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The Tokyo Olympics

The Olympic Games which were cancelled in 2020 due to Covid will at last take place this year. They will be held in Tokyo in Japan where for the last five years preparations have been ongoing to host the



games including building an enormous Olympic village to cater for the fifteen thousand athletes

who will be attending along with their coaches and medical teams.

The largest sporting event in the world is held every four years. It will take place this year from July 24 to August 9 with athletes from two hundred nations taking part in three hundred and thirty-nine medal events in thirty-three different sports. Only the world's top athletes can qualify to take part. Although all of them will have been training and working hard over the previous four years to make the Olympic team many of them will only find out if they qualify within a few weeks of the games starting.

The first Olympic Games took place as far back as 2,800 years ago in Olympia in Greece where the games were held to worship the ancient gods. A large fire was lit on the hillside as a mark of respect to the gods. The tradition of the fire has remained in modern times. A few months before the Olympics begin, a torch is lit from a fire in Olympia in Greece and is carried through many countries by different sports people until it reaches the city hosting the games that year. It is lit at the opening ceremony of the games and remains lighting until the games end. It is seen as a great honour for an athlete to be asked to carry the torch.

Ireland have been sending a team to the Olympic Games since 1924 and in that time have won nine gold medals, ten silver and twelve bronze. Cork man Pat O'Callaghan was Ireland's first gold medallist in 1928 in the hammer throwing event, he went on

to win a second gold in the 1932 games. Wicklow born Ronnie Delaney won a gold in the 1,500 metres race in 1956 at the Melbourne Olympics. At 86 he is still the only Irish runner to have won a gold Olympic medal.



Ronnie Delaney wins gold in 1956

Cork woman Sonia O'Sullivan who is regarded as one of Ireland's greatest runners represented Ireland in three Olympic Games and won a silver in 2000.

Michelle Smith holds the Irish record for winning the most Olympic medals when she won three gold medals and a bronze in swimming at the 1996 games which were held in America.

Boxing has been the sport in which Ireland has had the most success winning sixteen medals in total including two gold. In 1992, Dublin man Michael Carruth won a gold in Barcelona while Katie Taylor won gold in 2012 at the London Olympics. 2012 was the first year that women's boxing was included as an Olympic sport.

Ireland is sending their biggest team of sportspeople yet to the Tokyo Olympics. Ninety athletes who will be taking part in more than thirty different sports will travel to the games. Strict Covid measures will apply including daily Covid testing of all athletes. They will not be allowed to travel anywhere outside of the Olympic village and the games venues. Spectators from overseas cannot attend so sadly none of their families will be present to cheer them on. We wish them all the very best of luck.

Words ending in tion which sounds like **shun**

action (ac tion)	education (ed u ca tion)	invitation (in vit a tion)	question (ques tion)	operation (op er a tion)
attention (at ten tion)	information (in form a tion)	destination (des tin a tion)	direction (di rec tion)	station (sta tion)
application (app lic a tion)	competition (com pet i tion)	situation (sit u a tion)	lotion (lo tion)	description (des crip tion)

Fill in the blanks with words from the list above.

- We need to take _____ before it's too late.
- The flowers in my garden need care and _____.
- I filled in a passport _____ form.
- We have a difficult _____ to sort out.
- I received a wedding _____ in the post.
- It will be late by the time we reach our _____.
- Can you give me a _____ of the person you saw?
- Please answer my _____.
- Which _____ did he go, left or right?
- She is going to hospital to have a small _____.
- Mary entered a swimming _____ and she won first place.
- The railway _____ is down the road.
- The minister for _____ opened a new school in our town this year.
- I rub _____ on my skin to protect it.

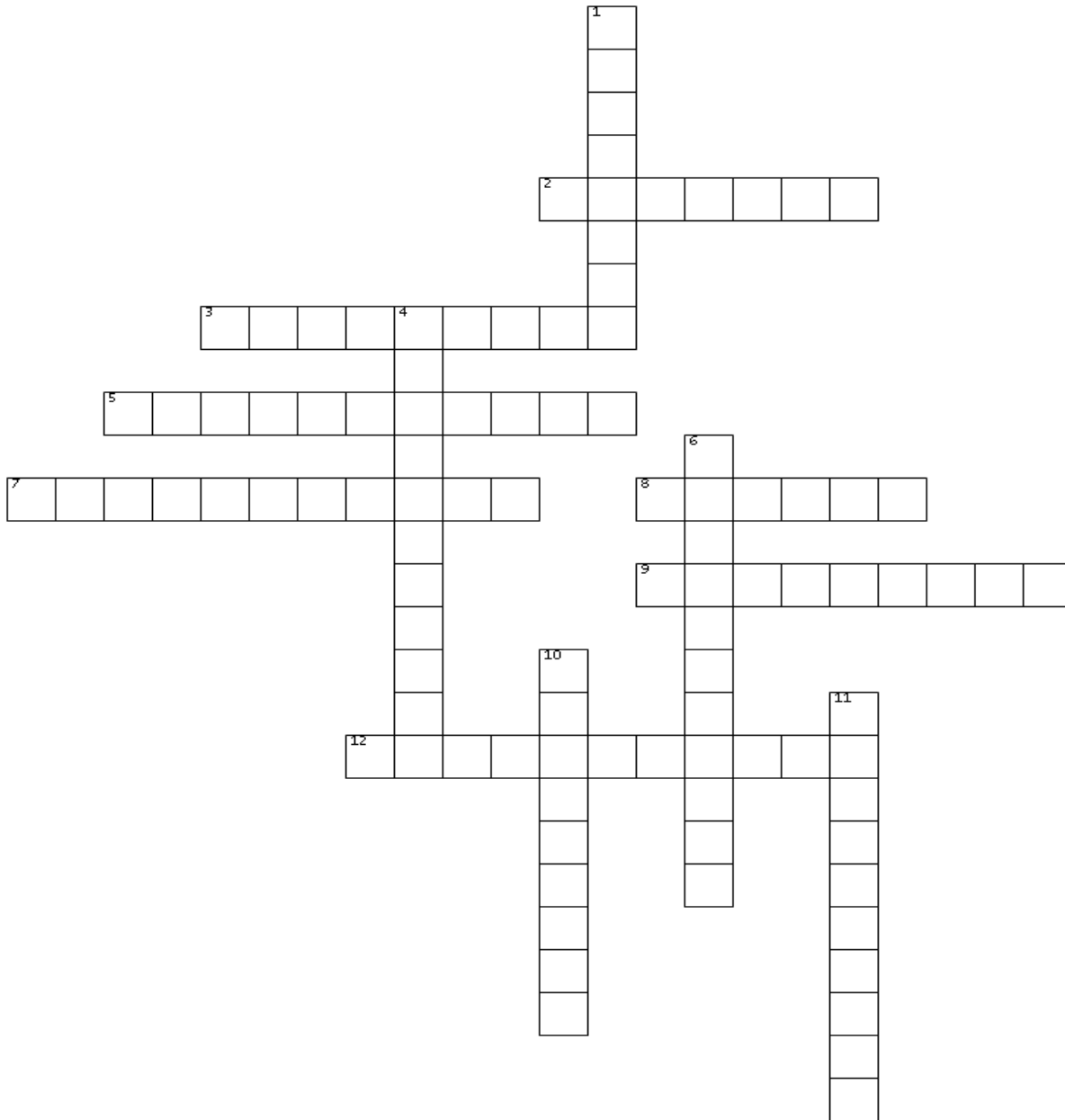
Match the words in part A with the ending from part B to make a word (the first one is done for you).

- | part <u>A</u> | part <u>B</u> | |
|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| • enjoy | ful | <u>enjoyment</u> |
| • care | ment | _____ |
| • use | ish | _____ |
| • child | able | _____ |
| • understand | less | _____ |
| • sad | ship | _____ |
| • member | ary | _____ |
| • ordin | ness | _____ |
| • men | dom | _____ |
| • commun | tion | _____ |
| • free | age | _____ |
| • short | ity | _____ |

Unscramble these to find the names of different sports.

- oglf _____ askbte abll _____
 ocscer _____ mmswiign _____
 inguhrl _____ owring _____
 tnesi _____ yclcing _____

Crossword: The answers are all words from the list of words ending in tion.



ACROSS

- 2. Where you get on the train. (7)
- 3. You go to school to get this. (9)
- 5. She gave the guard a good _____ of the thief. (11)
- 7. The place you are going to. (11)
- 8. Don't forget to put on sun tan _____. (6)
- 9. A procedure done in hospital. (9)
- 12. I need to find out more _____ on that before I decide. (11)

DOWN

- 1. Ask this to get an answer. (8)
- 4. To get the job, fill this in. (11)
- 6. I won the prize in a singing _____. (11)
- 10. Can you point me in the right _____. (9)
- 11. A card asking you to come to a party. (10)

Maths

1. Find the missing number in each of these

a. $5 \times \square = 15$

b. $21 \div \square = 7$

c. $6 + 7 + \square = 19$

d. $48 \div 4 = \square$

e. $25 \div \square = 5$

f. $8 \times \square = 56$

g. $(3 \times 4) + (6 \times 2) = \square$

h. $10 + 15 + 25 = \square$

i. $32 \div 4 = \square$

j. $12 + 8 + 10 = \square$

2.

When a number is squared it means that number is multiplied by it self

Example: 4^2 means 4×4 and the answer is 16.

Find the answer to these:

a. $3^2 = \square$

b. $5^2 = \square$

c. $2^2 = \square$

d. $6^2 = \square$

e. $10^2 = \square$

f. $8^2 = \square$

3. There are 60 minutes in 1 hour

How many hours are there in:

a. 180 minutes =

b. 90 minutes =

c. 30 minutes =

d. 210 minutes =

e. 75 minutes =

f. Ann leaves home at 9.30 am.
She drives the 20-minute journey to town, spends 45 minutes shopping, 20 minutes at the bank and drives home again. What time does she arrive home?

4. Sudoku

The numbers 1 2 3 4 must be placed in each row across and down in any order. Be careful it's not as easy as it looks.

		3	
3			1
4			2
	2		

answers

1 a 3 b 3 c 6 d 12 e 5
f 7 g 24 h 50 i 8 j 30
2 a 9 b 25 c 4 d 36 e 100 f 64
3 a 3 b 1 1/2 c 1/2 d 3 1/2 e 1 hr 15 min f 11.15 am