**Actuele lesbrief Engels – Boycott**

**Voor de docent**

Sommige landen kiezen voor een diplomatieke boycott van de Olympische Winterspelen komende maand in China.

**ERK-niveau**

*Lezen B2 – Lezen om informatie op te doen: Kan artikelen en verslagen over hedendaagse problemen begrijpen, waarin de schrijvers bepaalde stellingen of standpunten innemen. (LEB2-3a)*

Leesstrategieën – *Kan gebruikmaken van uiteenlopende strategieën om tot tekstbegrip te komen, waaronder het letten op hoofdpunten.* – *Kan van minder frequente woorden en uitdrukkingen de betekenis controleren door gebruik te maken van websites, (online) fora en eentalige woordenboeken.*

*Schrijven B2 – Verslagen en opstellen: Kan teksten schrijven waarin argumenten worden uitgewerkt en onderbouwd. (SCHB2-3a)*

**Intro**

What’s all this talk about boycotting the Winter Olympic Games in China?

Assignment 1

You may use English-language Internet sources to help you.

a Name 5 or more Winter Olympic Sports.

**Boycott**

The 2022 Winter Olympics will be held in China. They will begin on 4 February.

It is an international *sporting* competition. But it is not just about sports. It is also about politics.

Find out more [here](https://www.cbc.ca/kidsnews/post/do-you-agree-with-canadas-diplomatic-boycott-of-beijing-2022-why-or-why-not).

Assignment 2

Read the text. For each definition, find the word or expression it describes in the text and write it down.

1. to refuse to buy, use, or participate in something as a way of protesting
2. normal or usual
3. involving people who represent their country’s government in other countries
4. people who do a sport
5. to try to win something that someone else is also trying to win
6. to take part
7. not fair
8. country that is organizing an event
9. country
10. the formal beginning and concluding events
11. to call special attention to something
12. done; performed
13. treating (others) unfairly especially because of race or religious or political beliefs
14. someone's cultural background or where they came from
15. to officially accept an idea or action, etc.

Assignment 3

a What does Canada’s boycott of the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics mean?

1 Canada will not send any diplomats, other government officials or athletes to China.

2 Canada will not send any diplomats to China, but Canadian athletes will participate.

3 Canada will only send diplomats to China, but Canadian athletes will stay away.

4 Canadian athletes will not take part in the opening and closing ceremonies.

b Why has Canada decided to boycott the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics?

1 They are angry at China because it refused to welcome their government officials.

2 They talked to the US government and decided to follow their decision to boycott.

3 They think it is unfair to theire athletes who have been training hard for many years.

4 They want to make clear that they are against China’s human rights violations.

Assignment 4 (writing)

Some other countries have also decided on a diplomatic boycott of the Beijing Winter Olympics.

a Do you think a diplomatic boycott of the Beijing Winter Olympics is a good idea?  
Explain your answer in 2 or 3 sentences. Do this in writing.