

Rio Olympic opening ceremony

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Use the words and numbers in the box to complete the sentences.



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- spectators filled the stadium.
- It was broadcast to an estimated audience of
- It celebrated Brazil's history, and natural beauty, before former marathon runner Vanderlei de Lima lit the Olympic cauldron.
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- The Games are the to be held in South America.
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ANSWER SHEET

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- 28 sports will be represented at the Games, with 207 teams taking part.
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- The ceremony included light displays, fireworks, dancing and music. Video projections beamed on to the floor of the stadium explored the history of the country. It highlighted the contributions made by the nation's native peoples, by Portuguese explorers, by African slaves and by Japanese immigrants to Brazil's history and culture.
- Performers jumped and danced across projections of giant buildings, symbolising the cities of Brazil.
- A recreation of a biplane – the invention of Brazilian Alberto Santos-Dumont – flew around the arena.
- One of the warmest welcomes of the evening was given to a team consisting of refugee athletes. They were the penultimate group to enter the stadium.
- The Brazil team, with 2012 modern pentathlon bronze medallist Yane Marques flying the nation's flag, emerged into the stadium last of all, to chants of "Brazil, Brazil, Brazil".

Adapted from: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/olympics>

Writing task (L1-2)

- Use the information on page 1 and the additional text above to write a newspaper report on the Olympic opening ceremony.
- You should include an attention-grabbing headline and use plenty of adjectives to describe the scene. You can make up additional details or include those that you know.
- You can also include quotations (perhaps from competitors, spectators or officials).

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Writing task (E2-3)

- You were at the Olympic opening ceremony. Write a postcard or an email to a friend back home, describing what you saw.
- Use the information on page 1 and the text above to help you.
- Make sure you use plenty of adjectives (describing words).