

The Olympics: Research Project

Connecting to Creativity and Innovation, Critical Thinking, and Problem Solving

Interpretive Viewing, Interpersonal Speaking, Presentational Writing and Speaking

Choose a major city where the target language you are studying is spoken and where you think the next summer or winter Olympic Games should be hosted.

You will need to demonstrate to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) why the location, climate, and tourist attractions of your chosen city make it the ideal host city.

Part 1

Create a presentation to pitch your city to the IOC. Include the following information:

- Where might certain events take place? (e.g., beach volleyball on which beach?)
- What is the weather like at that time of year? (Does it snow enough for alpine skiing?)
- What types of activities (hiking, shopping, etc.) can tourists do there?
- What kind of attractions (monuments, activities, etc.) can athletes and tourists enjoy while there?
- What basic information about the city can you include? (location, population, etc.)

Part 2

Present your findings to the IOC. This presentation may be on a PowerPoint, SWAY, or a traditional method. Be sure to include your sources where appropriate. Upon completion, submit it to your teacher. Presenters should use knowledge of unit vocabulary and grammar to present and ask questions. After hearing the pitches, IOC committee members (your teacher) can select a host city for the next Olympic Games.