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Brazil is the first country in South America to host the Olympic Games. The local authorities in Rio do face the task of convincing the local population that the cost of hosting the Olympic Games is worth it. In 2016, we will see.

**Category: Sport / Olympic Games / Rio de Janeiro**  
**Level: Intermediate / Upper intermediate**

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## EXERCISES

1. **Rio de Janeiro:** Think of three things you know about Rio de Janeiro. Go round the room swapping details with others.

2. **Dictation:** The teacher will read four to six lines of the article slowly and clearly. Students will write down what they hear. The teacher will repeat the passage slowly again. Self-correct your work from page one - filling in spaces and correcting mistakes. Be honest with yourself on the number of errors. Advise the teacher of your total number of errors. Less than five is very good. Ten is acceptable. Any more is room for improvement! More than twenty - you need to do some work!

3. **Reading:** The students should now read the article aloud, swapping readers every paragraph.

4. **Vocabulary:** Students should now look through the article and underline any vocabulary they do not know. Look in dictionaries. Discuss and help each other out. The teacher will go through and explain any unknown words or phrases.

5. **The article:** Students should look through the article with the teacher.

- a) What is the article about?
- b) What do you think about the article?

6. **Geography: Rio de Janeiro:** Where is it? Draw a map on the board then **look on Google maps** to help you.

7. **Rio de Janeiro:** Think of five things you know about Rio de Janeiro from the article. Then add five other things you know about the city. Write them below. Discuss together. What are your conclusions?

From the article	Your own ideas
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5

**The teacher** will choose some pairs to discuss their findings in front of the class.

8. **Let's roleplay 1:** In pairs/groups. One of you is the interviewer. The others are one of the following people. You are visiting the English service of *Latin FM* in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Today's interview is about: *Rio 2016*. Allow 10 minutes.

1	A tourist
2	Rio de Janeiro mayor
3	A beach bar owner on Copacabana beach
4	A hotel owner in Rio

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**9. Let's roleplay 2:** In pairs. You are on Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro. Start a conversation about 'Rio 2016' Allow 5-minutes.

**10. Let's think!** In pairs. On the board write as many words as you can to do with **Rio de Janeiro**. One-two minutes. Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

**11. Presentation:** In pairs, groups or individually: Prepare in class or at home a two minute presentation on: 'Rio 2016'. Stand at the front of the class to give your presentation to the class. The class can vote on the best presentation.

**12. Let's do 'The Article Quiz':** Have the students quiz each other in pairs. They score a point for each correct answer and half a point each time they have to look at the article for help. See who can get the highest score!

**Student A**

- 1) Name the capital cities.
- 2) Name the beaches.
- 3) Name the famous stadium.
- 4) How long is the tunnel they are building?
- 5) What happens in 2014?

**Student B**

- 1) What happens at midnight?
- 2) Name the song.
- 3) Rio has some beautiful what?
- 4) Where will the beach volleyball tournament be held?
- 5) Name the new sport.

**13. Brazil:** Think of ten things you know about Brazil. Write them below. Discuss together with your partner. What are your conclusions?

1	6
2	7
3	8
4	9
5	10

**The teacher** will choose some pairs to discuss their findings in front of the class.

**14. Ask your classmates?** Think of three questions to ask your classmates about *Rio 2016*.

- Question 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
Question 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Question 3 \_\_\_\_\_

**15. Let's write an e-mail:** Write and send a 200 word e-mail to your teacher about: **Rio 2016**. Your e-mail can be read out in class.

**16. Sentence starters:** Finish these sentence starters. Correct your mistakes. Compare what other people have written.

- a) Rio 2016 \_\_\_\_\_  
b) The Olympic \_\_\_\_\_

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## DISCUSSION

### Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Have you been to Rio de Janeiro?
- 3) What do you think of the Rio carnival?
- 4) What other carnivals do you know about?
- 5) What are the best things you know about Rio de Janeiro?
- 6) What are the worst things about Rio de Janeiro?
- 7) Is Rio de Janeiro a good choice for the 2016 Olympic Games? Explain.
- 8) What do you think of the new Olympic sport Kiteboarding?
- 9) Will you be taking up the sport of Kiteboarding?
- 10) Have you learnt anything in today's English lesson?

### Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you read?
- 2) Would you like to go to Rio de Janeiro?
- 3) Have you heard the song 'The girl from Ipanema'?
- 4) What makes Rio de Janeiro so special?
- 5) Will Rio be ready for the 2016 Olympic Games?
- 6) How do you think the city will overcome the challenges it faces in order to get the city ready for 2016?
- 7) How will the issue of crime be solved in Rio de Janeiro by 2016?
- 8) Will you be going to Rio in 2016?
- 9) What is the best advice you can give anyone thinking of going to Rio de Janeiro?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

## SPEAKING

Let's discuss! Rio de Janeiro

*Allow 10-15 minutes – As a class / small groups / pairs / 1 to 1*

20 things about Rio de Janeiro
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The teacher can moderate the session.

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*Put the words into the gaps in the text.*

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*nightlife*

*midnight*

*famous*

*party*

*legendary*

*flag*

*football*

*fabulous*

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*kiteboarding*

*volleyball*

*challenges*

*athletics*

*beaches*

*tournament*

*workers*

*tunnel*

## GAP FILL: LISTENING

*Listen and fill in the spaces.*

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## SPELLING TEST

The teacher will ask the class individually to spell the following words that are in the article. Afterwards, check your answers with your teacher, using the following ratings: **Pass = 12, Good = 15, Very good = 18, Excellent = 20**

1	overhaul	11	radical
2	tunnel	12	through
3	probably	13	kiteboarding
4	yachting	14	undoubtedly
5	nightlife	15	fabulous
6	legendary	16	ceremony
7	scenery	17	challenges
8	weather	18	tournament
9	expect	19	ceremonies
10	beautiful	20	infrastructure

### LINKS

<http://rio2016.com/en>  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2016\\_Summer\\_Olympics](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2016_Summer_Olympics)  
<http://www.olympic.org/rio-2016-summer-olympics>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-19242783>

### ANSWERS

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