

3.1 *The next Olympic city*

Aim: Practice using connectors to discuss potential Olympic sites

Preparation: Make one copy of Worksheet 3.1 for every four Ss.

Comment: Use after the discussion on page 24.

- Ss work in groups of four. Give each group a handout.
- Explain the task: Tell Ss they are Olympic committee members who must decide on which city will host the next Olympics.
- Read the names of the cities and countries and the lists of pros and cons. Go over any unfamiliar vocabulary. Elicit how to use the connectors in the useful expressions box. Write some of the expressions on the board. Ask one pair of Ss to read the example conversation.
- Have groups discuss the pros and cons and then choose one city. Groups should make a list of reasons supporting their decision.
- Have each group participate in a debate using the connectors provided. The group that debates most effectively gets to choose the city that will host the Olympics.

Istanbul, Turkey

Pros

1. Historical sightseeing
2. Inexpensive hotels
3. Flavorful cuisine
4. Adequate public transportation

Cons

1. Expensive nightlife
2. Prone to earthquakes
3. Crowded
4. Excessive traffic



Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Pros

1. World-class airport
2. Culturally diverse
3. Impressive shopping
4. Stunning architecture

Cons

1. Hot and humid climate
2. Excessive traffic
3. Infrastructure needs improvement
4. Inconsistent shop hours



Rome, Italy

Pros

1. Beautiful architecture
2. Fabulous cuisine
3. Beautiful neighborhoods
4. Exciting nightlife

Cons

1. Traffic congestion
2. Expensive taxis
3. Ancient infrastructure
4. Very hot summers



Doha, Qatar

Pros

1. International transit hub
2. Low crime rate
3. Thriving art scene
4. Amazing shopping

Cons

1. Extremely hot weather
2. Not pedestrian friendly
3. Expensive hotels
4. Limited nightlife



Useful expressions

although despite however on the other hand
even though in spite of nevertheless

"Although Istanbul's nightlife can be expensive, the city offers flavorful cuisine."

"Nevertheless, it's prone to earthquakes and can be very crowded."