

**London Olympics 2012**

**Task 1 Sports A-Z**

How many sports do you know in English? Work in groups to think of one for each letter of the alphabet.

<b>Sports A-Z</b>	
A -	
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**Task 2 Olympic Quiz**

Test your knowledge of the Olympic Games by doing this quiz. Work in small groups.

**Olympic Quiz**

- 1) When were the first ancient Olympic Games held?
  - a) 776 BC
  - b) 223 BC
  - c) 112 AD
- 2) Which Greek God was honoured by the ancient Olympic Games?
  - a) Heracles
  - b) Perseus
  - c) Zeus
- 3) In which year was the very first modern Olympic Games held?
  - a) 1824
  - b) 1896
  - c) 1906
- 4) Where was the first modern Olympic Games held?
  - a) London
  - b) Athens
  - c) Rome
- 5) When was the Olympic flag with the five rings introduced?
  - a) 1920
  - b) 1916
  - c) 1924
- 6) What do the five rings represent?
  
- 7) When were the Olympic Games first televised?
  - a) 1956
  - b) 1946
  - c) 1936
- 8) Where are the headquarters of the International Olympic Committee?
  - a) Switzerland
  - b) UK
  - c) Greece
- 9) Why were the Olympic Games cancelled in 1916, 1940 and 1944?
  
- 10) Where are the 2008 Olympic games going to be held?
  - a) Shanghai
  - b) Beijing
  - c) Hong Kong

- Check your answers with your teacher.

**Task 3 Write your own Olympic Quiz**

Now you are going to write your own Olympic quiz. Work in groups and write your 5 questions her. You must be sure you know all the answers!

<b>Olympic quiz</b>
1)
2)
3)
4)
5)

Now test your class mates with your quiz.

**Task 4 Reading task – London’s run to victory.**

Read the text and answer the following questions.

- 1) Which cities did London beat in the competition to host the Games?
- 2) Which city came second in the competition?
- 3) Which famous people helped in London’s bid for the Games?
- 4) How do you think London will change because of having the Olympic Games there in 2012?

**London’s run to victory**

London has beaten Paris and three other cities in the race to host the Olympic Games in 2012.

**Five rings, five cities**

London is to host the Olympic Games in 2012 following the International Olympic Committee’s announcement in Singapore on 6 July. London was one of five cities vying to host the Games. The others were Paris, Madrid, New York and Moscow. London beat Paris 54-50 in the nail biting final vote. The news has been greeted with delight both in London and by the bidding team in Singapore, which included England football captain David Beckham and gold medal-winning athlete Denise Lewis.

**Why did London win?**

The city’s bid was fronted by former athlete Lord Sebastian Coe, who is well known and highly respected within world sport. The bid had strong support from the Mayor of London and the Government, and the Prime Minister’s personal lobbying may have proved decisive. They fought a high-profile publicity campaign. But the mechanics of the bid itself and the plans to regenerate areas of derelict land in Stratford, East London also played a part. Wimbledon and Wembley are other famous venues likely to be used for some of the 26 sports. Public transport will be improved by 2012 and it is hoped that 80% of spectators will travel to the events by train.

**What happens next?**

Lord Coe said: ‘It is the most fantastic opportunity to do everything we’ve ever dreamed of in British sport. We have a chance over seven years and way beyond that to change the face of British sport.’ He has agreed to chair the organising committee and Tessa Jowell MP has been appointed as Minister in charge of the London Olympics. The last word goes to London Mayor Ken Livingstone: ‘We’ll give the world the best Games they’ve ever seen.’

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**Task 5 Olympic event of the future**

Which event would you like to see included in the Olympic Games of the future? Skateboarding?  
Rollerblading? Computer games?

I think that \_\_\_\_\_ should be included in the Olympic Games because ....

**Task 6 Olympic Bid 2016**

Your town or city wants to host the Olympic Games in 2016. You are responsible for planning the proposal. You have a lot of work to do. Discuss the following questions with your group and then present your ideas to the class.

- What new sports facilities does your city need?
- Where will you build the new facilities?
- Where will the participants sleep?
- How many volunteers will you need to help during the Games?
- How will your city change if you win the bid?
- Design a logo for your city to use for your campaign.