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# London's Olympic Park for 2012



## Tickets

7.7 million tickets will be **available** for the Olympic Games, with another 1.5 million for the Paralympic Games in 2012.

Each ticket will include free travel on public transport in London for the day of the event, to encourage spectators to use the transport system and see the festivities **throughout** the city.

There will also be free events, including Road Cycling, Triathlon and the Marathon. These events will take place on the streets of London, where spectators can **line** the route to **cheer** on the athletes.

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**line** = disposti lungo  
**cheer** = festeggiare  
**pitches** = campi  
**officials** = addetti ai lavori  
**rowers** = rematori  
**wherever** = ovunque

glossary

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# London 2012

- The new Olympic Park is going to be in Stratford, North East London, in an area the size of 37 football pitches!
- The Olympic Village will accommodate more than 14,000 athletes and **officials** during the Games in 2012.
- It is also going to be the venue for the Paralympic Games in September 2012.
- All the bedrooms will have extra-long beds for tall athletes like **rowers**, swimmers and basketball players.
- A new Aquatic Centre is being built which will have two 50m swimming pools and a special diving area.
- There will be a canteen with capacity for 5,000 people, a health spa and enormous TV screens everywhere so the athletes can watch the events **wherever** they are.
- After the Olympic Games, ordinary people are going to live in the Olympic Park's accommodation.



1 Read the statements and mark them true (T) or false (F).

- 1 The Olympic Park is in South London.
- 2 The London Paralympics will be in September 2012.
- 3 There are special beds for tall athletes.
- 4 There will be 5,000 athletes at the Olympic games.
- 5 The athletes can watch the Olympic events on big screens.
- 6 People will live in the Olympic Park after the Games.

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2 Now correct the false statements.

3 Read the text 'Tickets' and answer the questions.

- 1 When will the tickets for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games go on sale?
- 2 What will each ticket include?
- 3 What kind of events will take place on the streets of London?

Arrive at the Olympic Park in 7 minutes! Use the new Javelin train which runs every 15 minutes from St Pancras International.



Bakerloo	Hammersmith & City	Victoria
Central	Jubilee	Waterloo & City
Circle	Metropolitan	DLR
District	Northern	Under construction
East London	Piccadilly	National Rail



4 Map Reading. Look at the map of the London Underground and complete the directions for how to get from Waterloo to St Pancras with the names of the lines.

At Waterloo Station, take the ..... line north to Leicester Square, then take the ..... line north to St Pancras.

5 What are the directions from South Kensington to Baker Street? Write them below.

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6 Listen to some Olympic facts and complete the text.

216 - Women - 20 - Sparta - 1896 - BC - billion



- The Olympic Games originated in ....., Greece in 776 .....
- The modern Olympics began in Athens in ..... when just 14 countries competed.
- ..... competed for the first time ever in 1900.
- In 1948 the London Olympics cost £ ..... million.
- In 2012 the cost of the games will be £11.3 ..... and ..... countries will compete.



7 Describe to a friend all the things you can see on a visit to the Olympic Park.