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## Olympics

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One minute a day is all you need to improve your listening skills.  
Focus on new words, grammar and pronunciation in this short text.  
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 **THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT**

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I love the Olympics. It really is a unique and special world occasion. There's only one event in the world better than the Olympics, and that's the Football World Cup. Anyway, the Olympics really is a celebration of humanity. The whole world watches and gets excited. We love watching our heroes trying to win gold. I don't usually get excited about seeing my country's flag, but at the Olympics, I love it. I think the Olympics were better many years ago. Then, they had traditional Olympic sports. Nowadays we have professional tennis and baseball stars playing in sports that aren't really Olympic sports. I would love to see an Olympic games. Maybe I'll be lucky and get a chance to see the London games in 2012.



## LISTENING GAP FILL

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## CORRECT THE SPELLING

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## UNJUMBLE THE WORDS

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT A's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student B)

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4. \_\_\_\_\_
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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
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# STUDENT OLYMPICS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the 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.





## **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 INFO:** Search the Internet and find more information about the Olympics. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about the Olympics. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. OLYMPICS POSTER** Make a poster about the Olympics. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

**5. MY OLYMPICS LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on the Olympics. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

**6. ONLINE SHARING:** Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on the Olympics. Share your findings with the class.

