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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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The opening ceremony of the London Olympic Games took place on Friday night. The event started with Britain's first ever Tour de France winner Bradley Wiggins ringing a huge bell. After that came songs and images from the four countries of Great Britain – England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. There followed images of British history from Shakespeare's times to the industrial revolution to punk, Harry Potter and digital Britain. There was a special tribute to inventor of the worldwide web, Sir Tim Berners-Lee.

The three-hour event was officially opened by Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, who said: "I declare open the Games of London, celebrating the 30th Olympiad of the modern era." The Olympic flame arrived by a boat steered by English soccer player David Beckham. Seven young athletes lit the Olympic Cauldron, made from 204 copper petals carried in by teams from across the world. Then the fireworks lit up the sky around the Olympic Park. The ceremony ended with Sir Paul McCartney and the audience singing Hey Jude.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Britain's first ever | a. huge bell |
| 2. ringing a | b. British history |
| 3. the four countries | c. revolution |
| 4. images of | d. of the worldwide web |
| 5. the industrial | e. of Great Britain |
| 6. a special tribute to inventor | f. Tour de France winner |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The three- | a. era |
| 2. I declare open the | b. the Olympic Cauldron |
| 3. the modern | c. Games of London |
| 4. The Olympic flame arrived | d. hour event |
| 5. Seven young athletes lit up | e. the sky |
| 6. the fireworks lit | f. by a boat |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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The opening ceremony of the London Olympic Games (1) _____ Friday night. The event started with Britain's first ever Tour de France winner Bradley Wiggins ringing a huge bell. After that (2) _____ from (3) _____ Great Britain – England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. There followed images of British history (4) _____ to the industrial revolution to punk, Harry Potter (5) _____. There was a special (6) _____ of the worldwide web, Sir Tim Berners-Lee.

The three-hour event (7) _____ by Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, who said: "I declare open the Games of London, celebrating the 30th Olympiad (8) _____." The Olympic flame arrived by a (9) _____ English soccer player David Beckham. Seven (10) _____ the Olympic Cauldron, made from 204 copper petals (11) _____ from across the world. Then the fireworks lit up the sky around the Olympic Park. The ceremony ended with Sir Paul McCartney (12) _____ Hey Jude.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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The opening ceremony of the London Olympic Games (1) _____ place on Friday night. The event started with Britain's first (2) _____ Tour de France winner Bradley Wiggins ringing a (3) _____ bell. After that came songs and images from the four countries of Great Britain – England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. There (4) _____ images of British history from Shakespeare's times to the industrial revolution to punk, Harry Potter and (5) _____ Britain. There was a special tribute (6) _____ inventor of the worldwide web, Sir Tim Berners-Lee.

The three-hour event was (7) _____ opened by Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, who said: "I declare open the Games of London, celebrating the 30th Olympiad of the modern (8) _____." The Olympic flame arrived by a boat steered by English soccer player David Beckham. Seven young (9) _____ lit the Olympic Cauldron, made from 204 copper petals carried in (10) _____ teams from across the world. Then the fireworks lit (11) _____ the sky around the Olympic Park. The ceremony ended with Sir Paul McCartney and the (12) _____ singing Hey Jude.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) gave | (b) did | (c) took |
| 2. | (a) ever | (b) even | (c) never |
| 3. | (a) hug | (b) huge | (c) refuge |
| 4. | (a) followed | (b) after | (c) then |
| 5. | (a) digit | (b) digitally | (c) digital |
| 6. | (a) at | (b) to | (c) on |
| 7. | (a) officially | (b) office | (c) offered |
| 8. | (a) near | (b) era | (c) are |
| 9. | (a) competes | (b) trains | (c) athletes |
| 10. | (a) of | (b) by | (c) at |
| 11. | (a) up | (b) down | (c) inside |
| 12. | (a) audio | (b) audition | (c) audience |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. took laecp
2. gnigrin a huge bell
3. the industrial ieuvtlorno
4. ltagdii Britain
5. a special etbiutr
6. nretvino of the worldwide web

Paragraph 2

7. ofylfaciil opened
8. "I eeecalrd open the Games of London"
9. the oemnrd era
10. young eattsehl
11. ersfirowk lit up the sky
12. the eacineud singing

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

| | |
|--------------|--|
| () | on Friday night. The event started with Britain's first ever Tour de France winner Bradley Wiggins ringing |
| () | flame arrived by a boat steered by English soccer player David Beckham. Seven young |
| () | ended with Sir Paul McCartney and the audience singing Hey Jude. |
| () | The three-hour event was officially opened by Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, who said: |
| () | athletes lit the Olympic Cauldron, made from 204 copper petals carried in by teams from |
| () | across the world. Then the fireworks lit up the sky around the Olympic Park. The ceremony |
| () | "I declare open the Games of London, celebrating the 30th Olympiad of the modern era." The Olympic |
| (1) | The opening ceremony of the London Olympic Games took place |
| () | Shakespeare's times to the industrial revolution to punk, Harry Potter and |
| () | a huge bell. After that came songs and images from the four countries of Great Britain - |
| () | England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. There followed images of British history from |
| () | digital Britain. There was a special tribute to inventor of the worldwide web, Sir Tim Berners-Lee. |

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

1. Games of the The London opening Olympic ceremony.

2. four the from images and Songs countries.

3. history There images British followed of.

4. revolution industrial the to times Shakespeare's From.

5. worldwide web A special tribute to the inventor of the.

6. officially - opened hour event The was three.

7. the the modern 30th era Olympiad of Celebrating.

8. by arrived flame Olympic The boat a.

9. lit athletes young Seven Cauldron Olympic the.

10. fireworks the Then sky the up lit.

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. _____

WRITING

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Write about the Olympics Opening Ceremony for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

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. OLYMPICS OPENING CEREMONY: Search the Internet and find more information about the Olympics Opening Ceremony. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about the Olympics Opening Ceremony. Include an imaginary interview with the 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 an Olympics Opening Ceremony expert. Ask him/her three questions about London's Olympics Opening Ceremony. 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.