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2012 Paralympics close in London

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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The most successful Paralympic Games came to a close in London on Sunday night. The 80,000 spectators watched a three-hour closing ceremony that included top music acts. British Prime Minister David Cameron said: "I think it's been an absolute triumph from start to finish." His disabled son Ivan died in 2009, aged six. Mr Cameron said: "I think back to Ivan. As every parent does, you think about all the things they can't do; but at the Paralympics, they are superhuman, you see all the things they can do."

The 2012 London Paralympics have been the biggest and best ever. It broke all previous records for the Games. More than 2.7 million people went to see the events and 4 billion people in over 100 countries watched it on television. It raised over \$70 million in ticket sales. A total of 251 world records were broken over the 11 days. South Africa's gold-medal-winning sprinter Oscar Pistorius said "for the first time really, [people] truly believe that Paralympic sport is not just inspirational, it's hard-core sport."

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. came to | a. spectators |
| 2. 80,000 | b. they are superhuman |
| 3. three-hour | c. start to finish |
| 4. an absolute triumph from | d. a close |
| 5. at the Paralympics, | e. they can do |
| 6. all the things | f. closing ceremony |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. the biggest | a. just inspirational |
| 2. It broke all | b. core sport |
| 3. It raised over \$70 million | c. sprinter |
| 4. gold-medal-winning | d. and best ever |
| 5. Paralympic sport is not | e. in ticket sales |
| 6. it's hard- | f. previous records |

LISTENING GAP FILL

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1209/120910-paralympics.html>

The most successful Paralympic Games (1) _____
in London on Sunday night. The (2) _____
watched a three-hour closing (3) _____ top
music acts. British Prime Minister David Cameron said: "I think
it's been (4) _____ from start to finish." His
disabled son Ivan died in 2009, aged six. Mr Cameron said: "I
think back to Ivan. (5) _____ does, you think
about all the things they can't do; but at the Paralympics, they
are superhuman, you see (6) _____ they can do."

The 2012 London Paralympics have been the biggest and best
ever. It (7) _____ records for the Games. More
than 2.7 million people (8) _____ events and
(9) _____ in over 100 countries watched it on
television. It raised over \$70 million in ticket sales. A total of 251
world records were broken (10) _____. South
Africa's gold-(11) _____ Oscar Pistorius said "for
the first time really, [people] truly believe that Paralympic sport
is not just inspirational, it's (12) _____."

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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The most successful Paralympic Games (1) _____ to a close in London on Sunday night. The 80,000 spectators watched a three-(2) _____ closing ceremony that (3) _____ top music acts. British Prime Minister David Cameron said: "I think it's been an absolute (4) _____ from start to finish." His disabled son Ivan died in 2009, (5) _____ six. Mr Cameron said: "I think back to Ivan. As every parent (6) _____, you think about all the things they can't do; but at the Paralympics, they are superhuman, you see all the things they can do."

The 2012 London Paralympics have been the biggest and best ever. It broke (7) _____ previous records for the Games. More than 2.7 million people went to see the (8) _____ and four billion people in over 100 countries watched it on television. It (9) _____ over \$70 million in ticket sales. A total of 251 world records were (10) _____ over the 11 days. South Africa's gold-medal-winning (11) _____ Oscar Pistorius said "for the first time really, [people] (12) _____ believe that Paralympic sport is not just inspirational, it's hard-core sport."

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) came | (b) went | (c) arrived |
| 2. | (a) hours | (b) hourly | (c) hour |
| 3. | (a) includes | (b) included | (c) including |
| 4. | (a) triumph | (b) trumpet | (c) trapping |
| 5. | (a) aged | (b) aging | (c) ages |
| 6. | (a) do | (b) doing | (c) does |
| 7. | (a) whole | (b) all | (c) every |
| 8. | (a) events | (b) things | (c) affairs |
| 9. | (a) heightened | (b) increased | (c) raised |
| 10. | (a) break | (b) broken | (c) breaking |
| 11. | (a) splinter | (b) splendid | (c) sprinter |
| 12. | (a) true | (b) truly | (c) truth |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. The most sfuulseccs
2. 80,000 ctortasesp
3. a three-hour closing mcnoeery
4. an laoseubt triumph
5. from start to fisihn
6. they are napuusmehr

Paragraph 2

7. the teggisb and best ever
8. It broke all oisrpevu records
9. four olnblii people
10. It ideasr over \$70 million
11. gold-medal-iwnning sprinter
12. people truly evbieel

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () The 2012 London Paralympics have been the biggest and best ever. It broke all previous
- () night. The 80,000 spectators watched a three-hour closing ceremony that included top
- () start to finish." His disabled son Ivan died in 2009, aged six. Mr Cameron said: "I think
- () sales. A total of 251 world records were broken over the 11 days. South Africa's gold-
- () records for the Games. More than 2.7 million people went to see the events and four billion
- () at the Paralympics, they are superhuman, you see all the things they can do."
- () people in over 100 countries watched it on television. It raised over \$70 million in ticket
- () believe that Paralympic sport is not just inspirational, it's hard-core sport."
- () music acts. British Prime Minister David Cameron said: "I think it's been an absolute triumph from
- (**1**) The most successful Paralympic Games came to a close in London on Sunday
- () back to Ivan. As every parent does, you think about all the things they can't do; but
- () medal-winning sprinter Oscar Pistorius said "for the first time really, [people] truly

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. a successful close Paralympics came The to most.

2. ceremony three - Spectators hour watched closing a.

3. an been it's think I triumph absolute.

4. they about things do think the can't You all.

5. they see can all do the things You.

6. for It records previous Games all the broke.

7. to million 2.7 see people More the went than events.

8. on People 100 it over watched TV in countries.

9. world A records total were of broken 251.

10. sport not inspirational Paralympic is just.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. PARALYMPICS: Search the Internet and find more information about the Paralympics. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about the London Paralympic Games. Include an imaginary interview with some of the athletes. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to a Paralympics expert. Ask him/her three questions about the Paralympics. Give him/her three of your opinions on the Games. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.