

## Let the Games Begin!

On Friday, July 23, the Games of the XXXII\* Olympiad will begin in Tokyo, Japan. These summer games were scheduled to take place last year, but the COVID-19 pandemic forced organizers and athletes to put the competitions on hold.

This year, we'll look at the Games by the numbers.

**The percentage of electricity that will come from renewable energy sources at all Olympic and Paralympic venues.**

100%

**The number of venues where competitions will take place for the 2020 Games.**

43

**The number of gold, silver and bronze Olympic medals that have been produced to honor winning athletes.**

3,000

**The percentage of the Olympic torch made from recycled aluminum.**

30%

**The number of beds in the Athletes' Village. For the first time, beds will be made of almost entirely renewable materials.**


20,000

**The amount of waste, made by huge numbers of people expected at the Games, that organizers plan to reuse or recycle.**


25%

**Number of athletes expected to compete at the Olympics in Tokyo.**


11,500



To make the Tokyo 2020 medals, small electronics, such as mobile phones, were collected from all over Japan. This is the first time recycled materials have been used to create Olympic medals.



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\* The Games are numbered using Roman numerals. If X = 10 and I = 1, can you figure out which number XXXII represents?

(It's 32.)

### Pictogram match


During the Olympics, you'll see pictograms that represent each sport. They work well for this international event because they don't depend on any particular language to be understood.

Can you match each of these 10 Olympic sport disciplines with its official Tokyo 2020 pictogram?

	1	Badminton	6	
		Baseball		
	2	BMX Freestyle	7	
		Boxing		
	3	Canoe Slalom	8	
		Climbing		
	4	Fencing	9	
		Gymnastics		
	5	Rugby	10	
		Swimming		

Answers: 1. Rugby; 2. Climbing; 3. Badminton; 4. Canoe Slalom; 5. Baseball; 6. Boxing; 7. BMX Freestyle; 8. Fencing; 9. Gymnastics; 10. Swimming

## Resources



**On the Web:**

- tokyo2020.org

**At the library:**

- "A Kid's Guide to the 2020 Summer Games" by Jack L. Roberts and Michael Owens

## Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of the Summer Olympics are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

BEDS, CEREMONY, COVID, ELECTRICITY, FANS, GAMES, JAPAN, MEDAL, OLYMPIAD, PARALYMPICS, PICTOGRAM, RECYCLED, RENEWABLE, ROMAN, STADIUM, SUMMER, TOKYO, TORCH, VENUES.

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C	T	T	N	S	E	U	N	E	V	J	K	O	A	R
S	O	L	Y	M	P	I	A	D	F	S	E	M	A	E
D	R	M	A	R	G	O	T	C	I	P	E	A	K	M
E	C	N	S	N	O	Y	K	O	T	S	J	N	E	M
B	H	N	A	L	F	V	S	T	A	D	I	U	M	U
S	A	P	A	P	A	R	A	L	Y	M	P	I	C	S
F	A	D	I	V	O	C	D	E	L	C	Y	C	E	R
J	E	R	E	N	E	W	A	B	L	E	H	V	J	W
M	Y	T	I	C	I	R	T	C	E	L	E	M	K	P

## Cook's Corner

### Chocolate-Covered Kiwi Pops

**You'll need:**

- 2/3 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 2 tablespoons heavy cream
- 2 kiwis, peeled and halved lengthwise
- 1/4 cup chocolate sprinkles

**What to do:**

- Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper.
- Melt the chocolate chips in the microwave.
- Stir in the heavy cream and mix well.
- Spear each kiwi half with a craft stick. Dip the kiwi into the melted chocolate mixture, turning to coat.
- Roll the kiwi in the sprinkles, turning to coat all sides.
- Transfer the kiwi pops to the baking sheet and cool completely, for about 30 minutes. (Chocolate will harden.) Serves 4.

Adapted from "The Robin Takes 5 Cookbook for Busy Families" with permission from Andrews McMeel Publishing (andrewsmcmeel.com).

\* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

1. Contest in a program of sports (5-letter noun)

□ □ □ □ □

2. A prize worn around the neck (5-letter noun)

□ □ □ □ □

3. To work at often to learn and improve (8-letter verb)

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

4. Someone who does the best in a specific contest (6-letter noun)

□ □ □ □ □ □


1. In the Olympic \_\_\_\_\_, John won first place.

2. Pablo is proud of the \_\_\_\_\_ he wears around his neck.

3. Josie will \_\_\_\_\_ every day for at least four hours.

4. Michael is the \_\_\_\_\_ in the final eight-man race.

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Study the definition. When you know the missing word, fill in the letter boxes and the sentence blanks.

Answers: Event, Medal, Practice, Winner.


## Mini Jokes



**Ollie:** What's the name of the fastest dinosaur at the Olympics?

**Ona:** Prontosaurus!

## Eco Note




A giant African pouched rat named Magawa is retiring after five years of detecting 71 landmines and 38 other unexploded bombs. A Belgian charity says Magawa is "beginning to slow down" after a very successful assignment in Cambodia. The organization trains the rodents to detect the chemicals in explosives. The rats are light enough to scurry across minefields without detonating the explosives, doing in just 30 minutes what a metal detector would accomplish in four days.

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## For later:

Look in your newspaper for articles about the Olympic Games.

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