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Level 4 – 27th July, 2021

Naomi Osaka lights flame to open Tokyo Olympics

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Tennis superstar Naomi Osaka lit the 2020 Tokyo Olympics flame. The Games officially started, albeit a year late. A possible fifth wave of Covid-19 has put in doubt whether or not they would go ahead. The pandemic has greatly affected the event. There are no fans and several athletes have withdrawn after testing positive. Japan hopes the Games will showcase its culture to the world. The Opening Ceremony ended at midnight with a spectacular fireworks show.

Only 950 people attended the opening ceremony, in a venue with a capacity of 68,000. Japan's Emperor Naruhito declared the Games officially open. The IOC president said it is different from what we had imagined, but we should "cherish this moment because finally we are all here together". He called the Games "a moment of hope". Naomi Osaka said lighting the flame was: "The greatest athletic achievement and honour I will ever have in my life."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. albeit a | a. show |
| 2. in | b. year late |
| 3. whether or not | c. positive |
| 4. The pandemic has greatly | d. they would go ahead |
| 5. several athletes | e. to the world |
| 6. testing | f. doubt |
| 7. showcase its culture | g. have withdrawn |
| 8. a spectacular fireworks | h. affected the event |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Only 950 people attended | a. officially open |
| 2. a venue with a capacity | b. achievement |
| 3. declared the Games | c. of 68,000 |
| 4. different from what | d. the flame |
| 5. we should cherish this | e. the opening ceremony |
| 6. a moment | f. moment |
| 7. lighting | g. we had imagined |
| 8. The greatest athletic | h. of hope |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Tennis superstar Naomi Osaka (1) _____ Tokyo

Olympics flame. The Games officially started, (2) _____

late. A possible fifth wave of Covid-19 has put

(3) _____ or not they would go ahead. The pandemic

has greatly (4) _____. There are no fans and several

athletes have withdrawn (5) _____. Japan hopes the

Games will showcase its culture to the world. The Opening Ceremony ended

at midnight (6) _____ fireworks show.

Only 950 people (7) _____ ceremony, in a venue with a

capacity of 68,000. Japan's Emperor Naruhito (8) _____

officially open. The IOC president said it is different from what we had

imagined, but (9) _____ this moment because finally

we are (10) _____". He called the Games "a moment of

hope". Naomi Osaka said (11) _____ was: "The greatest

athletic achievement and honour I will (12) _____ my

life."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TOKYO OLYMPICS SURVEY

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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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

