

37 The Olympic Games

- The Olympic Games will be held in our country in four years' time. As a great many people will be visiting the country, the government will be building new hotels, an immense stadium, and a fine new swimming pool. They will also be building new roads and a special railway-line. The Games will be held just outside the capital and the whole area will be called 'Olympic City'. Workers will have completed the new roads by the end of this year. By the end of next year, they will have finished work on the new stadium. The fine modern buildings have been designed by Kurt Gunter. Everybody will be watching anxiously as the new buildings go up. We are all very excited and are looking forward to the Olympic Games because they have never been held before in this country.



Comprehension and Précis

Answer these questions *in not more than 70 words*.

1. When will the Olympic Games be held in our country? Where will the government be putting up new buildings? (*so*)
2. Who has designed the buildings? When will workers have completed the new stadium? (*and*)
3. Will the Games be held in this country for the first time or not? Are we looking forward to them or not? (*and*)

Composition

Rewrite the following sentences using the joining words in brackets:

1. My brother is going to the Olympic Games. I am going to the Olympic Games. (*Both . . . and*)
2. We bought tickets a long time ago. We shall be leaving soon. (*and*)
3. We shall see the Games. We shall visit many parts of the country. (*not only . . . but . . . as well*)

Letter-writing

We must write the date in full under the address. We can **write** the date in two ways: e.g. 17th April, 19— or April 17th, 19—. Numbers are written as follows: 1st (the first); 2nd (the second); 3rd (the third); 4th (the fourth) etc.

Exercise

Write these dates as they would appear in a letter:

May 6; June 21; July 30; March 3; April 22; July 1.

Key Structures

Workers will have completed the new roads by the end of this year.

a Do you remember these sentences: (KS 37)

Now

I am writing letters now.

I'll see you tomorrow.

Tomorrow

I shall be writing letters all day tomorrow.

I'll be seeing you tomorrow.

b Compare these two questions and answers:

When will they finish this bridge?

They will finish it next year.

When will they have finished this bridge?

They will have finished this bridge in a year's time.

Study these examples:

I shall have completed this novel by next June.

He will have moved to a new flat in two months' time.

You will have learnt the results of the examination by then.

I shall have received a reply by this time tomorrow.

Exercises

A. Underline the verbs in the passage which tell us *what will happen*, *what will be happening*, and *what will have happened*.

B. Give the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Do not refer to the passage until you finish the exercise:

The Olympic Games (hold) in our country in four years' time. As a great many people (visit) the country, the government (build) new hotels, an immense stadium, and a fine new swimming pool. They also (build) new roads and a special railway-line. The Games (hold) just outside the capital and the whole area (call) 'Olympic City'. Workers (complete) the new roads by the end of this year. By the end of next year they (finish) work on the new stadium. The fine modern buildings have been designed by Kurt Gunter. Everybody (watch) anxiously as the new buildings go up.

Special Difficulties

a Hold. The Olympic Games will be held in our country. (ll. 1-2)

This verb may be used in the sense of 'conduct', 'observe' or 'celebrate'. Study these examples:

A festival is held at Edinburgh every year.

We are going to hold a meeting tomorrow to discuss the subject.

The next conference will be held in Geneva.

b Study these sentences. The verb *look* has a different meaning in each sentence:

Look forward to (expect with pleasure): I am looking forward to the summer holidays.

Look out (be careful): Look out! A bus is coming.

Look up (get information from a reference book): I don't understand this word. I shall look it up in a dictionary.

(visit): Don't forget to look me up when you return.

Exercise

Supply the correct form of *hold* or *look* in these sentences:

1. We shall be . . . a party tomorrow. I am . . . it very much.

2. . . ! You nearly knocked that jug over!

3. They say he is very famous. I shall . . . him . . . in 'Who's Who'.

4. The students' union . . . an interesting debate on capital punishment yesterday.

5. My friend Ingrid lives in Stockholm. Why don't you . . . her . . . when you're there?

6. Examinations will be . . . next week. I'm not . . . them.