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**Level 6 – 27th July, 2021**

## Naomi Osaka lights flame to open Tokyo Olympics

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210725-tokyo-olympic-games.html>

Tennis superstar Naomi Osaka has lit the flame to finally open the 2020 Olympic Games. After a tumultuous year, the Tokyo Olympics Opening Ceremony officially got under way, albeit a year late. Because of fears of a fifth wave of Covid-19 cases in Japan's capital, it has been touch and go as to whether or not the Summer Games would go ahead. The pandemic has already greatly impacted the event. It now takes place with no fans in attendance and several athletes having to withdraw after testing positive. Japan still hopes the Games will showcase its culture to the world. The Opening Ceremony drew to a close around midnight in Japan with a spectacular fireworks display illuminating Tokyo's night sky.

According to Tokyo 2020 organizers, 950 people attended the opening ceremony. This is in a venue with a capacity of 68,000. Attendees included Japan's Emperor Naruhito, the US First Lady Jill Biden and French President Emmanuel Macron. Emperor Naruhito declared the Games officially open. International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach said: "It is very different from what all of us had imagined, but let us cherish this moment because finally we are all here together. Today is a moment of hope." Naomi Osaka later tweeted about her excitement at lighting the flame. She said it was: "Undoubtedly the greatest athletic achievement and honour I will ever have in my life."

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# WARM-UPS

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

tennis / superstar / flame / ceremony / wave / capital / pandemic / fireworks / sky / venue / capacity / emperor / cherish / moment / hope / athletic / achievement

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

**3. BIENNIAL:** Students A **strongly** believe the Olympics should be a biennial event, held every two years; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. THE OLYMPICS:** How could these things be made better? How do you feel when you see them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Improvements	How You Feel
Opening ceremony		
Medals ceremony		
Lighting of the flame		
The marathon		
Venues		
Closing ceremony		

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

**6. OLYMPIC EVENTS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best events at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Marathon
- Cycling
- Judo
- Swimming
- Archery
- Gymnastics
- Rowing
- 100 metres

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. tumultuous   | a. A sudden happening of or increase in a phenomenon, feeling, or emotion. |
| 2. officially   | b. Confused, or disorderly.  |
| 3. albeit       | c. Although.   |
| 4. wave         | d. Put on display for people to see.                                       |
| 5. touch and go | e. Lighting up.  |
| 6. showcase     | f. In a formal and public way.   |
| 7. illuminating | g. Of an outcome, especially one that is possible but very uncertain.      |

## Paragraph 2

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. venue        | h. Formally asserted or announced.  |
| 9. capacity     | i. Something regarded as a rare opportunity and bringing pride and pleasure; a privilege.                           |
| 10. attendee    | j. Certainly.   |
| 11. declared    | k. A person who goes to a conference or other gathering.  |
| 12. cherish     | l. Protect and care for lovingly.   |
| 13. undoubtedly | m. The place where something happens, especially an organized event such as a concert, conference, or sports event. |
| 14. honour      | n. The maximum amount that something can contain.   |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com2107/210725-tokyo-olympic-games.html>

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

1. The article says the Games opened after a tremendous year. **T / F**
2. There are fears that a fifth covid-19 wave will break out in Tokyo. **T / F**
3. Only a few spectators are allowed in each of the Olympics venues. **T / F**
4. The Opening Ceremony ended around 12pm in Japan. **T / F**
5. Just over 1,000 people attended the Opening Ceremony. **T / F**
6. The First Lady of the USA was an attendee at the Opening Ceremony. **T / F**
7. Naomi Osaka declared the Games open. **T / F**
8. Ms Osaka said lighting the flames was one of the best things she's done. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. <b>finally</b>      | a. proclaimed     |
| 2. <b>tumultuous</b>   | b. uncertain      |
| 3. <b>touch and go</b> | c. size           |
| 4. <b>fans</b>         | d. unquestionably |
| 5. <b>illuminating</b> | e. spectators     |
| 6. <b>capacity</b>     | f. eventually     |
| 7. <b>declared</b>     | g. accomplishment |
| 8. <b>cherish</b>      | h. roller-coaster |
| 9. <b>undoubtedly</b>  | i. treasure       |
| 10. <b>achievement</b> | j. lighting up    |

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

- |   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. After a tumultuous                           | a. Tokyo's night sky     |
| 2. officially got under way,                    | b. Games officially open |
| 3. It now takes place with no                   | c. year                  |
| 4. The Opening Ceremony drew to a               | d. capacity of 68,000    |
| 5. a spectacular fireworks display illuminating | e. fans in attendance    |
| 6. This is in a venue with a                    | f. achievement           |
| 7. Emperor Naruhito declared the                | g. of hope               |
| 8. let us                                       | h. close around midnight |
| 9. Today is a moment                            | i. cherish this moment   |
| 10. the greatest athletic                       | j. albeit a year late    |

# GAP FILL

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*wave*  
*fans*  
*lit*  
*display*  
*touch*  
*drew*  
*under*  
*withdraw*

According to Tokyo 2020 organizers, 950 people (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the opening ceremony. This is in a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ with a capacity of 68,000. Attendees (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Japan's Emperor Naruhito, the US First Lady Jill Biden and French President Emmanuel Macron. Emperor Naruhito (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the Games officially open. International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach said: "It is very different from what all of us had imagined, but let us (13) \_\_\_\_\_ this moment because (14) \_\_\_\_\_ we are all here together. Today is a moment of hope." Naomi Osaka later tweeted about her excitement at (15) \_\_\_\_\_ the flame. She said it was: "Undoubtedly the greatest athletic achievement and (16) \_\_\_\_\_ I will ever have in my life."

*declared*  
*honour*  
*venue*  
*finally*  
*attended*  
*cherish*  
*included*  
*lighting*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210725-tokyo-olympic-games.html>

- 1) lit the flame to finally open the 2020 Olympic Games. After \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a tremendous year
  - b. a contemptuous year
  - c. a chew mulch you ass year
  - d. a tumultuous year
- 2) the Tokyo Olympics Opening Ceremony officially got under way, albeit \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a yearly laid
  - b. a URL ate
  - c. a year late
  - d. a years late
- 3) already greatly impacted the event. It now takes place with no \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. fans in a tendency
  - b. fans inner ten dance
  - c. fans inner tend ants
  - d. fans in attendance
- 4) Japan still hopes the Games will \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. showcase its vulture
  - b. shower case its vulture
  - c. Showa case its culture
  - d. showcase its culture
- 5) drew to a close around midnight in Japan with a spectacular \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. fired works cosplay
  - b. fireworks cosplay
  - c. fireworks display
  - d. fires work this play
- 6) attended the opening ceremony. This is in a venue with \_\_\_\_\_ 68,000
  - a. a kappa city of
  - b. a capacity of
  - c. a cap a city of
  - d. a capper city of
- 7) President Emmanuel Macron. Emperor Naruhito declared the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Games sophisticated open
  - b. Games officially open
  - c. Games office shall we open
  - d. Games official open
- 8) It is very different from what all of us had imagined, but let us \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. cherish this moment
  - b. cherries this moment
  - c. churlish this moment
  - d. cherubs this moment
- 9) because finally we are all here together. Today is a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. moment of hope
  - b. moments of hope
  - c. momentary of hope
  - d. monument of hope
- 10) She said it was undoubtedly the greatest athletic \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. achieved meant and honour
  - b. achieve mint and honour
  - c. achievement and honour
  - d. a chief meant and honour

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210725-tokyo-olympic-games.html>

Tennis superstar Naomi Osaka has lit the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ open the 2020 Olympic Games. After a tumultuous year, the Tokyo Olympics Opening Ceremony officially got under way, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ late. Because of fears of a fifth wave of Covid-19 cases in Japan's capital, it has been touch and go (3) \_\_\_\_\_ or not the Summer Games would go ahead. The pandemic has already greatly impacted the event. It now takes place with no (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and several athletes having to withdraw after testing positive. Japan still hopes the Games will (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to the world. The Opening Ceremony drew to a close around midnight in Japan with a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ illuminating Tokyo's night sky.

According to Tokyo 2020 organizers, 950 people attended the opening ceremony. This is in a venue (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of 68,000. Attendees included Japan's Emperor Naruhito, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ Lady Jill Biden and French President Emmanuel Macron. Emperor Naruhito (9) \_\_\_\_\_ officially open. International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach said: "It is very different from what all of us had imagined, but let us (10) \_\_\_\_\_ because finally we are all here together. Today is a (11) \_\_\_\_\_." Naomi Osaka later tweeted about her excitement at lighting the flame. She said it was: "Undoubtedly the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and honour I will ever have in my life."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210725-tokyo-olympic-games.html>

1. How does the article describe the past year as being?
2. What does the article say there are fears of?
3. How many fans are allowed to attend the Games?
4. What does Japan hope to showcase to the world?
5. What does the article say a fireworks display did to Tokyo's night sky?
6. How many people attended the Opening Ceremony?
7. What is the capacity of the venue the Opening Ceremony took place in?
8. Who declared the Olympic Games open?
9. What did the IOC president say we needed to cherish?
10. What did the IOC president say that day was a moment of?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210725-tokyo-olympic-games.html>

- 1) How does the article describe the past year as being?
  - a) catastrophic
  - b) tumultuous
  - c) tremendous
  - d) calamitous
- 2) What does the article say there are fears of?
  - a) heatwaves
  - b) the Games being cancelled
  - c) a fifth Covid-19 wave
  - d) social unrest
- 3) How many fans are allowed to attend the Games?
  - a) 1,000
  - b) 500
  - c) 100
  - d) none
- 4) What does Japan hope to showcase to the world?
  - a) athletics
  - b) its culture
  - c) medals
  - d) its athletes
- 5) What does the article say a fireworks display did to Tokyo's night sky?
  - a) illuminated it
  - b) colour it
  - c) paint it
  - d) create rings in it
- 6) How many people attended the Opening Ceremony?
  - a) 950
  - b) 1,050
  - c) none
  - d) 500
- 7) What is the capacity of the venue the Opening Ceremony took place in?
  - a) 78,000
  - b) 58,000
  - c) 88,000
  - d) 68,000
- 8) Who declared the Olympic Games open?
  - a) the USA's First Lady
  - b) the IOC President
  - c) Japan's Emperor Naruhito
  - d) Naomi Osaka
- 9) What did the IOC president say we needed to cherish?
  - a) Japanese culture
  - b) sport
  - c) each other
  - d) this moment
- 10) What did the IOC president say that day was a moment of?
  - a) history
  - b) hope
  - c) joy
  - d) celebration

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210725-tokyo-olympic-games.html>

## **Role A – Marathon**

You think the marathon is the best Olympics events. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sports aren't as interesting. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): cycling, gymnastics or archery.

## **Role B – Cycling**

You think cycling is the best Olympics events. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sports aren't as interesting. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the marathon, gymnastics or archery.

## **Role C – Gymnastics**

You think gymnastics is the best Olympics events. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sports aren't as interesting. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): cycling, the marathon or archery.

## **Role D – Archery**

You think archery is the best Olympics events. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sports aren't as interesting. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): cycling, gymnastics or the marathon.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210725-tokyo-olympic-games.html>

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

<b>Olympics</b>	<b>flame</b>
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- 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"><li>• superstar</li><li>• albeit</li><li>• touch</li><li>• place</li><li>• hopes</li><li>• night</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 950</li><li>• included</li><li>• different</li><li>• moment</li><li>• tweeted</li><li>• ever</li></ul>
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# TOKYO OLYMPICS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210725-tokyo-olympic-games.html>

Write five GOOD questions about 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.

# 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 'Olympics'?
3. What do you think of the Olympics?
4. How do the Olympics bring the world together?
5. What do you think of the Olympics being in Tokyo?
6. What was the best Olympics ever?
7. What do you know about tennis superstar Naomi Osaka?
8. What do you think of there being no fans at the Olympics?
9. What aspects of Japanese culture should Tokyo showcase?
10. What do you think of fireworks displays?

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# 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 'flame'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How will your country do at the Olympics?
15. What message do you have for the athletes?
16. What advice do you have for the organizers?
17. At which Olympics event would you like to win a gold medal?
18. How important is it to cherish every moment in life?
19. What is the greatest achievement of your life?
20. What questions would you like to ask the Olympics organizers?

## 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210725-tokyo-olympic-games.html>

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

- |     |                 |                 |                  |                  |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1.  | (a) final       | (b) finality    | (c) finally      | (d) finale       |
| 2.  | (a) about       | (b) under       | (c) around       | (d) over         |
| 3.  | (a) go          | (b) come        | (c) feel         | (d) grab         |
| 4.  | (a) in          | (b) at          | (c) by           | (d) of           |
| 5.  | (a) bookcase    | (b) showcase    | (c) in case      | (d) briefcase    |
| 6.  | (a) illuminated | (b) illuminate  | (c) illumination | (d) illuminating |
| 7.  | (a) anew        | (b) verve       | (c) venue        | (d) sinew        |
| 8.  | (a) said        | (b) announced   | (c) stated       | (d) declared     |
| 9.  | (a) cherish     | (b) askew       | (c) rapture      | (d) akin         |
| 10. | (a) moment      | (b) memento     | (c) momentary    | (d) monumental   |
| 11. | (a) on          | (b) at          | (c) as           | (d) by           |
| 12. | (a) In debt     | (b) Redoubtably | (c) Undoubtedly  | (d) In doubt     |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. a uumsutuotl year
2. baetli a year late
3. greatly ecpdatmi the event
4. several athletes having to twaihrwd
5. a etlapaursc fireworks display
6. liugtmalinn Tokyo's night sky

## Paragraph 2

7. in a enuve with a capacity of 68,000
8. Japan's oepmErr Naruhito
9. cdaeredl the Games officially open
10. tweeted about her meixetentc
11. eoubddtunly the greatest
12. athletic hitneecmave

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2021/07/210725-tokyo-olympic-games.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) Committee President Thomas Bach said: "It is very different from what all of us had imagined, but let us cherish
- ( ) the greatest athletic achievement and honour I will ever have in my life."
- ( ) place with no fans in attendance and several athletes having to withdraw after testing
- ( ) fears of a fifth wave of Covid-19 cases in Japan's capital, it has been touch and go as to whether or
- ( ) later tweeted about her excitement at lighting the flame. She said it was: "Undoubtedly
- ( ) According to Tokyo 2020 organizers, 950 people attended the opening ceremony. This is in a venue with a capacity
- ( ) French President Emmanuel Macron. Emperor Naruhito declared the Games officially open. International Olympic
- ( **1** ) Tennis superstar Naomi Osaka has lit the flame to finally open the 2020 Olympic Games. After a tumultuous
- ( ) this moment because finally we are all here together. Today is a moment of hope." Naomi Osaka
- ( ) to a close around midnight in Japan with a spectacular fireworks display illuminating Tokyo's night sky.
- ( ) of 68,000. Attendees included Japan's Emperor Naruhito, the US First Lady Jill Biden and
- ( ) not the Summer Games would go ahead. The pandemic has already greatly impacted the event. It now takes
- ( ) year, the Tokyo Olympics Opening Ceremony officially got under way, albeit a year late. Because of
- ( ) positive. Japan still hopes the Games will showcase its culture to the world. The Opening Ceremony drew

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210725-tokyo-olympic-games.html>

1. a Officially way, year albeit late . under got
2. event . The has greatly the already pandemic impacted
3. with in It takes fans no place attendance .
4. ceremony The midnight . a to around drew close
5. night illuminating display sky . spectacular fireworks A Tokyo's
6. a 68,000 . a of capacity with In venue
7. what imagined . from Different us had all of
8. this all because moment here . Cherish we are
9. about her lighting Tweeted excitement the flame . at
10. ever greatest will achievement I The athletic have .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210725-tokyo-olympic-games.html>

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According to Tokyo 2020 organizers, 950 people *attached* / *attended* the opening ceremony. This is in a venue with a *capital* / *capacity* of 68,000. Attendees *included* / *concluded* Japan's Emperor Naruhito, the US First Lady Jill Biden and French President Emmanuel Macron. Emperor Naruhito *declared* / *included* the Games officially open. International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach said: "It is very *difference* / *different* from what all of *us* / *we* had imagined, but let us *cherish* / *churlish* this moment because finally we are all here together. Today is a moment of *hopeful* / *hope*." Naomi Osaka later tweeted about her excitement *to* / *at* lighting the flame. She said it was: "Undoubtedly the greatest *athlete* / *athletic* achievement and honour I will ever have in my life."

**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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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2021/07/27/210725-tokyo-olympic-games.html>

Write about **Tokyo Olympics** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

Lined writing area consisting of 20 horizontal lines.



# ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2021/07/210725-tokyo-olympic-games.html>

The Olympics is the greatest show in the world. Discuss.

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

**4. BIENNIAL:** Write a magazine article about making the Olympics a biennial (taking place every other year) event. 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 Tokyo Olympics. Ask him/her three questions about the Games. Give him/her three of your opinions on them. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 T    3 F    4 T    5 F    6 T    7 F    8 F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Tumultuous
2. A fifth Covid-19 wave
3. None
4. Its culture
5. Illuminated it
6. 950
7. 68,000
8. Japan's Emperor Naruhito
9. This moment
10. Hope

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Officially got under way, albeit a year late.
2. The pandemic has already greatly impacted the event.
3. It takes place with no fans in attendance.
4. The ceremony drew to a close around midnight.
5. A spectacular fireworks display illuminating Tokyo's night sky.
6. In a venue with a capacity of 68,000.
7. Different from what all of us had imagined.
8. Cherish this moment because we are all here.
9. Tweeted about her excitement at lighting the flame.
10. The greatest athletic achievement I will ever have.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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