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2012 Olympics to be greenest ever

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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A new report* from the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and BioRegional has said the London 2012 Olympic Games will be the greenest ever. However, the report warns of failures to meet sustainability targets in important areas. In 2005, the two organizations and the London 2012 organizers teamed up. They created "a framework for the most sustainable Olympic and Paralympic Games ever". Their report was called "Towards a One Planet Olympics" because "we only have one planet...and we need to respect the environment and people".

The 2005 report included 76 promises to create "the greenest Games ever". Most of these will be fully or partially met. Even McDonalds is going green. The restaurant giant will serve millions of meals of locally caught fish and local meat in recyclable containers. All McDonald's cooking oil will become biodiesel to power its trucks. Friends of the Earth were happy with the decision to create few car parking spaces, which means everyone will take public transport or walk.

* <http://www.bioregional.com/files/publications/towards-a-one-planet-olympics-revisited.pdf>

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. the report warns | a. up |
| 2. targets in | b. have one planet |
| 3. organizers teamed | c. of failures |
| 4. the most | d. the environment |
| 5. we only | e. important areas |
| 6. we need to respect | f. sustainable |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The 2005 report included | a. or partially met |
| 2. Most of these will be fully | b. fish |
| 3. serve millions | c. its trucks |
| 4. locally caught | d. 76 promises |
| 5. biodiesel to power | e. parking spaces |
| 6. create few car | f. of meals |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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(1) _____ World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and BioRegional has said the London 2012 Olympic Games will be the greenest ever. However, the report (2) _____ meet sustainability targets (3) _____. In 2005, the two organizations and the London 2012 organizers teamed up. They created "a framework (4) _____ Olympic (5) _____ ever". Their report was called "Towards a One Planet Olympics" because "we only have one planet...and (6) _____ environment and people".

The 2005 report (7) _____ to create "the greenest Games ever". (8) _____ fully or partially met. Even McDonalds is going green. The restaurant giant (9) _____ meals of locally caught fish and local meat (10) _____. All McDonald's cooking oil will become (11) _____ trucks. Friends of the Earth were happy with the decision to create few car parking spaces, which means everyone will (12) _____ or walk.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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The 2005 report included 76 promises to (7) _____ "the greenest Games ever". Most of these will be (8) _____ or partially met. Even McDonalds is going green. The restaurant giant will serve millions of meals of (9) _____ caught fish and local meat in recyclable containers. All McDonald's cooking oil will become biodiesel to (10) _____ its trucks. Friends of the Earth were happy with the decision (11) _____ create few car parking spaces, which (12) _____ everyone will take public transport or walk.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) have | (b) has | (c) having |
| 2. | (a) of | (b) at | (c) in |
| 3. | (a) down | (b) along | (c) up |
| 4. | (a) woodwork | (b) framework | (c) clockwork |
| 5. | (a) only | (b) once | (c) one-time |
| 6. | (a) respectfully | (b) respects | (c) respect |
| 7. | (a) create | (b) creation | (c) creative |
| 8. | (a) fulltime | (b) full | (c) fully |
| 9. | (a) locally | (b) location | (c) located |
| 10. | (a) beef | (b) power | (c) burn |
| 11. | (a) of | (b) to | (c) by |
| 12. | (a) meaning | (b) mean | (c) means |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. the report warns of laefsiur
2. meet sustainability atstgre
3. organizers tmeaed up
4. etearcd a framework
5. we only have one latepn
6. speetcr the environment

Paragraph 2

7. 76 rosmipes
8. fully or talapryli
9. locally thcuag fish
10. cooking oil will become ilbediose
11. happy with the nedcisio
12. take public rtpoatrns

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () The 2005 report included 76 promises to create "the greenest Games ever". Most
- () have one planet...and we need to respect the environment and people".
- (**1**) A new report from the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and BioRegional has
- () of these will be fully or partially met. Even McDonalds is going green. The restaurant giant will serve
- () said the London 2012 Olympic Games will be the greenest ever. However, the report warns
- () of failures to meet sustainability targets in important areas. In 2005, the two organizations and the London 2012
- () organizers teamed up. They created "a framework for the most sustainable Olympic and
- () Paralympic Games ever". Their report was called "Towards a One Planet Olympics" because "we only
- () car parking spaces, which means everyone will take public transport or walk.
- () its trucks. Friends of the Earth were happy with the decision to create few
- () millions of meals of locally caught fish and local meat in recyclable
- () containers. All McDonald's cooking oil will become biodiesel to power

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. World (WWF). Wildlife the from report new A Fund

2. be London the 2012 greenest Olympics will The.

3. sustainability meet to Failures targets.

4. London organizers up The 2012 teamed.

5. We to the need respect environment.

6. The report 76 2005 included promises.

7. will or these fully met of be partially Most.

8. giant meals will serve The millions restaurant of.

9. biodiesel become will oil cooking McDonald's All.

10. walk or transport public take will Everyone.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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. SUSTAINABILITY: Search the Internet and find more information about sustainability at the London Olympics. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about sustainability. Include an imaginary interview with the Olympics organizers. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to a sustainability expert. Ask him/her three questions about sustainability. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.