

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 21st-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?