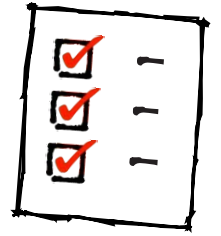


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Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- while the U.S. baseball team won bronze
- Most weighty Olympic decisions are made by the International Olympic Committee
- The committee decides where each Olympics will be held
- because they were resentful of the U.S. government
- After voting to exclude baseball and softball
- Baseball and softball players were finally welcomed back for 2020

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Decoding practice:

Circle the base word in the adjectives below. Underline the suffix—the suffix comes after the base word. The first one is done for you.

international

weighty

meaningful

traditional

resentful



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Part 2: Last read

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At the 2008 Summer Olympics, the U.S. softball and baseball teams played well. The U.S. softball team won the silver medal, while the U.S. baseball team won bronze. Neither team, however, was given a chance to go for gold in 2012. In 2012, baseball and softball were no longer Olympic sports.

How did this happen? Most weighty Olympic decisions are made by the International Olympic Committee, or IOC. The IOC has 115 members from all over the world. The committee decides where each Olympics will be held and which events will be included. It tries to include the sports that are most meaningful to the most people.

Unlike soccer, which is played worldwide, baseball and softball are played in relatively few places. But they are traditional sports in the U.S. Some people think that committee members may have voted against these sports because they were resentful of the U.S. government.

Each Olympics has 28 sports. After voting to exclude baseball and softball, the committee tried to fill these two spots. Some people wanted to include golf. Others wanted squash. Other top choices were karate, roller sports, and rugby. But the committee could not agree. In 2012, the Olympics had only 26 sports. Baseball and softball players were finally welcomed back for 2020 when an IOC vote allowed both sports to compete again.

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Do you think the IOC was right to drop baseball and softball from the Olympics? Give your reasons:

Check in with your partner. What does your partner think?

- Yes, the IOC was right. Maybe. Definitely the IOC was wrong.