

Asian Summer Olympics in Glory

Listen!



Let's Think

1. Have you ever watched the Olympic Games on TV?
2. Do you know which two languages are the official languages of the Olympics?

You are Grace. You are reading online about the latest Summer Olympics in Asia.

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http://www.sportsworld.com/SummerOlympicsinAsia

Latest Summer Olympics in Asia



The latest Summer Olympics held in Asia was the 2020 Summer Olympic Games. It was originally set to take place in Tokyo from 24th July to 9th August 2020. However, due to the global health crisis, the international event was rescheduled to 23rd July to 8th August 2021.

The preparatory work for the Tokyo Olympic Games started as early as in February 2012, when the construction of the Tokyo National Stadium was announced for the global event. It was revealed that the construction works, which began in 2016 and were completed in 2019, had cost approximately 100 billion yen.

Apart from the money spent on the stadium, the country also spent a fortune preparing a man-made meteor shower for the opening ceremony. If it was launched successfully, around 30 million people in Japan would be able to see the artificial shooting stars lighting up the sky. To the Japanese authorities' disappointment, their plans and arrangements could not go as scheduled and had to be postponed. As experts estimated, there was a 640-billion-yen loss due to the postponement.

Understandably, the postponement of the Tokyo Olympic Games was depressing to the athletes because they had been training hard for years for the event. Still, as most athletes pointed out while expressing understanding for the postponement, everybody's health and safety should come before anything else.

(219 words)

Part A

Answer the following questions using the information from the web page. Choose the **BEST** answer and blacken **ONE** circle only.

1. What is the web page mainly about?

- A. the history of the Olympic Games
- B. the global health crisis
- C. the way Japan dealt with COVID-19
- D. the postponement of the 2020 Summer Olympic Games

Skim the article first.

2. In line 3, the words 'due to' can best be replaced by '_____'.

- A. in addition to
- B. so
- C. because of
- D. since

3. In line 6, 'renovated' means '_____'.

- A. removed
- B. repaired and improved
- C. cleaned thoroughly
- D. relocated

4. In 2016, the renovation work of Tokyo National Stadium _____.

- A. was stopped
- B. was completed
- C. was still in progress
- D. was delayed

5. How much money had been spent on the preparatory work of the whole event?

- A. more than 100 billion yen
- B. less than 100 billion yen
- C. 100 billion yen
- D. 200 billion yen

Grammar Corner

We can use the **passive voice** to give focus to an action, rather than the doer who performs the action. Sometimes, we use it in formal, professional or academic contexts.

e.g. *It was originally set to take place in Tokyo from 24th July to 9th August 2020.*
(Lines 2-3)

Part B

Answer the following questions using the information from the web page. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

1. Find a verb that means ‘changed the timing of an event’.

2. How much did it cost to renovate Tokyo National Stadium?

3. Besides the renovation work of the stadium, what else did Japan spend a great deal of money on?

4. Find an idiom that means ‘to be more important than something’.

Note that the idiom you are asked to look for starts with a verb.



5. Complete the following note about the latest Olympics in Asia.

The latest Olympics in Asia	
Original date:	(a) _____ to (b) _____, 2020
Rescheduled date:	(c) _____ to (d) _____
Cause of postponement:	(e) _____
Estimated loss:	(f) _____ yen

6. Did most of the athletes react negatively to the postponement? Why or why not?

Vocabulary Bank

The following are different things related to the Olympic Games. Match them with the correct pictures by writing the correct letter in the boxes. One of the words is not used.

- A. wreath B. podium C. the Olympic flame D. the Olympic rings
E. spectators F. tracks G. stadium H. national flags I. medals



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Let's Discuss

1. Do you think it is good to be the host country of the Olympic Games? Why or why not?
2. Should the Olympic Games be held in a fixed location every time or rotate among different countries? Why?