
| 5. drastic | e. conjecture |
| 6. logistical | f. determined |
| 7. spectators | g. give up |
| 8. adamant | h. promised |
| 9. obsessed | i. extreme |
| 10. sacrifice | j. watchers |

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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. There has been much speculation | a. with hosting the Olympics |
| 2. Bach vowed that the event | b. changes occur |
| 3. unless some drastic | c. of infections |
| 4. I hope that we're able to pull | d. in life |
| 5. There are no certainties | e. people's lives |
| 6. amid a third wave | f. recently |
| 7. a vaccine | g. would go ahead |
| 8. Suga is adamant that the Games | h. rollout |
| 9. The government is obsessed | i. it off |
| 10. the Olympics would sacrifice | j. will take place |

GAP FILL

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Will they or won't they? There has been much (1) _____ recently about whether or not the Tokyo Olympics would take place in July. On Wednesday, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Thomas Bach (2) _____ that the event would go ahead. He said: "Our (3) _____ is to organize the Olympic Games and not to cancel them." He added that the IOC is working "day and night" to (4) _____ a safe event. IOC spokesperson Dick Pound said he was "(5) _____" the Games would go ahead, saying: "I think unless some (6) _____ changes occur, this is a manageable proposition and I hope that we're able to (7) _____ it off." He added: "There are no (8) _____ in life and what might happen with the virus."

task
pull
speculation
confident
vowed
certainties
drastic
host

The Games are (9) _____ to open on the 23rd of July. It is a logistical (10) _____ for authorities, who have to secure the safety of 11,000 athletes, the world's media and (11) _____. More than 25,000 journalists attended the Rio de Janeiro Games in 2016. Tokyo is currently under a (12) _____ of emergency amid a third wave of infections. Officials are hopeful warmer weather and a vaccine (13) _____ will see safer conditions. Japan's Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga is (14) _____ that the Games will take place. However, an anti-Olympics group in Tokyo said: "The government is obsessed with hosting the Olympics. It's becoming (15) _____ during this coronavirus disaster that the Olympics would (16) _____ people's lives."

nightmare
clear
spectators
rollout
due
sacrifice
adamant
state

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210130-tokyo-olympics.html>

- 1) Our task is to organize the Olympic Games and not _____
 - a. to rancid them
 - b. to cancel them
 - c. to parcel them
 - d. to resell them
- 2) He added that the IOC is working "day and night" to host _____
 - a. as safety event
 - b. a safes event
 - c. as safe event
 - d. a safe event
- 3) IOC spokesperson Dick Pound said _____
 - a. he was confident
 - b. he was confidence
 - c. he was confidante
 - d. he was confiding
- 4) this is a manageable proposition and I hope that we're able to _____
 - a. pulls it off
 - b. pulled it off
 - c. pull it off
 - d. pulling it off
- 5) There are no certainties in life and what might happen _____
 - a. with the ballots
 - b. with the walrus
 - c. with the rebels
 - d. with the virus
- 6) It is a logistical nightmare _____
 - a. for authority
 - b. for authorities
 - c. for authorise
 - d. for authorised
- 7) have to secure the safety of 11,000 athletes, the world's _____
 - a. medium and dictators
 - b. media and speck tractors
 - c. media and spec tractors
 - d. media and spectators
- 8) currently under a state of emergency amid a third _____
 - a. weave of infections
 - b. waive of infections
 - c. way of infections
 - d. wave of infections
- 9) an anti-Olympics group in Tokyo said: "The _____"
 - a. government isn't obsessed
 - b. government is obsess
 - c. government is obsessed
 - d. government is obsessive
- 10) clear during this coronavirus disaster that the Olympics would _____
 - a. sacrifice people's life
 - b. sacrifice people's leaves
 - c. sacrifice people's loaves
 - d. sacrifice people's lives

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210130-tokyo-olympics.html>

1. What does the article say there has been a lot of recently?
2. What is Thomas Bach's position within the IOC?
3. When did Thomas Bach say the IOC is working?
4. What did Dick Pound say would have to happen to stop the Games?
5. Where did a spokesperson say there are no certainties?
6. What kind of nightmare does the article call the Games?
7. How many journalists attended the 2016 Games in Rio?
8. What two things might create better conditions for the Games?
9. How does Japan's Prime Minister feel about the Games taking place?
10. What did an anti-Olympics group say the Games would sacrifice?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210130-tokyo-olympics.html>

- 1) What does the article say there has been a lot of recently?
 - a) coronavirus cases
 - b) sport
 - c) speculation
 - d) arguments
- 2) What is Thomas Bach's position within the IOC?
 - a) president
 - b) CEO
 - c) secretary
 - d) press officer
- 3) When did Thomas Bach say the IOC is working?
 - a) weekends
 - b) day and night
 - c) weekdays
 - d) 12 hours a day
- 4) What did Dick Pound say would have to happen to stop the Games?
 - a) a serious outbreak
 - b) an earthquake
 - c) a travel ban
 - d) drastic changes
- 5) Where did a spokesperson say there are no certainties?
 - a) at the Olympics
 - b) in Tokyo
 - c) in life
 - d) at home
- 6) What kind of nightmare does the article call the Games?
 - a) a terrible nightmare
 - b) a logistical nightmare
 - c) a sporting nightmare
 - d) a scary nightmare
- 7) How many journalists attended the 2016 Games in Rio?
 - a) just over 25,000
 - b) around 25,000
 - c) just fewer than 25,000
 - d) more than 25,000
- 8) What two things might create better conditions for the Games?
 - a) spectators and TV audiences
 - b) a vaccine and warmer weather
 - c) more money and consumer confidence
 - d) world records and top athletes
- 9) How does Japan's Prime Minister feel about the Games taking place?
 - a) worried
 - b) adamant
 - c) sad
 - d) ecstatic
- 10) What did an anti-Olympics group say the Games would sacrifice?
 - a) people's lives
 - b) records
 - c) safety
 - d) athletes

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – 100 Metres

You think the 100 metres is the best Olympics event. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their events. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the marathon, judo or wrestling.

Role B – Marathon

You think the marathon is the best Olympics event. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their events. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the 100 metres, judo or wrestling.

Role C – Judo

You think judo is the best Olympics event. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their events. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the marathon, the 100 metres or wrestling.

Role D – Wrestling

You think wrestling is the best Olympics event. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their events. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the marathon, judo or the 100 metres.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210130-tokyo-olympics.html>

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

Tokyo	Olympics

- 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">• speculation• president• task• night• confident• occur	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• nightmare• 2016• third• safer• obsessed• disaster
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THE TOKYO OLYMPICS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the Tokyo 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 TOKYO 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 'Tokyo'?
3. What do you know about Tokyo?
4. Should the Tokyo Olympics go ahead in July?
5. How interested are you in the Olympics?
6. Should the Games go ahead but without spectators?
7. What damage would be done if the Games did not go ahead?
8. How safe do you think the Games would be?
9. How do you think the athletes feel?
10. Are there any certainties in life?

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THE TOKYO 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 'Olympics'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about the Olympics?
15. Why are the Games a 'logistical nightmare'?
16. How has the coronavirus affected you?
17. How would cancelling the Games affect Tokyo?
18. Do you think the Games could 'sacrifice people's lives'?
19. What will the world be like in a year from now?
20. What questions would you like to ask the IOC?

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) many | (b) loads | (c) lots | (d) much |
| 2. | (a) cowed | (b) wowed | (c) bowed | (d) vowed |
| 3. | (a) come | (b) go | (c) give | (d) take |
| 4. | (a) party | (b) occasion | (c) host | (d) celebration |
| 5. | (a) caustic | (b) mastic | (c) drastic | (d) plastic |
| 6. | (a) pull | (b) push | (c) nudge | (d) tug |
| 7. | (a) schedule | (b) due | (c) plan | (d) event |
| 8. | (a) secure | (b) security | (c) secures | (d) secured |
| 9. | (a) below | (b) under | (c) above | (d) over |
| 10. | (a) remnant | (b) incumbent | (c) adamant | (d) dormant |
| 11. | (a) of | (b) at | (c) with | (d) to |
| 12. | (a) sport | (b) virus | (c) vaccines | (d) lives |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. There has been much cpeialusotn
2. evwdo that the event would go ahead
3. IOC eporespksson
4. unless some ardtisc changes occur
5. this is a manageable oorstiippon
6. There are no areitnitces in life

Paragraph 2

7. It is a olsitcgial nightmare
8. the world's media and scattpeosr
9. amid a third wave of fteniicnos
10. a cavncie rollout
11. Suga is adaanmt that the Games will take place
12. srfiiacce people's lives

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () ahead, saying: "I think unless some drastic changes occur, this is a manageable proposition and I hope that we're
- () the safety of 11,000 athletes, the world's media and spectators. More than 25,000 journalists attended
- () able to pull it off." He added: "There are no certainties in life and what might happen with the virus."
- () night" to host a safe event. IOC spokesperson Dick Pound said he was "confident" the Games would go
- () president Thomas Bach vowed that the event would go ahead. He said: "Our task is to
- (**1**) Will they or won't they? There has been much speculation recently about whether or
- () not the Tokyo Olympics would take place in July. On Wednesday, the International Olympic Committee (IOC)
- () infections. Officials are hopeful warmer weather and a vaccine rollout will see safer conditions. Japan's Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga
- () the Rio de Janeiro Games in 2016. Tokyo is currently under a state of emergency amid a third wave of
- () is adamant that the Games will take place. However, an anti-Olympics group in Tokyo
- () organize the Olympic Games and not to cancel them." He added that the IOC is working "day and
- () The Games are due to open on the 23rd of July. It is a logistical nightmare for authorities, who have to secure
- () said: "The government is obsessed with hosting the Olympics. It's becoming
- () clear during this coronavirus disaster that the Olympics would sacrifice people's lives."

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. been has There speculation much recently .
2. go vowed event that Bach the would ahead .
3. was confident Games He would go the ahead .
4. able hope we're to pull I it off .
5. life might what in Certainties and happen .
6. nightmare logistical It is a authorities . for
7. is Tokyo under state a of currently emergency .
8. the adamant Games is Suga will place . take
9. is government The the hosting with obsessed Olympics .
10. clear becoming It's this coronavirus during disaster .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210130-tokyo-olympics.html>

Will they or won't they? There has been *many / much* speculation recently about whether or *not / nor* the Tokyo Olympics would take place in July. On Wednesday, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Thomas Bach *vowed / wowed* that the event would *come / go* ahead. He said: "Our task is *for / to* organize the Olympic Games and not to cancel them." He added that the IOC is working "day and night" to host a *safe / safety* event. IOC spokesperson Dick Pound said he was "confident" the Games would go ahead, *saying / said*: "I think unless some *caustic / drastic* changes occur, this is a manageable proposition and I hope that we're able to pull it *off / on*." He added: "There are no certainties in life and what might happen with the *virus / viral*."

The Games are *due / duet* to open on the 23rd of July. It is a logistical nightmare for *authority / authorities*, who have to secure the safety of 11,000 *athleticism / athletes*, the world's media and spectators. More than 25,000 journalists *attended / intended* the Rio de Janeiro Games in 2016. Tokyo is currently *over / under* a state of emergency amid a third wave of infections. Officials are hopeful warmer weather and a vaccine *rolling / rollout* will see safer conditions. Japan's Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga is *adamant / remnant* that the Games will take place. However, an anti-Olympics group in Tokyo said: "The government is obsessed *to / with* hosting the Olympics. It's becoming clear *during / between* this coronavirus disaster that the Olympics would *sacrifice / sacrificial* people's lives."

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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W__ll th__y __r w__n't th__y? Th__r__ h__s b__n m__ch sp__c__l__t__n r__c__ntly __b__t wh__th__r __r n__t th__ T__ky__ __lymp__cs w__ld t__k__ pl__c__ __n J__ly. __n W__dn__sd__y, th__ __nt__rn__t__n__l __lymp__c C__mm__tt__ __ (__C) pr__s__d__nt Th__m__s B__ch v__w__d th__t th__ __v__nt w__ld g__ __h__d. H__ s__d: "__r t__sk __s t__ __rg__n__z__ th__ __lymp__c G__m__s __nd n__t t__ c__nc__l th__m." H__ __dd__d th__t th__ __C __s w__rk__ng "d__y __nd n__ght" t__ h__st __ s__f__ __v__nt. __C sp__k__sp__rs__n D__ck P__nd s__d h__ w__s "c__nf__d__nt" th__ G__m__s w__ld g__ __h__d, s__y__ng: "__ th__nk __nl__ss s__m__ dr__st__c ch__ng__s __cc__r, th__s __s __ m__n__g__bl__ pr__p__s__t__n __nd __ h__p__ th__t w__'r__ __bl__ t__ p__ll__ t__ __ff." H__ __dd__d: "Th__r__ __r__ n__ c__rt__nt__s __n l__f__ __nd wh__t m__ght h__pp__n w__th th__ v__r__s."

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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will they or wont they there has been much speculation recently about whether or not the tokyo olympics would take place in july on wednesday the international olympic committee ioc president thomas bach vowed that the event would go ahead he said our task is to organize the olympic games and not to cancel them he added that the ioc is working day and night to host a safe event ioc spokesperson dick pound said he was confident the games would go ahead saying i think unless some drastic changes occur this is a manageable proposition and i hope that were able to pull it off he added there are no certainties in life and what might happen with the virus

the games are due to open on the 23rd of july it is a logistical nightmare for authorities who have to secure the safety of 11000 athletes the worlds media and spectators more than 25000 journalists attended the rio de janeiro games in 2016 tokyo is currently under a state of emergency amid a third wave of infections officials are hopeful warmer weather and a vaccine rollout will see safer conditions japans prime minister yoshihide suga is adamant that the games will take place however an antiolympics group in tokyo said the government is obsessed with hosting the olympics its becoming clear during this coronavirus disaster that the olympics would sacrifice peoples lives

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Will they or won't they? There has been much speculation recently about whether or not the Tokyo Olympics would take place in July. On Wednesday, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Thomas Bach vowed that the event would go ahead. He said: "Our task is to organize the Olympic Games and not to cancel them." He added that the IOC is working "day and night" to host a safe event. IOC spokesperson Dick Pound said he was "confident" the Games would go ahead, saying: "I think unless some drastic changes occur, this is a manageable proposition and I hope that we're able to pull it off." He added: "There are no certainties in life and what might happen with the virus." The Games are due to open on the 23rd of July. It is a logistical nightmare for authorities, who have to secure the safety of 11,000 athletes, the world's media and spectators. More than 25,000 journalists attended the Rio de Janeiro Games in 2016. Tokyo is currently under a state of emergency amid a third wave of infections. Officials are hopeful warmer weather and a vaccine rollout will see safer conditions. Japan's Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga is adamant that the Games will take place. However, an anti-Olympics group in Tokyo said: "The government is obsessed with hosting the Olympics. It's becoming clear during this coronavirus disaster that the Olympics would sacrifice people's lives."

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

4. TOKYO 2022: Write a magazine article about postponing the the Tokyo Olympics again until 2022. 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 Tokyo Olympics. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to keep the Games safe. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e 2. c 3. b 4. f 5. a 6. g 7. d
8. n 9. h 10. k 11. m 12. i 13. l 14. j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Speculation
2. President
3. Day and Night
4. Drastic changes
5. In life
6. A logistical nightmare
7. More than 25,000
8. A vaccine and warmer weather
9. Adamant
10. People's lives

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. There has been much speculation recently.
2. Bach vowed that the event would go ahead.
3. He was confident the Games would go ahead.
4. I hope we're able to pull it off.
5. Certainties in life and what might happen.
6. It is a logistical nightmare for authorities.
7. Tokyo is currently under a state of emergency.
8. Suga is adamant the Games will take place.
9. The government is obsessed with hosting the Olympics.
10. It's becoming clear during this coronavirus disaster.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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