

Summer Olympics Sentence Scramble



Level:

Beginner—Intermediate, can be adapted for higher levels



Objectives:

The student will be able to practice reading skills and crafting coherent messages or paragraphs.



Timing

10-20 minutes, can be expanded further into a various levels of difficulty



Prep/

Materials:

- Prepare pre-teaching material to discuss the history, purpose, events, results, etc. of the Summer Olympics
- Write (or print) a text or dialogue on paper and then cut it into strips. There should only be one sentence per strip. You can also do this in an electronic format and list the sentences in a random order.
- Remember: this activity can take on any theme, not just the Olympics!

* Before the activity begins, be sure to pre-teach new thematic vocabulary or necessary grammatical targets.



Breakdown:

1. Give the student one strip of paper at a time (or for virtual lessons, reveal one sentence at a time) and ask them to read it out loud. Check for pronunciation correctness as well as general understanding.
2. Once the student has read through each strip of paper, ask them to assemble the sentences into a coherent text or dialogue.
3. Discuss. Did their understanding of any sentence change once it was in a specific context? Did they not understand something until the full context was revealed? How does context add to understanding?

Suggestions for a different exercise: Cut words out of the text or dialogue instead of sentences.