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## **Level 1**

### **Mixed-gender events added to 2020 Olympics**

**13th June, 2017**

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**Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1706/170613-2020-olympics-1.html>

There will be more mixed-gender events at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. The mixed-gender events will be in archery, athletics, judo, sailing, shooting, swimming, table tennis, and triathlon. There will be mixed relays in athletics and swimming. A swimming champion told the BBC that: "It's something that would make things a little bit more fun....It's great to mix things up...as it adds a little spice and [mixed events] are great to watch."

There will also be more sports and more women in Tokyo. A spokesman said the Games will be "more youthful, more urban and include more women". Not everyone wants urban sports like skateboarding, 3-on-3 basketball, and BMX freestyle. These are to get more young people to watch the Games. These sports mean fewer athletes for traditional events like weightlifting and wrestling. Women will make up 48.8 per cent of the athletes.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/sport/olympics/40226990>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1706/170613-2020-olympics-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                    |                        |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. There will be more mixed-gender | a. champion            |
| 2. The mixed-gender events         | b. triathlon           |
| 3. table tennis and                | c. up                  |
| 4. There will be mixed             | d. more fun            |
| 5. swimming                        | e. relays in athletics |
| 6. make things a little bit        | f. events              |
| 7. It's great to mix things        | g. spice               |
| 8. it adds a little                | h. will be in archery  |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                     |                           |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. There will also be more          | a. skateboarding          |
| 2. the Games will be more           | b. for traditional events |
| 3. urban sports like                | c. 3 basketball           |
| 4. 3-on-                            | d. watch the Games        |
| 5. get more young people to         | e. sports                 |
| 6. fewer athletes                   | f. of the athletes        |
| 7. weightlifting                    | g. youthful               |
| 8. Women will make up 48.8 per cent | h. and wrestling          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There (1) \_\_\_\_\_ mixed-gender events at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. The mixed-gender events (2) \_\_\_\_\_ archery, athletics, judo, sailing, shooting, swimming, table tennis, and triathlon. There will be (3) \_\_\_\_\_ athletics and swimming. A swimming champion told the BBC that: "It's (4) \_\_\_\_\_ would make things a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ fun....It's great to mix things up...(6) \_\_\_\_\_ little spice and [mixed events] are great to watch."

There (7) \_\_\_\_\_ more sports and more women in Tokyo. A spokesman said the Games (8) \_\_\_\_\_ youthful, (9) \_\_\_\_\_ include more women". Not everyone wants urban sports like skateboarding, 3-on-3 basketball, and BMX freestyle. These (10) \_\_\_\_\_ more young people to watch the Games. These sports mean fewer (11) \_\_\_\_\_ traditional events like weightlifting and wrestling. Women (12) \_\_\_\_\_ 48.8 per cent of the athletes.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# TOKYO OLYMPICS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1706/170613-2020-olympics-4.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.

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

