

Would you like to visit London's Olympic Park? There's no need to get on a plane. Watch this and take a video tour.

**Do the preparation task first.** Then watch the video and do the exercises to check your understanding. If you need help, you can read the transcript at any time.

### Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the number 1–6.

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|--------|-------------------------|----|--|
| 1..... | to take a building down | a. | a place where an event takes place                         |
| 2..... | to pick something out   | b. | a change into something completely different               |
| 3..... | a transformation        | c. | the long term effects of an event                          |
| 4..... | a venue                 | d. | to deconstruct a building; to break it down into pieces    |
| 5..... | a legacy                | e. | to be able to see something clearly against the background |
| 6..... | brehtaking              | f. | extremely impressive or amazing                            |

### 1. Check your understanding: matching – sports and venues

Match the sports with the venues and write a–h next to the number 1–8.

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| 1..... | the Velodrome        | a. | athletics and the opening and closing ceremonies      |
| 2..... | the Olympic Stadium  | b. | swimming and diving                                   |
| 3..... | the Water Polo Arena | c. | handball, parts of the modern pentathlon and goalball |
| 4..... | the Basketball Arena | d. | hockey  |
| 5..... | the Copper Box       | e. | basketball  |
| 6..... | the Aquatics Centre  | f. | cycling   |
| 7..... | the Riverbank Arena  | g. | wheelchair tennis                                     |
| 8..... | Eton Manor           | h. | water polo  |

## 2. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best answer to these questions.

- Where is the Olympic Park?  
in the centre of London / in east London / just outside London
- How is the Olympic Stadium accessed by visitors?  
by five new bridges / by underground tunnels / by long pedestrian avenues
- What will happen to the Copper Box after the games?  
it will be taken down / it will be transformed into flats for the local community / it will be used for sports events and concerts.
- Why are the hockey pitches blue?  
because blue is one of the colours on the flag of the UK / because it makes it easier to see the yellow ball / because it stays cooler in the summer
- What is the Olympic Village?  
accommodation for the athletes and officials / the venue for the opening and closing ceremonies / the place where the first Olympic Games were held
- What will happen to the Basketball Arena after the games?  
it will be used for concerts / it will be taken down and recycled and re-used elsewhere / it will be transformed into a local sports centre
- Besides the Olympic Park, how many other venues are there in London?  
8 / 18 / 80
- When does the presenter say the eyes of the world will be on the Olympic Stadium?  
for the medal ceremonies / for the athletics final / for the lighting of the Olympic flame and the start of the games

## 3. Check your language: ordering – long noun phrases

Put these words in the correct order by writing a number in the brackets.

- in the north parklands. (\_\_\_) the 4,000 new trees (\_\_\_) are grown (\_\_\_) an half a million new plants (\_\_\_) Many of (\_\_\_)
- a number of (\_\_\_) will be sited there. (\_\_\_) One of (\_\_\_) giant life-sized screens (\_\_\_)

3. to have building work (\_\_\_) The first sporting venue (\_\_\_) was (\_\_\_) the Velodrome (\_\_\_) completed on the park (\_\_\_)
4. Jacques Rogge, (\_\_\_) the international Olympic Committee, (\_\_\_) in July 2005 the (\_\_\_) announced London as the 2012 host city. (\_\_\_) President of (\_\_\_)
5. capital city. (\_\_\_) a hugely neglected (\_\_\_) will be held in (\_\_\_) The Games (\_\_\_) part of (\_\_\_) the UK's (\_\_\_)
6. in the east of London. (\_\_\_) The Olympic Park (\_\_\_) sparkles like a jewel (\_\_\_) its waterways, parklands and wetlands (\_\_\_) with its 21<sup>st</sup>-century venues, (\_\_\_)

#### 4. Check your vocabulary: gap fill – adjectives

Write the adjective form of the word in brackets in the gaps.

1. The Olympic Games is the world's greatest \_\_\_\_\_ celebration. (*sport*)
2. Work continues to make sure that everything is ready for the \_\_\_\_\_ opening and closing ceremonies, and the \_\_\_\_\_ weeks of track and field athletics. (*spectacle, thrill*)
3. The Aquatics Centre is perhaps the most \_\_\_\_\_ venue on the park because of its \_\_\_\_\_ roof. (*icon, spectacle*)
4. The hockey pitches have a \_\_\_\_\_ blue playing surface. The colour is not just \_\_\_\_\_: it helps players and spectators pick out the ball. (*strike, drama*)
5. In the north parklands, visitors can watch the events on a giant screen in a \_\_\_\_\_ landscape. (*stun*)
6. The Basketball Arena has already hosted a fantastically \_\_\_\_\_ test event. (*success*)
7. Eton Manor is the site of the \_\_\_\_\_ start of construction of the Olympic Park. (*history*)
8. The transformation of the site has been \_\_\_\_\_. (*take breath*)

#### What's your favourite sporting event?

Will you be watching the Olympics on TV?

Do you think your country will win any gold medals?