

Read the story of the Olympic opening ceremony in Australia in 2000. Highlight each part that should be changed in order to make the story accurate for the 2008 Olympics. Re-write the story with your corrections.

OLYMPIC OPENING CEREMONY

The Olympic Opening Ceremony was held in **Sydney, Australia**, on **September 15**, *Beijing, China, August 8th, 2008* **2000**. It was an international event, and the whole world was watching! One hundred and ninety-nine countries participated in the Games. The event was held in a stadium designed to seat a large group of people.

The athletes entered the stadium in a specific order. The athletes from Greece entered first, in honor of the original Olympics held in Greece. Then the other athletes followed by nation in alphabetical order. The host country's athletes always come last, so for this Olympics, the athletes from Australia entered the stadium last. The Australian head of state declared the games open. This was followed by the raising of the Olympic Flag. Music was played and fireworks were set off in salute. Then doves were released into the air as a symbol of peace.

Runners brought in the Olympic torch by cross-country relays. The running of the torch began four weeks before the Olympic ceremony, and thousands of runners took part. Planes and ships transported the Olympic torch to each country that lies between Greece and the host country. The most exciting moment of the Olympic Opening Ceremony was when the torch entered the stadium and lit the Olympic Flame. The Flame is always kept burning until the end of the Olympic Games.