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## 2020 Tokyo Paralympics under way

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# THE ARTICLE

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# WARM-UPS

**1. THE PARALYMPICS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the Paralympics. 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?

Tokyo / opening ceremony / stadium / celebration / athletes / ability / sports / planet last year / coronavirus / pandemic / happiness / swimmer / movie stars / disabled

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

**3. SPORT:** Students A **strongly** believe sport is the best thing to bring people together ; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. TRANSFORM:** How can sport transform these people? How can governments get these people to do more sport? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Transform	How?
Schoolchildren		
Pensioners		
People with disabilities		
People with mental health issues		
Overweight people		
Prisoners		

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

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

- Cycling
- Swimming
- Goalball
- Wheelchair rugby
- Wheelchair tennis
- 5-a-side football
- Athletics
- Archery

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 1. ceremony    | a. Joining in.   |
| 2. celebration | b. A formal or public occasion, especially one that celebrates the opening of an event, an achievement, or an anniversary. |
| 3. event       | c. A thing that happens or takes place, especially one that is important.  |
| 4. taking part | d. A person who is very good at sports and other forms of physical exercise.   |
| 5. empty       | e. Change the form, nature, or appearance of something or someone.   |
| 6. athlete     | f. An enjoyable activity held to be happy about something.   |
| 7. transform   | g. Containing nothing; not filled.   |

## Paragraph 2

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. postponed    | h. The work and activities of a group of people with the same goal.                                      |
| 9. pandemic     | i. Feeling relaxed.  |
| 10. doubted     | j. Of a person having a physical or mental condition that limits their movements, senses, or activities. |
| 11. efforts     | k. Felt unsure that something would happen.  |
| 12. summed up   | l. Said something again in very few words.   |
| 13. disabled    | m. Caused or arranged for something to take place at a time later than that first scheduled.             |
| 14. comfortable | n. Of a disease that is everywhere over a whole country or the world.                                    |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210826-tokyo-paralympics.html>

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

1. The Paralympics opening ceremony was at the Tokyo City stadium. **T / F**
2. There will be over 500 events at the Paralympics. **T / F**
3. The stadium at the opening ceremony was half empty. **T / F**
4. The Paralympics president said the Games could change society. **T / F**
5. The coronavirus pandemic delayed the 2020 Paralympics. **T / F**
6. The Paralympics president could not believe the Games went ahead. **T / F**
7. A teenage swimmer said she felt like a movie star. **T / F**
8. The teenage swimmer said she felt comfortable at the Paralympics. **T / F**

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

- |                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. <b>began</b>        | a. joy           |
| 2. <b>celebration</b>  | b. occurred      |
| 3. <b>taking part</b>  | c. delayed       |
| 4. <b>took place</b>   | d. occasion      |
| 5. <b>transform</b>    | e. questioned    |
| 6. <b>postponed</b>    | f. relaxed       |
| 7. <b>happiness</b>    | g. started       |
| 8. <b>doubted</b>      | h. elation       |
| 9. <b>excitement</b>   | i. change        |
| 10. <b>comfortable</b> | j. participating |

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

- |   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. The twelve-day sporting                          | a. in an empty stadium   |
| 2. 4,500 para athletes                              | b. day would happen      |
| 3. The opening ceremony took place                  | c. meeting movie stars   |
| 4. I would like to join you in wishing all athletes | d. are taking part       |
| 5. the ability to transform society like            | e. up her excitement     |
| 6. The Games should have                            | f. of many               |
| 7. Many people doubted this                         | g. no other sports event |
| 8. thanks to the efforts                            | h. celebration           |
| 9. summed   | i. the very best         |
| 10. I feel like I'm                                 | j. taken place last year |

# GAP FILL

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*taking*  
*join*  
*fantastic*  
*ceremony*  
*society*  
*includes*  
*best*  
*place*

The Games should have taken place last year but were (9) \_\_\_\_\_ because of the coronavirus pandemic. The IPC president Andrew Parsons spoke about his (10) \_\_\_\_\_ at the event (11) \_\_\_\_\_ happening. He said: "I cannot believe we are finally here. Many people (12) \_\_\_\_\_ this day would happen. Many thought it was impossible. But, thanks to the (13) \_\_\_\_\_ of many, the most transformative sport event on Earth is about to (14) \_\_\_\_\_." A 14-year-old Ugandan swimmer, Husnah Kukundakwe, (15) \_\_\_\_\_ up her excitement about being at the Games. She said: "I feel like I'm meeting movie stars." She added: "Since it's the Paralympics and everybody else is (16) \_\_\_\_\_, I feel really comfortable."

*doubted*  
*begin*  
*happiness*  
*disabled*  
*finally*  
*summed*  
*postponed*  
*efforts*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210826-tokyo-paralympics.html>

- 1) The 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games began on Tuesday night with \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the open in ceremony
  - b. the opening ceremony
  - c. the opening ceremonial
  - d. the opening ceremonies
- 2) The twelve-day sporting celebration includes a \_\_\_\_\_ events
  - a. total of 536
  - b. total of 537
  - c. total of 538
  - d. total of 539
- 3) The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) said a total \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of 161 country
  - b. of 161 countries
  - c. of 161 countrified
  - d. of 161 counties
- 4) The opening ceremony took place in \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. on empty stadium
  - b. an empty stadium
  - c. a empty stadium
  - d. inner empty stadium
- 5) The Paralympics are not just fantastic to watch, they also have the ability \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. too transform society
  - b. two transform society
  - c. to transform society
  - d. though transform society
- 6) The Games should have taken place last year \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. but were postponed
  - b. but are postponed
  - c. but when postponed
  - d. but where postponed
- 7) Andrew Parsons spoke about his happiness at the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. event final happening
  - b. event finally happen in
  - c. event finally happening
  - d. event final happening
- 8) I cannot believe we are finally here. Many \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. people doubt it this
  - b. people doubled this
  - c. people doubt Ted this
  - d. people doubted this
- 9) Many thought it was impossible. But, thanks to the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. efforts of meanie
  - b. efforts of any
  - c. efforts of many
  - d. efforts of much
- 10) Since it's the Paralympics and everybody else is disabled, I feel \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. really comfort table
  - b. really comfortable
  - c. really comfortableness
  - d. really comfortably

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The Games should have taken place last year (7) \_\_\_\_\_ because of the coronavirus pandemic. The IPC president Andrew Parsons spoke about his happiness at (8) \_\_\_\_\_ happening. He said: "I cannot believe we are finally here. Many people doubted this day would happen. Many thought (9) \_\_\_\_\_. But, thanks to the efforts of many, the most transformative sport event on Earth (10) \_\_\_\_\_ begin." A 14-year-old Ugandan swimmer, Husnah Kukundakwe, (11) \_\_\_\_\_ excitement about being at the Games. She said: "I feel like I'm meeting movie stars." She added: "Since it's the Paralympics and everybody else is disabled, I (12) \_\_\_\_\_."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210826-tokyo-paralympics.html>

1. What stadium did the Paralympics Opening Ceremony take place in?
2. How many events are there at the Paralympics?
3. How many spectators were at the Opening Ceremony?
4. Who wished all the athletes well?
5. What did the Paralympics president say the Games could do to society?
6. What caused the delay of the Paralympics?
7. Who doubted whether the Paralympics would take place?
8. What event does Husnah Kukundakwe take part in?
9. Who does Husnah Kukundakwe feel like she is meeting?
10. How does Husnah Kukundakwe feel at the Paralympics?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210826-tokyo-paralympics.html>

- 1) What stadium did the Paralympics Opening Ceremony take place in?
  - a) the Tokyo Giants baseball stadium
  - b) the Tokyo City Stadium
  - c) Yokohama Stadium
  - d) Japan's National Stadium
- 2) How many events are there at the Paralympics?
  - a) 359
  - b) 539
  - c) 593
  - d) 395
- 3) How many spectators were at the Opening Ceremony?
  - a) 5,000
  - b) 10,000
  - c) none (the stadium was empty)
  - d) 2,783
- 4) Who wished all the athletes well?
  - a) Japan's emperor
  - b) the IPC president
  - c) Japan's prime minister
  - d) the IOC president
- 5) What did the Paralympics president say the Games could do to society?
  - a) educate it
  - b) entertain it
  - c) transform it
  - d) make it fitter
- 6) What caused the delay of the Paralympics?
  - a) technical problems
  - b) the coronavirus pandemic
  - c) money problems
  - d) internal arguments
- 7) Who doubted whether the Paralympics would take place?
  - a) the IOC president
  - b) athletes
  - c) many people
  - d) the IPC president
- 8) What event does Husnah Kukundakwe take part in?
  - a) swimming
  - b) fencing
  - c) archery
  - d) wheelchair tennis
- 9) Who does Husnah Kukundakwe feel like she is meeting?
  - a) her idols
  - b) royalty
  - c) movie stars
  - d) future superstars
- 10) How does Husnah Kukundakwe feel at the Paralympics?
  - a) worried
  - b) comfortable
  - c) nervous
  - d) happy

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Cycling**

You think cycling is the best Paralympics event. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their events aren't as enjoyable. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): wheelchair tennis, 5-a-side football or goalball.

## **Role B – Wheelchair Tennis**

You think wheelchair tennis is the best Paralympics event. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their events aren't as enjoyable. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): goalball, 5-a-side football or cycling.

## **Role C – 5-a-side Football**

You think 5-a-side football is the best Paralympics event. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their events aren't as enjoyable. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): wheelchair tennis, goalball or cycling.

## **Role D – Goalball**

You think goalball is the best Paralympics event. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their events aren't as enjoyable. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): wheelchair tennis, 5-a-side football or cycling.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210826-tokyo-paralympics.html>

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

<b>sport</b>	<b>games</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>• night</li><li>• twelve</li><li>• 161</li><li>• empty</li><li>• all</li><li>• other</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• because</li><li>• happiness</li><li>• thanks</li><li>• being</li><li>• movie</li><li>• really</li></ul>
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# THE PARALYMPICS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210826-tokyo-paralympics.html>

Write five GOOD questions about the Paralympics 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 PARALYMPICS 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 'ceremony'?
3. What do you think of the Paralympics?
4. What are your favourite Paralympic sports?
5. Was it right that the stadium was empty?
6. Who are your country's best Paralympians?
7. What do you think being in the Paralympics village is like?
8. What do you think the training is like to be a Paralympian?
9. What advice do you have for the Paralympians?
10. How can the Paralympics transform society?

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# THE PARALYMPICS 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 'Paralympics'?
13. What do you know about Tokyo?
14. What do you think about what you read?
15. Should the Games be happening during a pandemic?
16. Should the Paralympics and Olympics be combined?
17. Would you like to attend the events in Tokyo?
18. What three adjectives best describe this story?
19. In what ways are the Paralympics better than the Olympics?
20. What questions would you like to ask the Paralympians?

## 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) at        | (b) in        | (c) on       | (d) to          |
| 2.  | (a) of        | (b) by        | (c) at       | (d) as          |
| 3.  | (a) party     | (b) part      | (c) partner  | (d) participate |
| 4.  | (a) did       | (b) had       | (c) gave     | (d) took        |
| 5.  | (a) washing   | (b) whiling   | (c) wishing  | (d) whistling   |
| 6.  | (a) pressure  | (b) transform | (c) movement | (d) protest     |
| 7.  | (a) postponed | (b) reposted  | (c) posted   | (d) posited     |
| 8.  | (a) finals    | (b) finality  | (c) final    | (d) finally     |
| 9.  | (a) doubled   | (b) indebted  | (c) doubted  | (d) dabbled     |
| 10. | (a) kind      | (b) roughly   | (c) around   | (d) about       |
| 11. | (a) down      | (b) up        | (c) in       | (d) out         |
| 12. | (a) else      | (b) other     | (c) another  | (d) others      |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. the opening eremocny
2. took place in an empty tdasium
3. wishing all thletaes the very best
4. atfsantic to watch
5. the ability to transform icoesty
6. other sports event on this lnapet

## Paragraph 2

7. the coronavirus andempic
8. people obudted this day would happen
9. thanks to the foferts of many
10. summed up her etmenteicx
11. everybody else is ldsiebda
12. I feel really coebfotmlar

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210826-tokyo-paralympics.html>

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

- ( ) pandemic. The IPC president Andrew Parsons spoke about his happiness at the event finally
- ( ) happen. Many thought it was impossible. But, thanks to the efforts of many, the most transformative sport event on
- ( ) stars." She added: "Since it's the Paralympics and everybody else is disabled, I feel really comfortable."
- ( ) like to join you in wishing all athletes the very best." The IPC president said: "The Paralympics are not just
- ( ) events in 22 para sports. The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) said a total of 161 countries
- ( ) and 4,500 para athletes are taking part in the Games. This includes the Refugee Paralympic Team. The opening
- ( ) fantastic to watch, they also have the ability to transform society like no other sports event on this planet."
- ( ) up her excitement about being at the Games. She said: "I feel like I'm meeting movie
- ( ) Earth is about to begin." A 14-year-old Ugandan swimmer, Husnah Kukundakwe, summed
- ( ) Japan's National Stadium. The twelve-day sporting celebration includes a total of 539
- ( **1** ) The 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games began on Tuesday night with the opening ceremony at
- ( ) ceremony took place in an empty stadium. Japan's Emperor Naruhito opened the Games. He said: "I would
- ( ) happening. He said: "I cannot believe we are finally here. Many people doubted this day would
- ( ) The Games should have taken place last year but were postponed because of the coronavirus

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210826-tokyo-paralympics.html>

1. celebration 539 includes sporting The events . twelve-day
2. total athletes . countries A 161 of and 4,500
3. The took place stadium . an in ceremony empty
4. said like join I to you . He would
5. transform also the to society . have They ability
6. Games taken The place year . should last have
7. I we believe here . are finally cannot
8. Many day doubted this people would happen .
9. I'm meeting feel like movie I stars .
10. everybody the else Paralympics disabled . is It's and

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210826-tokyo-paralympics.html>

The 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games began on Tuesday night *within / with* the opening ceremony *to / at* Japan's National Stadium. The twelve-day sporting celebration *inclusive / includes* a total of 539 events in 22 para sports. The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) said a *totally / total* of 161 countries and 4,500 para athletes are taking *part / partner* in the Games. This includes the Refugee Paralympic Team. The opening ceremony *gave / took* place in an empty stadium. Japan's Emperor Naruhito opened the Games. He said: "I would like to *joint / join* you in wishing all athletes the very best." The IPC president said: "The Paralympics are not just *fantastic / fantastically* to watch, they also have the *ability / able* to transform society like no other sports event *in / on* this planet."

The Games should have taken place *lasted / last* year but were postponed because of *a / the* coronavirus pandemic. The IPC president Andrew Parsons spoke about his happiness *at / of* the event finally happening. He said: "I cannot believe we are *final / finally* here. Many people *doubled / doubted* this day would happen. Many thought it was impossible. But, thanks to the efforts of *much / many*, the most transformative sport event on Earth is about to *beginning / begin*." A 14-year-old Ugandan swimmer, Husnah Kukundakwe, summed *up / down* her excitement about being at the Games. She said: "I feel like I'm meeting movie *suns / stars*." She added: "Since it's the Paralympics and everybody else *is / be* disabled, I feel really comfortable."

**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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the games should have taken place last year but were postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic the ipc president andrew parsons spoke about his happiness at the event finally happening he said i cannot believe we are finally here many people doubted this day would happen many thought it was impossible but thanks to the efforts of many the most transformative sport event on earth is about to begin a 14yearold ugandan swimmer husnah kukundakwe summed up her excitement about being at the games she said i feel like im meeting movie stars she added since its the paralympics and everybody else is disabled i feel really comfortable

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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. THE PARALYMPICS:** Make a poster about the Paralympics. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. TRANSFORMING:** Write a magazine article about how the Paralympics could change the world.

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 Paralympics. 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 T    6 T    7 F    8 T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Japan's National Stadium
- 539
- None (the stadium was empty)
- Japan's emperor
- Transform it
- The coronavirus pandemic
- The IPC president
- Swimming
- Movie stars
- Comfortable

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

- The twelve-day sporting celebration includes 539 events.
- A total of 161 countries and 4,500 athletes.
- The ceremony took place in an empty stadium.
- He said I would like to join you.
- They also have the ability to transform society.
- The Games should have taken place last year.
- I cannot believe we are finally here.
- Many people doubted this day would happen.
- I feel like I'm meeting movie stars.
- It's the Paralympics and everybody else is disabled.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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