



China is hosting this year's Winter Olympics, and officials announced that it would use only **green** technologies, and the Games would have little impact on the natural world.

China is a country with the biggest negative **impact** on the natural world. Now, the country wants to change the situation. Organizers will use electrical energy only from wind farms, and people will travel to events by 800 buses that use **hydrogen** instead of petrol or gas.

The biggest problem is that the Games take place in mountains with very little snow. Almost all of the snow is fake. People took months to make enough snow for the Games, and they used the water in the area.

Difficult words: **green** (the idea to protect the environment), **impact** (how something affects something else), **hydrogen** (a light gas which does not harm the natural world as petrol or gas do).

Discussion Questions**Topic Talk**

1. Define the following words: *green, impact and hydrogen*
2. Why would China use green technologies in the Olympic Games?
3. Which country is considered to have the biggest negative impact on the natural world?
4. What would the organizers do to change the situation?
5. What was the organizers biggest problem? And how did they solve the problem?

Express Your Thoughts

1. Has your country hosted the Olympic Games?
2. Did the organizers of the Olympic Games in your country use green technologies?
Could you tell me more about this?
3. How big do you think is the negative impact of your country on the natural world?
Is it increasing or decreasing?
4. Why do you think it's essential for countries all over the world to switch to green technologies these days?