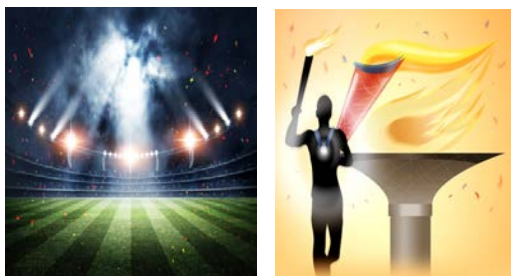


## Read the article and answer the questions.

In 1964, Tokyo became the first ever Asian city to host the Olympic Games and it was a triumph which propelled Japan into the modern era. Now, the city is preparing to host the games once more in summer 2021, exactly one year after the Tokyo 2020 Olympics were originally due to begin.



The Tokyo games will take place over 17 action-packed days from July 24 to August 8 2021. Tokyo is the host city, and The Opening Ceremony will be held at Tokyo's Olympic Stadium.

Most events will be staged throughout the Japanese capital. However, several sports will be held in other Japanese cities and towns. Road cycling, for example, will take place in the foothills of Mount Fuji; surfing will be held 40 minutes outside of Tokyo on the country's eastern coast; and the men's and women's marathons, as well as the race walking events, will take place in Sapporo, which is located 500 miles north of Tokyo. The soccer matches will be played in six cities, and baseball and softball games will be held in Fukushima and Yokohama.



The Olympics typically draw together more than 11,000 athletes and 25,000 journalists from more than 200 countries. Overall there will be 21 different sports and 339 medal events across dozens of different sports. Four new sports were added to the Tokyo Olympics: surfing, skateboarding, sport climbing and karate.

One of the most exciting events is the marathon which is one of the last sporting events. Unfortunately, it will be lonelier this year as there will be no spectators. However, millions of people will be watching and cheering on the runners on TV.

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4. Why are some Olympic sports held in different cities? (answers may vary)

Some sports have special requirements. Surfing needs ocean waves. Marathons need lots of safe roads

Football needs stadiums. Also, they can show off the beauty of different cities and promote tourism.

5. What is one of the last sporting events at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics?

The marathon. It will be lonely because there will be no spectators.