

Olympics Small Talk

An activity of "River of Olympic dreams".

The programme for this year's Olympics Opening Ceremony will be one that has never been done before. Read "River of Olympic dreams" (page 26, *What's Up* April 2024).

1. Fill in the blanks using the story.

2024 Summer Olympics Opening Ceremony
Where it will take place:
Expected number of in-person spectators:
Expected number of TV and online viewers:
Number of countries participating:
Number of athletes participating:
Who the person officially declaring the Games open will be:
How the athletes will be travelling down the river:
What the climax of the ceremony will be:
Where the final place for the Olympic flame will likely be:
A few of the sporting events are:

2. Memorise the points above. Pair with another student to practise **small talk**. You may use the following sentences to start:

- Have you heard about this year's Summer Olympics opening ceremony?
- Do you plan to watch it?
- The ceremony will be special because _____.

About small talk

- Small talk is polite and informal conversation about unimportant matters.
- Engaging in small talk helps you to break awkward silences and make friends.
- Ask questions, listen well, and respond to questions in a friendly tone.
- Stick to lighthearted and safe topics such as observations, events, school or hobbies.