



# BBC WORLD SERVICE LEARNING ENGLISH

The Olympics



## The Olympics 奥林匹克运动会

### London 2012

After a hard-fought campaign, London has been awarded the right **to host** the 2012 Olympic Games. The UK capital **saw off** competition from four rival cities: Paris, Madrid, Moscow and New York.

Londoners can now look forward to the transformation of their city in the same way as their **counterparts** in Beijing. Indeed, there are many similarities in the two cities' approach to hosting the games. Both cities need to invest in developing their **infrastructure** in order to cope with the demands of the event.

However, this kind of **investment** is far from cheap - it is estimated that it will cost around \$40 billion to prepare for the 2008 games, much of which will be spent on transport links. **Nevertheless**, the benefits of becoming an Olympic city can be enormous - Barcelona, which hosted the 1992 games, was completely **regenerated** and has since become one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world.

Residents of Stratford, in London's **deprived East End**, are hoping that their neighbourhood will **undergo a similar transformation** as it is one of the areas where many new sports facilities will be built. One of the East End's most famous sons, David Beckham, has given the Olympics his blessing - "to have the Olympics in **our manor** would be a special thing."

David Beckham is not alone in supporting the successful bid; Manchester United and England defender, Rio Ferdinand, says, "This will be a great **boost** for the whole of the country. I'm looking forward to being at the 100m final in 2012."

One thing that will change in the 2012 games is the number of sports. The International Olympic Committee has decided **to axe** baseball and softball from the games. IOC president Jacques Rogge explained, "Needless to say, these sports are very, very disappointed, but it does not disqualify them forever as Olympic sports."

However, one unlikely British sport is attempting to **gain Olympic status**. "As the newest recognised sport, **darts**...would be proud to be considered as the host nation's 'invitation sport' in 2012.", says British Darts Organisation chief, Olly Croft.



## Glossary 词汇表

**to host** – 主办

**counterparts** – 对等的, 相当的, 同行

**investment** – 投资

**deprived East End** – 贫穷落后的东城区

**our manor** – 我们的地区 (俚语)

**to axe** – 取消, 消减,

**darts** – 飞镖, 一种室内游戏。

**saw off** – 击败了 (竞争对手)

**infrastructure** – 结构, 构造

**nevertheless** – 虽然如此, 但是

**undergo a similar transformation** – 重新改造, 改头换面

**boost** – 援助, 支持

**gain Olympic status** – 取得举办奥林匹克运动会的资格

### 1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

**Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.**

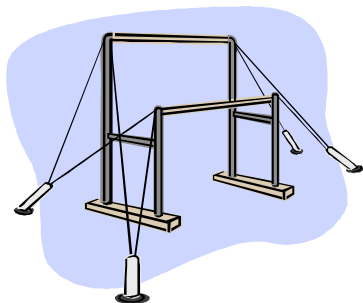
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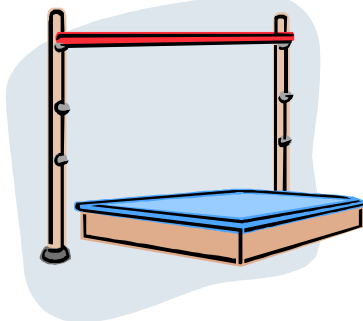
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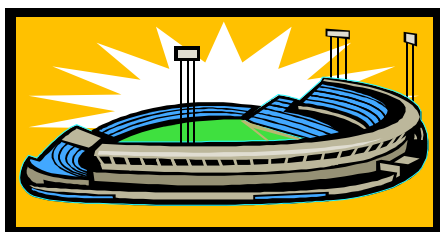
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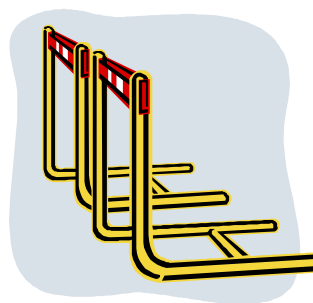
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4. \_\_\_\_\_



5. \_\_\_\_\_



6. \_\_\_\_\_

stadium   gold medal   high jump   javelin   hurdle   gymnastics

### **3. Prepositions** 介词

**Complete the following sentences by writing the correct preposition in the gap.**

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#### 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with the Olympics in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (→), vertically (↓) or diagonally (↘)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与奥林匹克运动会有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的(→) 垂直的(↓) 或对角的(↘) 形式出现。

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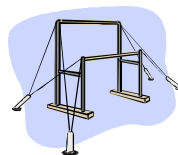
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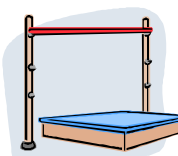
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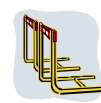
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4. gold medal



5. stadium



6. hurdle

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