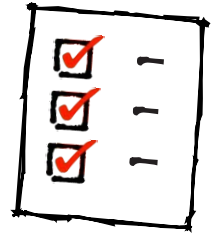


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Day Two

Rhythmic Gymnastics

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



→ Read these phrases and words **out loud** to your partner.

- Five Chinese women walk gracefully
- and sparkling red and yellow leotards
- Rhythmic gymnastics is very popular in Eastern Europe
- She complained about “the girly bits”
- She wanted to get rid of rhythmic gymnastics at the Olympics
- Women’s boxing did indeed become an Olympic sport

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| <input type="checkbox"/> gracefully | GRAYSS fuh lee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> stadium | STAY dee um |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sparkling | SPARK ling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> leotards | LEE uh tardz |
| <input type="checkbox"/> rhythmic | RITH mik |
| <input type="checkbox"/> gymnasts | JIM nusts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> gymnastics | jim NAH stiks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ukrainian | yoo KRAY nee un |



Decoding practice:

Circle the base words in the longer words below. Remember, a base word shows the core meaning of a longer word. The base word includes no word endings or prefixes. The first one has been done for you.

rhythmic

gracefully

performers

gymnasts

Russians

girly



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// one minute

Part 2: Last read

WPM _____

Five Chinese women walk gracefully to the center of the stadium. They wear makeup and sparkling red and yellow leotards. They hold three hoops and four small clubs. The music starts. The women tumble and twirl. Clubs and hoops fly through the air. The women look like ballet dancers or circus performers. In fact, they are rhythmic gymnasts. They are at the 2008 Olympics, and they are about to win an Olympic silver medal.

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In rhythmic gymnastics, gymnasts can compete alone, or in pairs, threes, or fives. They may use clubs, hoops, balls, ribbons, or ropes. They use gymnastics and dance moves. Judges award points. Rhythmic gymnastics is very popular in Eastern Europe. At the Olympics, the stands are full of cheering Russians and fluttering Ukrainian flags.

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However, not everyone is a fan. Some people think this sport should be cut from the Olympics. A writer named Hannah Beech felt this way. She wrote an article for *Time* magazine. She complained about “the girly bits” in rhythmic gymnastics. She hated the sparkles and the makeup. She said the women were dancers, not athletes.

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Beech had a plan. She wanted to get rid of rhythmic gymnastics at the Olympics and add a new Olympic sport: women’s boxing. In 2012, half of her wish came true. Women’s boxing did indeed become an Olympic sport. Rhythmic gymnastics, however, did not go away. The sparkles, hoops, and ribbons returned in 2012. This was bad news for Hannah Beech and good news for the fans of rhythmic gymnastics.

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Do you think rhythmic gymnastics should be an Olympic sport? Yes No

Why? _____

Talk with your partner. Check the box that fits.

- We feel the same way about rhythmic gymnastics.
- We have different ideas about rhythmic gymnastics.