



# ENGLISH

## Chapter 22 Session B

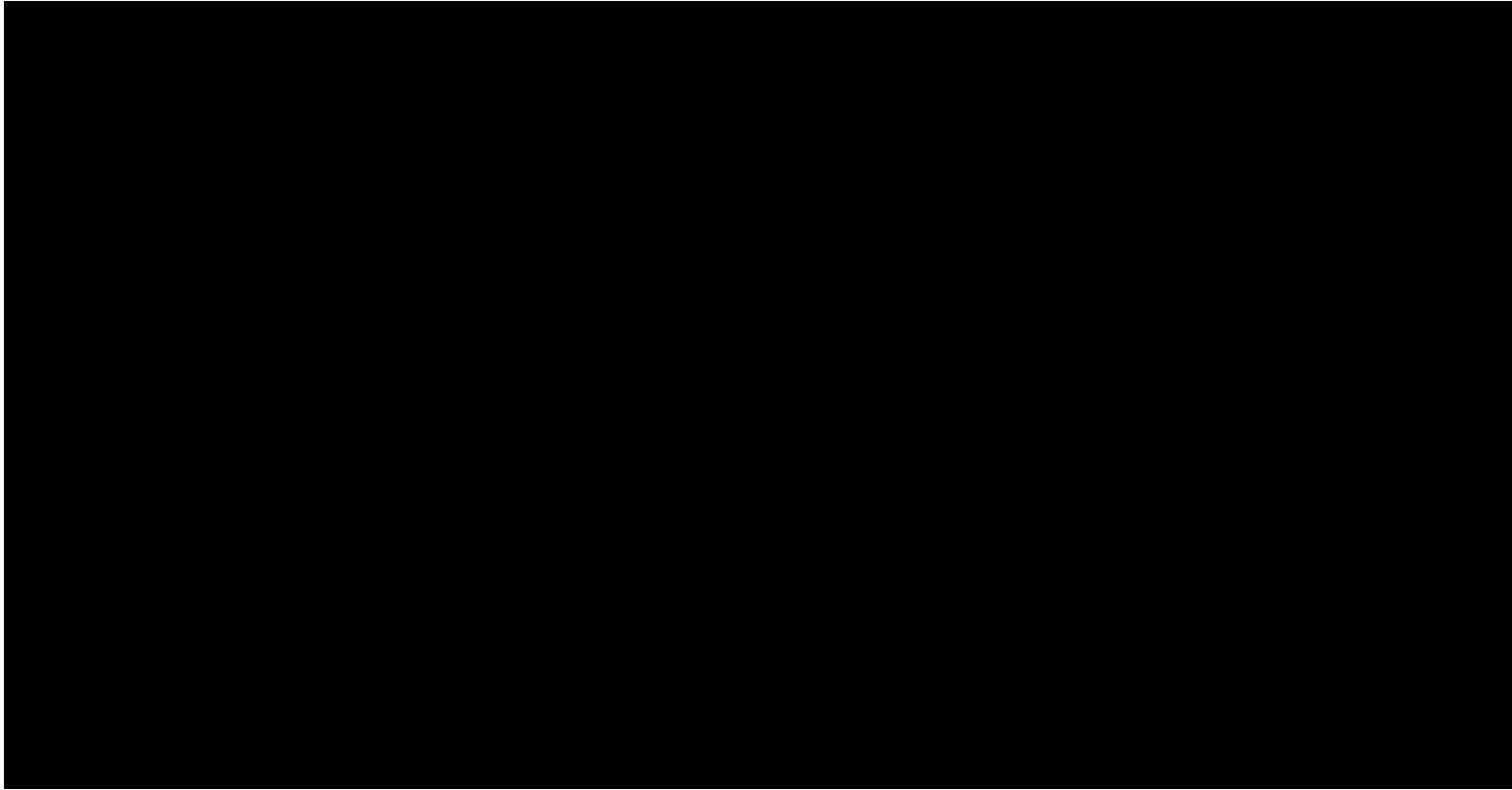
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# An article

- 1**  Work in pairs. Describe the photos. What do you think the article is about? Why? Write five words you expect to see in the article.





**2** Read the dictionary extract. Are there many refugees in your country? What problems do you think they face?

**refugee** NOUN [COUNTABLE] /refjʊ'dʒi/

someone who leaves their country, especially during a war or other threatening event

*Thousands of refugees have entered the camps along the borders in recent days.*




## ► Subskill: Scanning

Scanning is useful to read faster. When you scan, you only look for specific information. This helps you answer questions faster and more easily.

### 3 Scan the text and find ...

- 1 the four countries the athletes are from. South Sudan, Syria, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia
- 2 the number of athletes on the team. ten
- 3 what the IOC is. the International Olympic Committee
- 4 what 'displaced people' are, and how many there are. people who had to leave their homes but not their country, 40 million
- 5 the name of the person who started the modern Olympics. Pierre de Coubertin



- 4**  50 Read and listen to the text. Check your answers in exercise 3. Which phrases in the text confirm the answers?

A message of hope



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The team was the Refugee Olympic Team. Being on an Olympic team is the goal of many athletes. They dream of representing their country and winning a medal. But what do you do if you have no country? Imagine training for years at a sport and then having to flee for your life. Refugees lose everything, not just their home. There are now over 25 million refugees worldwide and numbers are increasing. Added to that, there are around 40 million displaced people – people who have been forced to leave their homes who are still in their country.



The International Olympic Committee (IOC) created the team to draw attention to this global refugee crisis. Why? The purpose of the games is to promote international peace through sports. The founder, Pierre de Coubertin, saw sports not just as a physical activity, but also as a way to educate people. Creating the team was a way of doing that. The IOC also wanted to send a message of hope to refugees everywhere. The athletes in the Refugee Team were able to compete as equals with other national teams.




People from all over the world supported the team. Although the athletes didn't win any medals, it is important to remember that they achieved something incredible. They demonstrated true Olympic spirit in their courage and dedication, despite facing huge difficulties. Not only that, they helped to raise awareness of the problems refugees have to deal with.

The team received such a positive reaction that the IOC decided to continue having a Refugee Team at the Olympics. Don't forget to look carefully for them next time! We can hope that one day there will be no need for such a team, and that, in part at least, may be because of sports.





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## 6 Decide if the statements are true or false.

### Correct the false statements.

- 1 All the athletes on the unusual team were either runners or swimmers. **False** There were also athletes who did judo.
- 2 The athletes used their own national flags. **False** They competed under the Olympic flag.
- 3 Globally there are more than 25 million refugees. **True**
- 4 Coubertin believed that sports could be used to educate people. **True**
- 5 The athletes won several medals. **False** The team didn't win any medals.
- 6 There will not be a Refugee Team at any other Olympic Games. **False** There will continue to be a Refugee Team.



## 7 Complete the sentences.

- 1 Many athletes want to represent their country at the Olympics and win medals.
- 2 Worldwide, the number of refugees is increasing / growing.
- 3 The Refugee Team was supported by people from all over the world.
- 4 The Refugee Team helped to make people more aware of the problems refugees have to deal with.
- 5 The writer hopes that in the future a refugee team won't be necessary.

**CRITICAL THINKING****SUPER  
SKILLS**

- 1 Remember** Read the article again. List the sports mentioned and the purpose of the Olympic Games.
- 2 Apply** Imagine you were on the Olympic Committee. If the Olympics were extended to include other activities besides sports, which one activity would you include? For example: cooking, video games, story-telling or a sport that is not currently an Olympic sport.
- 3 Evaluate** Explain which activity you would include and justify your answer. How does the activity promote education and international peace?



## Research

Find out about two of the athletes on the first Refugee Olympic Team. Who are they? What have they done since then?



## CELEBRITY CORNER

Soccer player **Alphonso Davies** was a refugee, born in Ghana. He's now an Ambassador for the UN Refugee Agency. Find out where he grew up.



## 5

**Word work**

Match the definitions to the words in bold in the text.

1 make people notice something

2 dealing with (problems or difficulties)

3 escape from a dangerous situation  
or place very quickly

4 an urgent, difficult or dangerous  
situation

5 made someone do something  
they didn't want to

6 support or encourage something

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**HOMEWORK**

from 1 to 5





Thanks!