

1. The Olympics were held in this stadium (nicknamed The Bird's Nest).

The location of these events was controversial for several reasons.

Concern over human rights violations, effects of pollution in Beijing on athletes and visitors, concern about censorship of the media.

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photo:

http://jawaexpress.com/destination/wp-content/uploads/2007/11/beijing_national_stadium.jpg

3. What is this? Offshore drilling

How does it relate to the environment? *Offshore drilling can harm the environment through pollution from everyday operations and oil spills from platforms, pipelines and tankers. The United States consumes nearly one-fourth of the world's oil but produces only about 10%. Since Congress imposed a moratorium on new drilling in 1981, most of the nation's coastline has been off-limits. As prices rise, polls show two-thirds of Americans favor new drilling for oil and gas. By most estimates, at least 18 billion barrels of oil can be produced from areas that are off-limits. The 18 billion barrels would be enough to fuel the country for 2½ years. The debate about offshore drilling is escalating due to the worldwide rising demand for oil.* www.usatoday.com, photo: http://www.ezimages.net/upload/RERSUBS/oil_platform.jpg

5. Sarah Palin is the governor of Alaska.

She is the Republican Vice Presidential candidate.

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photo: http://bittenandbound.com/wp-content/uploads/2008/02/gov-palin-2006_official.jpg

7. Who is this football player and what was the result of his injury?

Tom Brady of the New England Patriots suffered a knee injury in a game against the Kansas City Chiefs and is out for the season.

photo: http://bleacherreport.com/images_root/image_pictures/0084/6303/539w_feature.jpg

2. U2's Bono is a spokesperson for The ONE Campaign. What is this? *The ONE Campaign raises public awareness about the issues of global poverty, hunger, disease and efforts to fight such problems in the world's poorest countries by asking our leaders to do more to fight the emergency of global AIDS and extreme poverty. ONE believes that allocating more of the U.S. budget toward providing basic needs like health, education, clean water and food would transform the futures and hopes of an entire generation in the world's poorest countries.*

2. The ONE Campaign slogan is Make Poverty History.

www.one.org, photo: http://farm3.static.flickr.com/2410/2403093733_c7d9412504.jpg?v=0

4. Jamaican track star, Usain Bolt, broke three world records in the 100 meters, 200 meters and 4 X 100 meter relay at the 2008 Summer Olympics.

www.nbcolympics.com

photo: <http://blogs.bet.com/news/playahater/wp-content/uploads/2008/08/bolt200.jpg>

6. Where do you think this picture was taken? Cuba – hit by Hurricane Ike

Name two recent hurricanes: Gustav, Ike, Hanna

photo: http://www.monstersandcritics.com/news/americas/features/article_1429728.php/In_photos_Cuba_Hurricane_Ike?page=1

8. Name the two countries pictured: Russia and Georgia

Russia invaded Georgia following Georgia's major military offensive to retake control of the region of South Ossetia, which has been autonomous since the early 1990s but officially remains part of Georgia. The United States supports the integrity of Georgia.

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