

The 7 Steps -
February



Pyeongchang – The Big Event

1. CONTEXT

Mindmap anything you know about the topic, including vocabulary. Do some research online to help.

2. QUESTIONS

Read the listening questions to check your understanding. Look up any new vocabulary.

3. LISTEN

Listen and answer the questions using full sentences. Circle the number of times and % you understood.

Listening Questions 1

- How many locations will be hosting events?
_____.
- Besides PyeongChang, what other two cities were in the running to host the 2018 Olympic Games?
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- In what year did South Korea host the Summer Games?
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- Which country finished third overall in the medal standings in Sochi?
_____.
- How many medals combined did Japan and South Korea win in Sochi?
_____.

Listening Questions 2

- Name 3 sports athletes will be competing in at the PyeongChang Games.
_____.
- Who will be the defending women's ice hockey champions in PyeongChang?
_____.
- When will the Paralympics start, and how many sports will be represented?
_____.
- What are the names of the two mascots, and what are they?
_____.
- Which city will be hosting the next Winter Games?
_____.

Discussion Questions

- Do you feel more patriotic during the Olympics?
- How does an Olympic Games benefit the host city or country?
- Do you think politics and sport should mix?

Listening 1				
1	2	3	4	5
%	%	%	%	%

Listening 2				
1	2	3	4	5
%	%	%	%	%

4. CHECK ANSWERS

Read through the transcript and underline the answers. Check them against your own answers.

5. CHECK VOCABULARY

Read the transcript and circle any new vocabulary you find. Look them up and add them to your list.

6. READ ALOUD

Read the transcript aloud at least 5 times, focusing on intonation and pronunciation.

1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5

7. SHADOWING

Say the transcript aloud at the same time as the audio without reading it. Circle how many times below.

1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5

TRANSCRIPT 1

This month the 23rd edition of the Winter Olympics will be **taking place** in Pyeongchang, South Korea from February 8 – 25. The county of Pyeongchang is located in the northeastern part of South Korea and, according to the official website of the Games, has a population of about 43,000 people. Two other locations, Gangneung and Jeongseon, will also be hosting events.

Pyeongchang beat out Munich, Germany and Annecy, France to win the 2018 Games. Pyeongchang had previously lost to Vancouver and Sochi for the 2010 and 2014 Winter Games, respectively.

In 1988 South Korea hosted the Summer Olympics. One event that received a lot of **publicity** that year was the 100-meter race that featured an intense rivalry between America's Carl Lewis and Canada's Ben Johnson. Johnson won the race but was later disqualified.

The last Winter Olympics were held in Sochi, Russia and the top 3 countries in the final medal count – based on the total number of medals won – were Russia, the United States, and Norway. Japan and South Korea both **took home** a total of 8 medals each.

MATCH THE ANTONYMS BY DRAWING LINES BELOW:

Take place	Lose
Publicity	Forget
Recall	Separately
In a row	Cancel
Take home	Obscurity

TRANSCRIPT 2

There will be a total of 15 different sports at the Pyeongchang Olympics including figure skating, curling, speed skating, ski jumping, and ice hockey. Ice hockey fans will not be able to see their favorite National Hockey League (or NHL) players at these Games. NHL players have taken part in the last five Winter Olympics going all the way back to Nagano in 1998. The Canadian men's and women's ice hockey teams are the defending champions.

Although not competing at these Olympics, Kim Yuna, the gold medalist at the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics, is one of the honorary ambassadors. Many Japanese fans of figure skating will **recall** that Mao Asada finished second to Kim Yuna eight years ago in Vancouver.

The Paralympic Games will start on March 9 and run until March 18, and will feature wheelchair curling, alpine and cross-country skiing, ice hockey (also known as sledge hockey), biathlon and snowboarding.

Mascots are always a fun part of the Olympics. For the Pyeongchang Games, a white tiger named Soohorang was chosen, while Bandabi, an Asian black bear, will represent the Paralympic Games.

Finally, the next Winter Olympics will be held in Beijing, and of course Tokyo will be hosting the next Summer Games in 2020, making it 3 Olympics **in a row** in Asia.

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