

Read the text about the Olympic Games 2020 and do the exercises.

Mixed-gender events added to 2020 Olympics



There will be more mixed-gender events and more women at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) said men and women would compete together in archery, athletics, judo, sailing, shooting, swimming, table tennis, and triathlon. There will be a 4x400m mixed relay in athletics and a 4x100m mixed relay in swimming. British Olympics swimming champion Adam Peaty told the BBC that having mixed events in Tokyo would make the Olympics "more fun". He said "It's something that would make things a little bit more fun....It's great to mix things up from what they've been for so long as it adds a little spice and [mixed events] are great to watch.

The IOC also announced that there would be more sports at the Tokyo Olympics. IOC president Thomas Bach said the Games will be "more youthful, more urban and include more women". Not everyone is happy with the introduction of the new events. Some people said it was wrong to include urban sports like skateboarding, 3-on-3 basketball, sport climbing and BMX freestyle. These are to try and get more young people to watch the Games. Having newer sports means there will be fewer athletes in more traditional events like weightlifting and wrestling. Tokyo will be the most gender-balanced Olympics ever. Women will make up 48.8 per cent of athletes who will compete at the Games.

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A) Match the words from the text with their synonyms:

1. compete
2. champion
3. fun
4. spice
5. great
6. include
7. happy
8. wrong
9. traditional
10. ever

- a. enjoyable
- b. pleased
- c. contain
- d. excitement
- e. take part
- f. customary
- g. not right
- h. gold medalist
- i. until now
- j. wonderful

B) Choose the correct option:

- 1) What does IOC mean?
 - a) Internal Olympic Committee
 - b) International Olympic Committee
 - c) International Olympic Commission
 - d) Internal Olympics Commission
- 2) What mixed relay will there be in athletics?
 - a) 4x100m
 - b) 1x400m
 - c) 1x100m
 - d) 4x400m
- 3) In what sport did Adam Peaty win a gold medal?
 - a) BMX freestyle
 - b) athletics
 - c) swimming
 - d) judo
- 4) What did Adam Peaty say would be "more fun"?
 - a) mixed events
 - b) skateboarding
 - c) a little bit
 - d) the BBC
- 5) What did Adam Peaty say mixed events would add to the 2020 Games?
 - a) events
 - b) spice
 - c) sugar
 - d) fun
- 6) Who is Thomas Bach?
 - a) IOC president
 - b) an Olympics swimming champion
 - c) a BMX freestyler
 - d) a BBC journalist
- 7) What did some people say about the introduction of new events?
 - a) it's wonderful
 - b) they like skateboarding
 - c) it was wrong
 - d) get young people
- 8) Which two sports did the article say would have fewer athletes?
 - a) football and rugby
 - b) table tennis and triathlon
 - c) sport climbing and BMX freestyle
 - d) weightlifting and wrestling