

# Abschlußprüfung 1996

an den Realschulen in Bayern

Zu- und Vorname: \_\_\_\_\_

Klasse: \_\_\_\_\_

ENGLISCH

AUFGABENGRUPPE B

## 1996 : THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN ATLANTA

READ THE TEXT AND DECIDE WHETHER THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE

1. Three years ago, Atlanta already had an Olympic Stadium.
2. The capital of Greece wanted the Olympic Games as well.
3. First the people of Atlanta were happy, but then some of them started to worry about financial problems.
4. In Atlanta's shopping centre there have always been two big television screens.
5. The programme from Tokyo was about the history of the Olympic Games.
6. Izzy is not the original name of the mascot.

TRUE	FALSE	NOT IN THE TEXT

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REWRITE THE SENTENCES.

Paraphrase the underlined words or replace them by synonyms

7. I doubted (LINE 6) \_\_\_\_\_ 2
8. Someone who is exhausted (LINE 8) \_\_\_\_\_ 2
9. .. their minds went back to the days (LINES 8/9) \_\_\_\_\_ 2
10. They stopped frequently (LINE 13) \_\_\_\_\_ 2
11. When the president stepped up to the microphone, the crowd held its breath.(LINES 16/17) 1/3

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12. The games will provide a comfortable surplus for the city. (LINES 23/24) \_\_\_\_\_ 3
- The city \_\_\_\_\_

DEFINE THE FOLLOWING WORDS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

13. Confetti (LINE 18) \_\_\_\_\_ 1/2
- \_\_\_\_\_
14. A teenager (LINE 35) \_\_\_\_\_ 1/2
- \_\_\_\_\_
15. Commercials (LINE 40) \_\_\_\_\_ 1/2
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USE WORDS OF THE SAME FAMILIES AS THE ONES IN BRACKETS TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

16. After several \_\_\_\_\_ the IOC gave the Games to the city of Atlanta. 2  
(met: LINE 4)
17. "Izzy is a real \_\_\_\_\_," one of the participants said. 1  
(beautiful: LINE 5)
18. The crowd in front of the shopping centre were glad that their city was the winner of the \_\_\_\_\_ for this event. 1  
(competed: LINE 9)
19. The organizers are very much interested in \_\_\_\_\_ the audience. 1  
(entertainment: LINE 13)

USE OPPOSITES OF THE UNDERLINED WORDS TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

20. As soon as they had discussed all the problems, some of the planners started to worry (LINE 20) but most of them \_\_\_\_\_. 2
21. A private group actually managed to raise (LINE 22) all the money which they wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ on trees for the city. 1
22. Seventeen of the Olympic sports will take place in the heart (LINE 38) of Atlanta. Thousands of people living in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the city will travel there. 2

QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS ON THE TEXT

Write complete sentences.

23. Why were the worldwide television rights so important for the Olympic Committee of Atlanta? 1/2  
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24. What shows you that a lot of Atlanta's inhabitants were for the Olympic Games - at least in the beginning? 1/1  
\_\_\_\_\_
25. Why did Atlanta not make a good impression on tourists in 1990? Find two details from the text. 2/2  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
26. Look at Izzy, the mascot for the 1996 Olympics, and describe it in two sentences. 2/2  
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\_\_\_\_\_





WRITING A DIALOGUE.

A German newspaper reporter listened to an interview which Jason Moore, the youngest member of the US soccer team, gave an American TV-station. These are his notes. Use them to make up the original dialogue.

30. Reporter: Hi everybody. This is Jason Moore, the youngest member of the US soccer team.

Reporter: (Befinden vor dem ersten Spiel ?)

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Jason Moore: (großartig - freut sich, in der US-Mannschaft zu spielen)

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Reporter: (Eltern - wohnen in Atlanta - aber Jason im Olympischen Dorf?)

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Jason Moore: (+ , auf Wunsch des Trainers)

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Reporter: (Goldmedaille?)

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Jason Moore: (keine Ahnung)

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Reporter: (Dank für das Interview - Verabschiedung)

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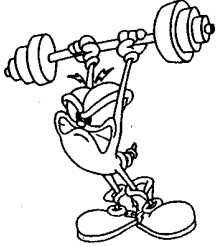
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31. TRANSLATE INTO GERMAN. (siehe Rückseite des Textblattes!)

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## IZZY'S FAVOURITE SPORTS

31. This is part of a brochure introducing different types of Olympic sports to visitors from English-speaking countries. How would the same sports be described in a brochure for spectators from German-speaking countries? TRANSLATE THE TEXTS.



Olympic competitors try to win the title of "the world's strongest man".  
Visitors will be surprised to learn that technique and confidence are just as important as strength.  
At present many Olympic records are held by athletes from the former Soviet Union, but changes are likely to take place soon.

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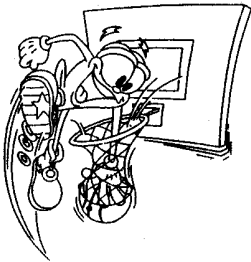
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National stars like Shaquille O'Neill are expected to win another gold medal for the United States.  
But this will only be possible if they beat countries like Spain and Greece, some of whose top players also play for American clubs.  
The women's team will go head-to-head against rivals such as Brazil and Russia in the hope of getting back to the top again.

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The success of the 1994 world cup - together with the hopes of the American teams - makes tickets one of the main attractions in Atlanta.  
Fans of the world's favourite pastime will see the United States battle for its first Olympic victory and will feel the enthusiasm that has made this sport the fastest-growing one in the country hosting this year's Olympic Games.

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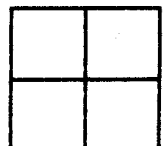
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MAXIMUM SCORE: 137

*Good Luck!*



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A few weeks before the Opening Ceremony of the 26th modern Olympic Games, Billy Payne and Andrew Young, the two men who had brought these Games to Atlanta, met in the 85,000 seat Olympic Stadium. "Look how beautiful it is," said Billy. "When we started building it in 1993, I doubted whether we would be able to finish all these buildings in time." They sat down on a bench somewhat exhausted but very happy and their minds went back to the days when they had competed with Athens and other cities for these Olympic Games.



*Izzy - the mascot of the Olympic Games in Atlanta*

In the early morning of September 18th, 1990, thousands of people wandered nervously around Underground Atlanta - an entertainment and shopping centre. They stopped frequently to stare at one of the two giant television screens specially set up for the occasion. The programme on the screen was from Tokyo. At last J.A. Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), stepped up to the microphone. The crowd held its breath. "The IOC has given the 1996 Olympic Games to the city of - Atlanta." The excited shouts of the crowd shook the TV screens. Cannons shot confetti into the air, balloons and fireworks filled the sky. But soon afterwards the hangover started with hundreds of critical headlines such as: "Money Planners Worry About Who Will Pay" - "So Much To Do In Only 6 Years."

The organizers had to raise \$1.38 billion to build all the facilities for the Games. Billy and Andrew remained optimistic: "The Games will bring in \$1.52 billion, providing a comfortable surplus for the city. A third of this sum will come from worldwide television rights, a third from licenses on coins and other products, and the rest from sponsorships, ticket sales and various other sources. We won't need the taxpayers' money."

And then the work started. Apart from all the Olympic sites, the city had to repair streets, improve bridges, clean up slum areas, so that the tourists would get a good impression of Atlanta. A private group called 'Trees Atlanta' was founded and they planted \$5 million worth of trees, mostly using their own money.

It was getting dark outside the stadium and the huge mascot near the entrance was illuminated. "Look at Izzy!", said Billy. "Sometimes I still call it 'Whatizit', as it was called first because I don't know what it is. I can't help it. I still don't like this creature." But Andrew reminded him of all the money they had already earned with the help of this mascot. "The kids seem to like it. They've made up fantastic stories about Izzy's identity. Apparently it's a teenager living in the Olympic Flame. Now it is waiting, just like the two of us, for more than 10,000 athletes accompanied by at least 5,000 personnel. It reigns over an area of 5 km in diameter in the heart of Atlanta, where seventeen of the Olympic sports will take place."

"Come on, Andrew," said Billy, "you're either getting romantic or you've seen too many commercials. I think we'd better go home now."

A "hangover" (LINE 19) is a feeling of sickness or a headache you have after drinking a lot of alcohol.

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1. F 2. T 3. T 4. F 5. N 6. T
7. I wasn't sure / I didn't really know 8. very tired 9. .. they thought of / about
10. very often 11. walked / went + people didn't say anything / people were too excited to speak
12. The city will make a large profit.
13. .. is small pieces of (coloured) paper. 14. .. is someone between thirteen and nineteen.
15. .. are advertisements on television or radio.
16. meetings 17. beauty 18. competition 19. entertaining
20. were optimistic / had not doubts 21. spend 22. suburbs / outskirts
23. They will bring (in) one third of the expected income.
24. The crowd was very excited when they heard that Atlanta was to host the 1996 Olympic Games. / A private group spent five million dollars of their own money to make Atlanta look more attractive.
25. A lot of streets needed to be repaired. / Bridges had to be improved. / Slum areas had to be cleaned up.
26. Izzy is a young person wearing large shoes. / Izzy is carrying a torch. / Izzy is wearing gloves.
27. (Answer totally up to the student)  
Example: "Atlanta Games only for the rich and famous?"  
Most of the tickets for the exciting events of the Olympic Games were handed out to politicians, sponsors and VIPs. (They didn't even have to pay for them.)  
Ordinary people could only buy tickets for sports which are not as attractive. (They didn't get any tickets at all.)
28. (Answer totally up to the student)  
Examples: I would like to take part as an athlete, because this is a chance of meeting interesting people from all over the world. (If I am a member of a team, I don't / won't have to pay for the cost.)  
I wouldn't like to take part as an athlete, because athletes have to practise a lot. (I think most of the athletes today are no real amateurs.)
29. got up - rode - staring - was announced - himself - an extremely exciting - buying - even started collecting - which / that - women's - didn't get - worst moments - real(ly) miserable - have tried / have been trying - in - would have been - were sent / had been sent - than - watching - will see
30. How do you feel before the first match?  
Great! / Super! + I'm looking forward to playing in / for the US team.  
Your parents live in Atlanta, but you are staying in the Olympic Village, aren't you?  
Yes, my coach wants / wanted me to stay there / with the other members (rest) of the team.  
Who (do you think) is going to win the gold medal?  
I've no idea / I really don't know.  
Thanks for coming / the interview. (Good) bye, Jason.