



The Olympics Games, as a global sports show, has been held since 1896. During the history of 124 years, there has been many other special ones other than the postponed Olympic Games in Tokyo, 2020. Here are some examples.

### No.1 the most disordered (最混乱)

In 1900, the second Olympic Games and the 11th World Expo(世界博览会) were both held in Paris. As two of them were being held at the same time, the Olympic Games was only regarded as a part of the World Expo. So many competitors didn't realize that they participated in the Olympics Games rather than the World Expo only until the competition was over. Even some competitors didn't know they won the prize due to the disordered management.



the archery competition(射箭比赛) in London

### No.2 the longest (时间最长)

In 1908, the fourth Olympic Games was held in London, July,13th. However, the competition started in April, 27th and concluded(闭幕) until October, 31st.

That was because 1906 Italy's notorious volcano

## List the Most "Special" Olympic Games

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OLYMPIC GAMES TOKYO 2020  
will start on  
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导语：自从新冠疫情在日本迅速蔓延以来，原定于今年7月24日开幕的东京奥运会延期至明年7月，而这一决定也让东京奥运会成为了历史上首次延期举办的奥运会。下面跟我一起来盘点奥运会的“历史之最”吧！

Mount Vesuvius erupted(维苏威火山爆发), causing so much damage that the Games were moved to London. Then London authority soon took over and hosted the Games successfully within two years. It was also the first that made figure skating(花样滑冰) a competition event in the Olympic Games.

### No.3 the most wasteful (最浪费)

In 1976, the 21st Olympic Games was held in Montreal(加拿大蒙特利尔). When Canada was bidding for the Olympics Games, it promised that all of the sports delegations(体育代表团) could have free accommodation. Meanwhile, Canada used self-raised funds to construct the stadium. Unfortunately, due to the economic depression and a long period of strikes of workers, it finally overspent heavily. Holding the Games made Montreal in debt for almost 30 years and all of the citizens were compelled

to pay off all the debts, which reached about 30 billion of dollars.



the stadium in Montreal

### No.4 the most members (成员最多)

In the Olympic Games held in Beijing, 2008, there were 204 countries and regions participating in, including 11,438 athletes which was the most in the Olympic history. Besides, the number of audiences was also the most, reaching about 7.5 million. The Beijing Olympic Games broke various records, and the International Olympic Committee President Mr. Rogge(国际奥委会主席罗格) said that these were truly exceptional games.

Although the Tokyo Olympic Games had been postponed due to the pandemic, we still have faith that the outbreak could be controlled and our expectation for the Games never recede. The Olympics Games not only brings us many splendid moments on sports, it also stimulates all of us with its spirits of going beyond ourselves(追求突破) and keeping striving untiringly(不懈奋斗).

## Coronavirus: Will Summer Make a Difference?

### 夏季的到来会抑制新冠病毒的传播吗？

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The idea warmer weather might stop the coronavirus seems to have faded as the virus has spread around the globe. But could new research contain a glimmer of hope?

It's too early to know for sure whether the new coronavirus is seasonal. To really know that, we'd have to watch how cases change in one place across the year.

But we can look at it is spread in different climates across the world.

Some evidence showed that coronavirus cases have particularly clustered around cooler, dryer regions.

One study indicated countries particularly affected by the virus -those where it was spreading undetected via community transmission - by 10 March had lower average temperatures than those with fewer cases.

Another paper looked at 100 Chinese cities with more than 40 cases of Covid-19 and suggested the higher the temperature and humidity, the lower the rate of transmission. Study suggested

that although cases of the new coronavirus could be found all over the world, outbreaks had particularly clustered in "relatively cool and dry areas" - at least until 23 March.

But, as a group of researchers pointed out, the virus has now spread to every World Health Organization region, "effectively spanning all climatic zones, from cold and dry to hot and humid regions".

With lots of other viruses, including flu, a seasonal pattern is seen in the northern and southern hemispheres. But tropical regions close to the equator don't experience the same pattern.

And some of the hot and humid regions that have seen locally transmitted cases of the Covid-19 virus, such as Malaysia and the Democratic Republic of Congo, are close to the equator and so might not provide the best evidence for what will happen elsewhere.

But looking to the southern hemisphere, Australia and New Zealand - at the tail-end of

their summer season when their first cases were seen - have had much fewer cases than many of their northern-hemisphere counterparts.

There are lots of other factors at play, such as global footfall and the density of the population.

And since the virus has gradually spread around the world - initially through global travel - at the same time as seasons have been changing, it's difficult to pinpoint the effect of climate specifically.

Some evidence also indicated that other coronaviruses mainly circulate in the winter months, according to a team of researchers.

They asked almost 2,000 people for a weekly report on whether anyone in their household had symptoms of respiratory illness. And anyone with symptoms was asked to send in a swab for testing for a range of viruses.

From this, the researchers observed large peaks in coronavirus cases in the winter, around the same time as flu season. There were a small number of cases in the summer.



**Let's Get to Know More About COVID-19**  
**From an International Student**

Interviewer: Song Chengan

Interviewee: Lu Zixuan

关于疫情，让我们听听留学生的声音

The virus first went on a rampage in China, later it occurs other countries, including the western world. We may be curious about the attitude of foreigners towards the epidemic and how are international students treated during this crisis? Let's observe these from a different perspective of an international student in UBC (不列颠哥伦比亚大学), Canada.

Q1: Good evening, Miss Lu! When COVID-19 was first raging in Wuhan, how did the foreigners around you, such as teachers and classmates, treat Chinese?

A1: Since Canada itself is a country of immigrants, there is not much discrimination here, at least I have not encountered one. But I've heard that when there are Chinese students in class, the teachers get impatient, but that's very rare. People there are of high quality and will not discriminate against others because of that.

Q2: When COVID-19 occurs in Canada, at

such a critical time, how did the students react to this? I mean, what about their attitudes towards parties and wearing masks?

A2: Even on March 15, when our university issued a notice telling us to have online courses at home or at dormitories, there were few students other than Chinese wearing masks. When I was walking down the street, almost none of them would wear a mask. The parties went on as usual. The dormitory administrator still held weekly meetings in spite of the severe epidemic but I would never show up. Such a lack of self-protection awareness!

Q3: What was your feeling when stepping on the plane to evacuate overseas Chinese? What protective measures did you take before boarding the plane? How are you doing now?

A3: I was very excited for I can go home. Actually, like most people on the plane, I wore a protective clothing, goggles and a mask. By the way, the airport there was so warm that I almost

lost my breath. Now I was shunted to Xi'an for quarantine for 14 days. I can't go out for any reason. What's more, I have to get up at 2:00 a.m. to face the teacher's smile.

Q4: Do you have something to tell your peers who are willing to go abroad?

A4: We shouldn't forget we're Chinese. When facing actions that undermine dignity of our nation, we should fight back appropriately. Remember you're not alone, there are many Chinese students like you there. Besides, there is little discrimination and we shouldn't develop so-called chains of discrimination like the white discriminate Asians and Asians discriminate black people. After all we came here to study, and most people around us are of high quality.

Also, don't keep up with the joneses. You may see your peers here wearing Gucci or LV, but it's your hard work rather than blind comparison changes the status quo



**DEAR WUHAN,**  
**WELCOME BACK**

Interviewer: Wang Wanze

Interviewee: Wang Wenhui

——我校武汉学子谈解封感受

At midnight April 8, 2020, Wuhan started lifting outbound travel restrictions, ending a two-months-long lockdown. In that winter, it dawned on us that human beings can be so fragile and loss can happen so fast. We still remember the backs of those heroes. They step forward when needed, went against the people flow, and provided us the confidence to make it throughly hopeless. As everyone says, "There is no insurmountable winter, another spring has come as expected. At that moment, rays of morning light are shining through the window. Cherry blossoms, look like snow. Today, I contacted one of our schoolmates in Wuhan, let's share her personal thoughts about the good news.

Q: Can you simply describe the scene when Wuhan reopened?  
A: The city's reopening was marked by light shows, saying "Heroic city, Heroic people" and the light shows paid tribute to everyone fighting the virus. Names of the other provinces were also on display, expressing gratefulness for supporting the city.

Q: What's your feelings on the first day of reopening?  
A: The news that Wuhan reopens after 76-day lockdown made me very excited and gratified. It's a real relief that Wuhan and China have made it through countless efforts and struggle. It is a milestone for the war against the COVID-19, but we've clearly recognized that there are still possible risks, while removing the lockdown doesn't mean we'll loosen control and prevention work. What's more, the war against COVID-19 is yet to finish, so we have to remain calm and alert. We will actively cooperate and do a good job of protection. No more cases is a better match for the reopening.

The risk of imported infections remains high, so vigilance is still highly needed to prevent the disease from going viral again. But one thing has been proven by time, China's sacrifices, efforts and contributions protected its homeland and gained experience for the world. I am confident the country will fully win the battle against the virus.

Q: What moved you most during 76-day's lockdown?  
A: In times of crisis, we have not been discriminated against, people and medical workers have done their utmost to curb the virus. And this is the reason that we can make an unprecedented, remarkable achievement that contain the pandemic in around two to four months. We are very grateful to all parts of the country for their care and help. What's more, our school mailed a box of apples and a box of oranges to every student in Hubei Province in early March and its really touched me that we were cared about by our school

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One thorn of experience is worth a whole wilderness of warning

## Taking the On-line Courses

This year seems like an extraordinary one. At the beginning of the year, an outbreak of novel coronavirus struck China. As a result, all of us are having our classes online. In my opinion, online education is full of development prospects and its advantages greatly outweigh the disadvantages.

First of all, only education breaks the limitation of space, making it more convenient for us to obtain the knowledge of our majors, without traveling thousands of miles to the university and paying much for the travel fees, which can save our time and money.

Also, only education can help narrow the imbalance of education development among different regions. High quality classes from C9 union and even Harvard, Cornell

are available now to us as a result of online education's development. What's more, children in developing regions can have classes of the same quality as those in developed regions, which will definitely narrow the gap between the rich and poor.

Some guys may argue, students are more easily distracted from learning during online education. I don't deny that, but now that we have no choice but to study at home, it's a wiser choice to be more disciplined and value its advantages more. As the quote reads: "The weak are controlled by the environment, but the strong are not."

— Song Chenghan

At the beginning, we're not much adapted the newly adopted class style---online teaching. But soon, we got pretty proficient for this novel class style and a lot of funny things happened during our online classes. On our first online physical class, as we hadn't done exercise much, the task assigned by our teacher was very difficult to complete. Thus, our teacher recorded a video and guided us to post a range of different positions. It made us feel that as if we were having a remote instruction, like many puppets! But to be honest, all of our teachers were pretty dedicated and responsible, we express our heartfelt thanks to all of the teachers.

— Xie Duanyi

When it comes to taking classes on the Internet, funny stories just burst out. Even the most serious and omniscient lecturer can encounter trouble and get stuck in the dilemma where we accidentally see a different image of them—a more interesting and easygoing image.

For the perplexed teachers, some bad but sweet ideas always come from our classmates. To escape some awkward truth of not being punctual in the lessons, they find clever trick like the bugs of internet to hoodwink our tutors even though the lies never make the mission smooth.

— Xu Ruiyang



Online courses make us keep up with learning schedule. But in the process, it also brings us some challenges. For one thing, online courses seem to be harder to attend to. For another, the learning environment at home is probably a major factor. Students may take the course in the bed, play games during the class and alike because of the absence of discipline. And PE class is a headache for teachers and students. I believe watching tens of people jumping up and down on the screen is rather impressive. However, on the bright side, online courses are more flexible. When you miss a point, you are able to rewind afterwards and have deeper understanding.

— Zhu Hongxi

When I was a high school student, I had a question: Why couldn't we have courses online? That would be convenient and simple on Internet. However, I really hate it now because there are large quantity of intolerable things, for instance when teachers were just about to teach us the key points of knowledge some cute animals make noise loudly from microphones or the network is not added thus. I can't hear anything, therefore, I stopped pouring attention into the classes and how I wanted have a lesson in the school classroom at that moment.

— Wang Ziyue



Personally, I believe that taking online courses is not a bad way to study but it bothers me in some respects. For example, the internet in my bedroom and study is not so well so I have to turn to living room sometimes. What's more, because of sitting in front of a computer every day and a lack of abundant exercise, I have recognized an uncomfortable fact that my eyesight is getting worse these days. So, I have decided to reduce the amount of time I spend on my phone. Hope I can make progress on my self-discipline.

— Wanze

We have already taken on-line courses for two months. Sometimes I eat fruits when I take my courses. Oh, that's comfortable. But I still want to go back to school to take courses and meet my friends. However, I think it complex and confused to take my courses home. We have too many materials to read, and the same content has a lot of different information. It's hard for me to make a choice about those materials. I'm also worried about my summer vacation because I have many experiments to do in school. Finally, I hope everything will be fine.

— Kang Xuena

Good news! Good news! Do you want to experience the development of technology? Do you want to become a talented student? Do you want to become a cool guy? Well, take the on-line courses! "Thanks to" that evil virus, now we all have to stay at home and experience the hard on-line time together. It is hard to believe that the on-line course only existed in our elective courses and interest classes. But now, what can I say? Without questioning, on-line course has tons of differences compared to the course in reality. However, do not forget today's tendency: it's an age of science and technology, it's only a matter of time when on-line course takes the lead, whether you admit it or not.

— Song Yuchen

As we all know, there is a shortage of educational resources in China's rural areas. According to an investigation about the present situation of rural fundamental education in China, someone points that teachers spend half of their time teaching in class and spend the rest half of time dealing with several things like meetings, checking. Adding the "two halves" together, the investment of human resources in rural basic education is only half of that of children.

### Give a Hand,



Author/ Kang Xuena

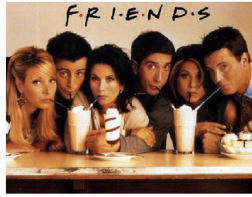
### Give the Hope



We know that the government has carried out many relevant policies and made their efforts to change these situations. Also, a lot of spontaneous organizations and individuals make their efforts provide volunteer service to help with the rural education. A lot of college students donate money, stationery and help to teach students in rural areas. I could see a lot of news about it, and I always asked me that whether I can do these things too. Fortunately, I finally found the chances. I participated in teaching activities organized by my department. When I taught them things, when I played with them, when I looked those cute children's eyes, I felt so happy. I participated in fundraising initiative organized by our school, and when I was successful to persuade one people to donate money to buy stationery for rural areas, when I can be a volunteer to support rural education, I felt so proud.

So, whether joining in me and providing volunteer service to rural education in our country can be your choice. Go to see the shining from kids' beautiful eyes, feel the happiness and proud from your heart and make a little effort help other. Our efforts may not change a lot, but we can change a little. And adding every effort together to make it become "a half", then adding "the two halves" together to become the whole one to make a big change.

I believe that the shining of rural education's future is from every one of us!



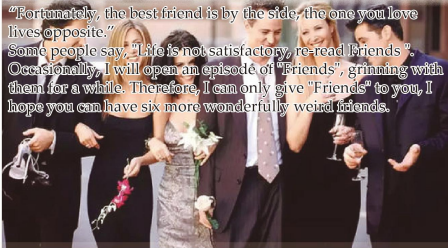
### Lively "FRIENDS" in life

Author/ Wang Ziyue

"Friends" tells stories that happened between friends and lovers. This is a TV series that worth watching. "Friends" makes me want to cheer, scream and look forward to jumping into the quagmire of life. It's so real that I found out that the world in the play so attractive and it is actually my own life. In short, it makes people fall in love with life from the heart, makes people love suffering and makes people embrace ordinary. Because you are so determined, no matter what kind of difficulties you face, some people will give you support and help. They will sympathize with your embarrassment and put a blanket on you when you are broken love and drunk, and try to find ways to lend you money without hurting your self-esteem when you settle the bill. You know they will always be there whenever you are the worst or happiest.

The nature of life is complicated. We often live 105 times a day, but can fill up 12 hours with amazing adventures and rich experiences. We use a lot of boring, redundant, and annoying minutes, seconds, and seconds in exchange for the highlight moments in a small part of our lives. It is these moments written by these fates that make us still have faith and expectation in life, and we can hold a little light and fight against a large gray void.

"Fortunately, the best friend is by the side, the one you love lives opposite." Some people say, "If life is not satisfactory, re-read 'Friends'". Occasionally, I will open an episode of "Friends", grinning with them for a while. Therefore, I can only give "Friends" to you, I hope you can have six more wonderfully weird friends.



"My name's Renéé. I'm 54 years old. For 27 years I've been the concierge ( 门房 ) at number 7, rue de Grenelle, a fine hotel particulier with a courtyard and private gardens, divided into eight luxury apartments, all of which are inhabited, all of which are immense. I'm a widow, I'm short, ugly, and plump, I have bunions on my feet and, if I am to credit certain early mornings of self-inflicted disgust, the breath of a mammoth. I did not go to college, I have always been poor, discreet and insignificant..." Renéé, as what is told, outwardly she conforms a typical French concierge: old, ugly and sour. Whereas truth is that she adores art, music, philosophy and she is more intelligent than most residents in the apartment. However in a society which doesn't welcome a smart concierge, Renéé does everything to come across as stupid. She makes some loth dishes while she doesn't want to. She turns on television in the front room all day while staying in the back room. Like the animal of hedgehog, she's covered in quills but terribly elegant inside.



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### The Elegance of the Hedgehog

未来的作用是：用充满活力的真正计划来构建现在的美好生活——《刺猬的优雅》

Author/ Zhu Hongxi



Not surprisingly Renéé is to continue to live like that until the day Ozu moves in. Ozu befriends Renéé and Paloma, another heroin. His arrival is a vital turning point, after which Renéé and Paloma start to embrace life.

Paloma lives on the fifth floor. So, she is born in an upper-crust household: her father is a parliamentarian and mother is a doctor of literature. She is an exceptional genius who try to scale back her performance at school, yet still comes first. Despite 12 years old she is, in her words, life's final destination is the goldfish bowl: "People aim for the stars, and they are like goldfish in a bowl". But meanwhile it is also the intelligence that makes Paloma suffer. She's been suffering because of her ability to see the ugliness in the world and the disability to change that. She will commit suicide on the day she turns thirteen—to get rid of confronting absurdity of life and ending up in a "goldfish bowl". On the way Paloma heads towards death, she sets the goal to write down her thoughts. Thus, there is a series of Profound Thought and Journal of Movement of the World.

The book is basically composed of Renéé's and Paloma's narratives. Both being insightful, Paloma's part is more humorous. For example, in Profound Thought No.7, she addresses a hypocritical adult differently as "Mister I'm-the-father-of-an-idiot" "Mister I-have-engendered-a-pustule" and "Mister Forgive-me-I-know-not-what-I-was-doing." Overall, without any exaggeration, this is a funny, readable and above all inspiring book.