**Actuele lesbrief Engels – 2020 Olympics**

**Voor de docent**

De Olympische Spelen zouden dit jaar in Japan worden gehouden. Het coronavirus heeft roet in het eten gegooid. Hoe gaan sporters daarmee om?

**ERK-niveau**

Lezen B1 – *Lezen om informatie op te doen: Kan hoofdthema en belangrijkste argumenten begrijpen in eenvoudige teksten in tijdschriften, kranten of op internet (B1+). (LEB1-3d)*

Leesstrategieën - *Kan de betekenis van zo nu en dan voorkomende onbekende woorden afleiden uit de context en de betekenis van zinnen herleiden, op voorwaarde dat het besproken onderwerp bekend is.*

**Intro**

The Olympic Games are the most important sports competition event of the world. They are held every four years.

Assignment 1

Read the assignment and write down the answers in English. You may use English-language Internet sources to help you.

a Which of the following words are related to the Olympics?   
*ceremony – finalist – flame – judge – medals – rooftop – torch – vegetable*

b Synchronized diving is a water sport. Name 3 or more other water sports.

**The 2020 Summer Olympics**

The Olympic Games are the most important sports competition event of the world. They are held every four years. The next Summer Olympics will be held in Tokyo. We are sure where they will be held. But when? It’s unsure.

This is really tough for the athletes. [This article](https://www.cbc.ca/kidsnews/post/the-olympics-are-postponed.-teen-diver-calls-it-heartbreaking) tells you how one of them deals with this situation.

Assignment 2

Read the text. Connect the words and expressions that have the same meaning.

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| 1. to qualify | *a.* to decide that a planned event should happen at a later date or time |
| 1. to postpone | *b.* to decide that a planned event will not happen |
| 1. disappointment | *c.* the feeling of being unhappy because something you hoped for did not happen |
| 1. delayed | *d.* the force that you feel when people are trying to make you do something by arguing, etc. |
| 1. pressure | *e.* to happen |
| 1. to go ahead | *f.* happening at a later time than expected |
| 1. a beacon | *g.* to have a price |
| 1. to reschedule | *h.* to have the skills that are required to be allowed in a competition |
| 1. despite | *i.* to lose because someone else is doing better |
| 1. to call something off | *j.* not enough enthusiasm to do something |
| 1. to get beaten | *k.* to plan again for a different date or time |
| 1. an up-and-comer | *l.* probably, almost certainly |
| 1. a lack of motivation | *m.* someone who shows promise and will probably be successful |
| 1. likely | *n.* a strong light that can be seen from far away and that is used to help guide ships, airplanes, etc. |
| 1. to come at a cost | *o.* without taking any notice of or being influenced by |

Assignment 3

a Why have the Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan, been postponed?

1 Japan’s prime minister has caught the new coronavirus and needs to get well first.

2 Many athletes worldwide are sick with the new coronavirus and have asked Japan to postpone.

3 Many countries put pressure on Japan to postpone because of the new coronavirus.

4 The International Olympic Committee doesn’t want the games to be a symbol of sickness.

b “The Olympic Games in Tokyo could stand as a beacon of hope.” What does “beacon of hope” mean here?

1 In these dark times not even the Olympic Games can give us any hope.

2 In these dark times, the Olympics shine bright and give us hope for the future.

3 The Olympic Committee hopes that athletes understand that health is more important than sports.

4 The Olympic flame is a strong light that can be seen from far away to guide ships and athletes.

c What is Nathan Zsombor-Murray doing for now?

1 He cannot think of things to do and is afraid he will not stay fit.

2 He is social distancing and trying to stay fit at home.

3 He is training at school and doing flips at home.

4 He is waiting and swimming with young boys to stay fit.