

## Unit 12

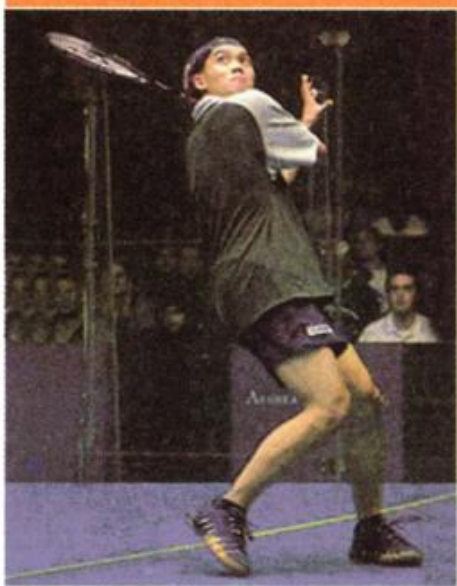


# THE ASIAN GAMES

### A. READING



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### Before you read

*Work with a partner. Discuss the following questions:*

1. How often are the Asian Games held?
2. How many countries take part in the Asian Games?
3. What sports is Vietnam best at?

## While you read


*Read the passage and then do the tasks that follow.*

The Asian Games, which take place every four years, are held for the purpose of developing intercultural knowledge and friendship within Asia. In this multi-sport event, young people from all over Asia gather together to compete. It is an occasion when strength and sports skills are tested; friendship and solidarity are built and promoted.

During their five-decade history, the Asian Games have been advancing in all aspects. The number of participants has been increasing. The quality of athletes, officials and sports facilities has also been developing through time. New sports and traditional sports have been introduced and added to the Games. The 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Games were held in New Delhi, India in 1951. Only 489 athletes from 11 nations took part in the Games. The six sports events at the first Games were basketball, cycling, football, aquatic sports, athletics and weightlifting. Boxing, shooting and wrestling were added at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian Games in Manila, the Philippines in 1954; and tennis, volleyball, table tennis and hockey were added at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Asian Games in Tokyo, Japan in 1958. Squash, rugby, fencing and mountain biking were introduced for the first time at the 13<sup>th</sup> Asian Games in Bangkok, Thailand in 1998.


The 14<sup>th</sup> Asian Games, which were held in Busan, Korea in 2002, attracted 9,919 participants from 44 countries. The athletes competed in 38 different sports and won 427 gold medals. The Vietnamese participants took part in this event with great enthusiasm. Their efforts were much appreciated when they won 2 gold medals in bodybuilding and billiards, and 2 others in women's karatedo. It is hoped that in the near future, Vietnam will become a host country and receive more medals in a variety of sports events.




 **Task 1.** The words in the box all appear in the passage. Fill each blank with a suitable word.

effort	appreciated	advancing
aquatic	enthusiasm	facilities

1. The hotel has special \_\_\_\_\_ for disabled athletes.
2. Swimming and water skiing are both \_\_\_\_\_ sports.
3. He never lost his \_\_\_\_\_ for training athletes.
4. I will make every \_\_\_\_\_ to arrive on time.
5. Our sports performances have been \_\_\_\_\_ considerably over recent years.
6. Your help was greatly \_\_\_\_\_.

 **Task 2.** Scan the passage and complete the following table.

Year	Events
(1) _____	The 1 <sup>st</sup> Asian Games began in New Delhi, India.
1954	Boxing, shooting and wrestling were added at (2) _____.
(3) _____	Tennis, volleyball, table tennis and hockey were added at the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Asian Games held in Tokyo, Japan.
1998	(4) _____ were introduced at the 13 <sup>th</sup> Asian Games in Bangkok, Thailand.
(5) _____	The 14 <sup>th</sup> Asian Games were held in Busan, Korea.


 **Task 3.** Answer the questions.

1. What is the purpose of the Asian Games?
2. How many participants took part in the 14<sup>th</sup> Asian Games?
3. In which sports events did the Vietnamese athletes win gold medals at the Busan Games?

### After you read

*Work in groups. Talk about the history of the Asian Games.*

## B. SPEAKING

 **Task 1. Work in pairs.** Ask and answer questions about the Asian Games, using the information from the table below.

Games No.	Host country	Year	Number of countries	Number of sports
1	India	1951	11	6
2	Philippines	1954	18	8
3	Japan	1958	20	13
4	Indonesia	1962	17	13
5	Thailand	1966	18	14
6	Thailand	1970	18	13
7	Iran	1974	25	16
8	Thailand	1978	25	19
9	India	1982	33	21
10	Korea	1986	27	25
11	China	1990	37	27
12	Japan	1994	42	34
13	Thailand	1998	41	36
14	Korea	2002	44	38
15	Qatar	2006	45	39

**Example:**

A: When and where were the 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Games held?

B: (They were held) in 1951 in India.


A: How many countries took part in the Games?

B: Eleven.

A: How many sports were there at the Games?

B: Six.



 **Task 2. Work in groups.** Take turns to talk about the sports results of the Vietnamese athletes at 14<sup>th</sup> Asian Games, using the information from the table below.

<b>MEDALS WON BY VIETNAM</b> <b>(at 14<sup>th</sup> Asian Games held in Busan, Korea)</b>			
Sports	Gold Medals	Silver Medals	Bronze Medals
Bodybuilding	1		1
Billiards	1	1	
Karatedo	2		1
Shooting			1
Wushu		1	1

**Example:**

*In bodybuilding, the Vietnamese athletes won one gold medal and one bronze medal.*



80kg, left to right: Liaw Teck Leong (Malaysia – 2<sup>nd</sup>), **Ly Duc** (Vietnam – 1<sup>st</sup>), Lee Jin Ho (Korea – 3<sup>rd</sup>)



60kg, left to right: Ibrahim Sihat (Singapore – 2<sup>nd</sup>), Cho Wang Bung (Korea – 1<sup>st</sup>), **Pham Van Mach** (Vietnam – 3<sup>rd</sup>)

## C. LISTENING

Before you listen



*Work in pairs. Look at the pictures and answer the questions.*

1. What are the names of these sports?
2. Have you ever watched sports like these on television?
3. Which sport(s) do you like best? Why?

*Listen and repeat.*

coming live

freestyle

gymnasium

Lee Bong-ju

land


bar

gymnast


Vichai



## While you listen

 **Task 1.** Listen and choose the best answer A, B, C or D for the following sentences.

1. Yuko won the gold medal in women's swimming. She set a new world record time of \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. 200 seconds  
B. 1 minute 38 seconds  
C. 1 minute 58 seconds  
D. 1 minute 48 seconds
2. Lily got an average of \_\_\_\_\_ points in her gymnastics event.  
A. 9.5  
B. 5.9  
C. 15  
D. 5
3. Lee Bong-ju jumped \_\_\_\_\_ and he won the gold medal in men's long jump.  
A. 8.5 m  
B. 8.9 m  
C. 9.8 m  
D. 18 m
4. The bar that Vichai had to jump over was at \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. 3.2m  
B. 2.3 m  
C. 2.0 m  
D. 2.5 m
5. Which of the following sports events was NOT mentioned in the report?  
A. swimming  
B. gymnastics  
C. long and high jumps  
D. weightlifting

 **Task 2.** Listen again and answer the following questions.

1. What time was "The Asian Games Report" programme?
2. How many gold medals have the Japanese athletes won in the first three days?
3. How many times has Lee Bong-ju competed in the long jump?
4. What was the last sports event mentioned in the report?
5. How did Vichai feel after he finished his performance?

## After you listen

*Work in groups. Talk about a famous athlete you know.*

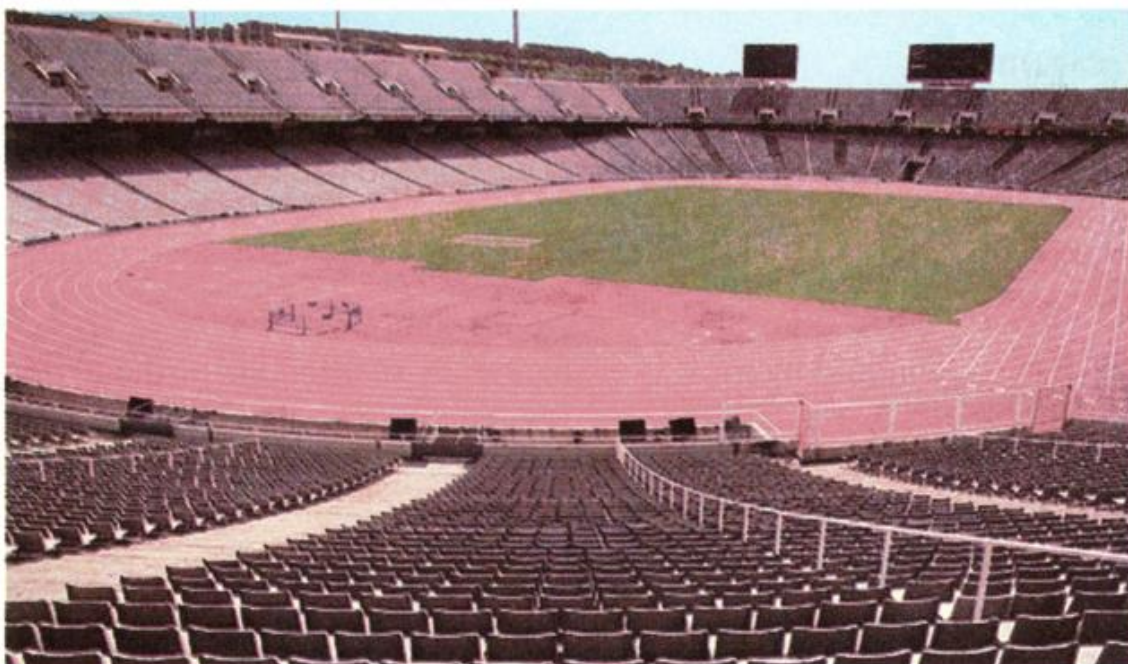
## D. WRITING

*Suppose Vietnam is going to host the coming Asian Games. Write a paragraph of 120 words to describe the preparations for the Games, using the cues given below.*

• build	– one more National Stadium, some sports buildings and car parks
• upgrade	– National Sports Centres and local stadiums (because they are not in good condition)
• widen	– training areas and roads to sports buildings
• equip	– hotels, guest houses with modern facilities (also special services for disabled athletes)
• promote and advertise	– preparations for the Asian Games on the radio and TV
• recruit	– volunteers to serve the Games (university teachers and students with good English)
• hold	– competition to choose an official song

You may begin with:

*To prepare for the coming Asian Games, we have a lot of things to do. First of all, we will build one more National Stadium and ...*





## E. LANGUAGE FOCUS

- **Pronunciation:** /str/ – /skr/ – /skw/
- **Grammar:** 1. Relative clauses (revision)  
2. Omission of relative pronouns

### Pronunciation

- *Listen and repeat.*

/str/	/skr/	/skw/
street	scream	square
strong	screen	squeeze
strange	screw	squeak
strength	scratch	squeal

- *Practise reading aloud these sentences.*

1. There was a strong man on the street at night.
2. The strong man looked very strange.
3. He was holding an ice-cream in one hand, and a rubber doll in the other hand.
4. The man was eating the ice-cream, squeezing the doll and it was squeaking.
5. The man was screaming while walking to the square.
6. Nobody knew why he was doing the strange things.

### Grammar

**Exercise 1.** Complete each of the following sentences, using a suitable sentence in the box to make a relative clause without a relative pronoun.

<u>Mary is wearing it</u>	
we had it for lunch	we met him this morning
John told them	he invited them to the birthday party
you lost it	I bought it yesterday

**Example:**

I like the diamond ring \_\_\_\_\_.

– *I like the diamond ring Mary is wearing.*

1. Have you found the bike \_\_\_\_\_?
2. Most of the classmates \_\_\_\_\_ couldn't come.
3. The short stories \_\_\_\_\_ were very funny.
4. The dictionary \_\_\_\_\_ is expensive, but very interesting.
5. I didn't like the man \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The beef \_\_\_\_\_ was really delicious.

**Exercise 2.** Complete each of the following sentences, using a suitable sentence in the box to make a relative clause with a preposition.

I wanted to travel on it

we're living in it

I work with them

I slept in it

they were talking about them

we went to it

he applied for it

**Example:**

The flight \_\_\_\_\_ was fully booked.

– *The flight I wanted to travel on was fully booked.*

1. I enjoy my job because I like the people \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The dinner party \_\_\_\_\_ wasn't very enjoyable.
3. The house \_\_\_\_\_ is not in good condition.
4. I wasn't interested in the things \_\_\_\_\_.
5. He didn't get the job \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The bed \_\_\_\_\_ was very modern.

**Exercise 3.** Tick (✓) the sentences in which the relative pronoun can be omitted.

**Example:**

- ☒ 0. Are these the keys that you are looking for?
- ☐ 1. The girl who we are going to see is from Britain.
- ☐ 2. He works for a company that makes cars.
- ☐ 3. What was the name of the man who you met yesterday?
- ☐ 4. The table that was broken has now been repaired.
- ☐ 5. Do you know the girl who he is talking to?
- ☐ 6. This is the novel that I've been expecting.