

## Olympic success

### Level

Intermediate and above

### Tasks

Completing the missing information in a chart of Olympic venues

Matching headings to the correct paragraph in an article

Reading an article about the recent Olympic vote to choose the host city for the 2016 games

Deciding if words are nouns, verbs or both

Completing a fluency task arising from the article

### How to use the lesson

- 1 Tell students that the lesson is about the Olympics. Hand out the worksheet and ask students to complete the names of the host cities. Elicit feedback. If appropriate, ask further questions such as: have they been to the games?

#### Answers

1996 Atlanta, US

2000 Sydney, Australia

2004 Athens, Greece

2008 Beijing, China

2012 London, UK

2016 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

- 2 Ask students to skim the text and match the headings to the correct paragraphs.

Answers: (1) – (d) (2) – (c) (3) – (b) (4) – (a)

- 3 Students read the whole article and summarise the main points. You may wish to look at any useful vocabulary, such as: *shortlist* / *respective* / *subsidies* / *infrastructure*.

- 4 Ask students to decide if the words are nouns, verbs or both.

#### Answers

**Nouns:** slogan / economy / critic / backing / infrastructure

**Verbs:** announce / attract / invest / promote

**Both:** award / bid / shortlist / host / estimate / challenge / budget / campaign / export

- 5 Ask students to complete the task in small groups. Then, ask each group to report back to the class on the decision they reached. Encourage students to justify their decision. In the event of a tie, hold a whole class vote. Finish the lesson by giving language feedback.

### Related websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olympics>

<http://www.olympic.org/>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K0MHsUOHDOs>

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-Y\\_dqByI4M&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-Y_dqByI4M&feature=player_embedded)

<http://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20070508053810AAFaUKH>