

## **The 2020 Olympic Games will not take place - 9 April, 2020**

Until March, 2020, the world thought the Olympic Games would take place in Tokyo, Japan, from Friday, 24 July until Sunday, 9 August. More than 11,000 athletes from 206 countries wanted to take part in the Games. Over 900,000 people normally watch the different events.

At the Olympics, there are traditional sports such as athletics, swimming and boxing. There were going to be five new sports, too: baseball, karate, skateboarding, surfing and sport climbing.

The 2020 Olympic Games will not now take place. This is because of the coronavirus pandemic. The pandemic began in China at the end of 2019. The virus is changing people's lives in countries all around the world. For this reason, the Japanese have postponed the Games until 2021.

They cannot hold the Games this year because the virus is dangerous for the athletes, for the people who organize the Games and for the people who watch the Games.

2021 will be the second time that the Olympics have taken place in Japan. The Games first took place there in Tokyo in 1964. It will be the first time the Games have taken place in Asia since the Beijing Olympics in 2008.

Where were the Olympic games due to be held?  
When were the Olympic games due to take place?  
How many athletes were going to participate?  
How many countries wanted to take part in the games?  
How many people normally watch the games?  
How many new sports were there and what were they?  
Why are the 2020 games not going ahead?  
When did the pandemic begin and where?  
Who is the virus dangerous for?  
How many times have the Olympics been held in Japan?  
When was the first time?  
When was the last time the games were held in Asia and where?