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## Day One

# You're Out!

### Part 1: Silent read

➔ Find out why baseball and softball got bumped from the Olympics. Read silently.

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.



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// one minute

## Part 2: First timed read

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## Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Why were baseball and softball excluded from the 2012 Olympics?

Who decides which sports are included in the Olympics?

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### Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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I read the passage in phrases out loud to my partner.