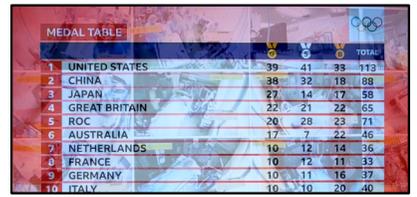


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| MEDAL TABLE | | | | | |
|-------------|---------------|--|--|--|-------|
| | |  |  |  | TOTAL |
| 1 | UNITED STATES | 39 | 41 | 33 | 113 |
| 2 | CHINA | 38 | 32 | 18 | 88 |
| 3 | JAPAN | 27 | 14 | 17 | 58 |
| 4 | GREAT BRITAIN | 22 | 21 | 22 | 65 |
| 5 | ROC | 20 | 28 | 23 | 71 |
| 6 | AUSTRALIA | 17 | 7 | 22 | 46 |
| 7 | NETHERLANDS | 19 | 12 | 14 | 35 |
| 8 | FRANCE | 10 | 12 | 11 | 33 |
| 9 | GERMANY | 10 | 11 | 16 | 37 |
| 10 | ITALY | 10 | 10 | 20 | 40 |

To Tokyo now, where after more than two weeks of **competition** in everything from Karate to BMX biking to athletics and swimming, the Olympic games has now come to an end. The US finished top of the medal table ahead of China and Japan with the **host** nation having their best ever performance at an Olympic games. The closing ceremony was an **upbeat** celebration of all aspects of Japanese culture **culminating** in all the athletes thanking the people of Japan for hosting the games in the **midst** of this pandemic. No fans inside the Olympic stadium to enjoy it, though, but plenty did turn up outside to try and catch a **glimpse** of events.

If you tried to get to the Olympic stadium tonight, this is what you were met with. Hundreds of police blocking alleyways ordering people to move along. Even the closing fireworks lasted just 15 seconds. But if the **authorities** were trying to prevent the large gatherings that took place during the opening ceremony, then they failed.

Out at the park, the sport loving Uno family have spent much of the last two weeks glued to the **telly**. But even for them watching the games on TV hasn't been an **unmitigated** joy.

I really wanted to go and watch. It's totally different to watch on TV than actually being there to watch the games.



It's almost like the Olympics was taking place in another country. We can only watch it on TV. We felt the distance very much.

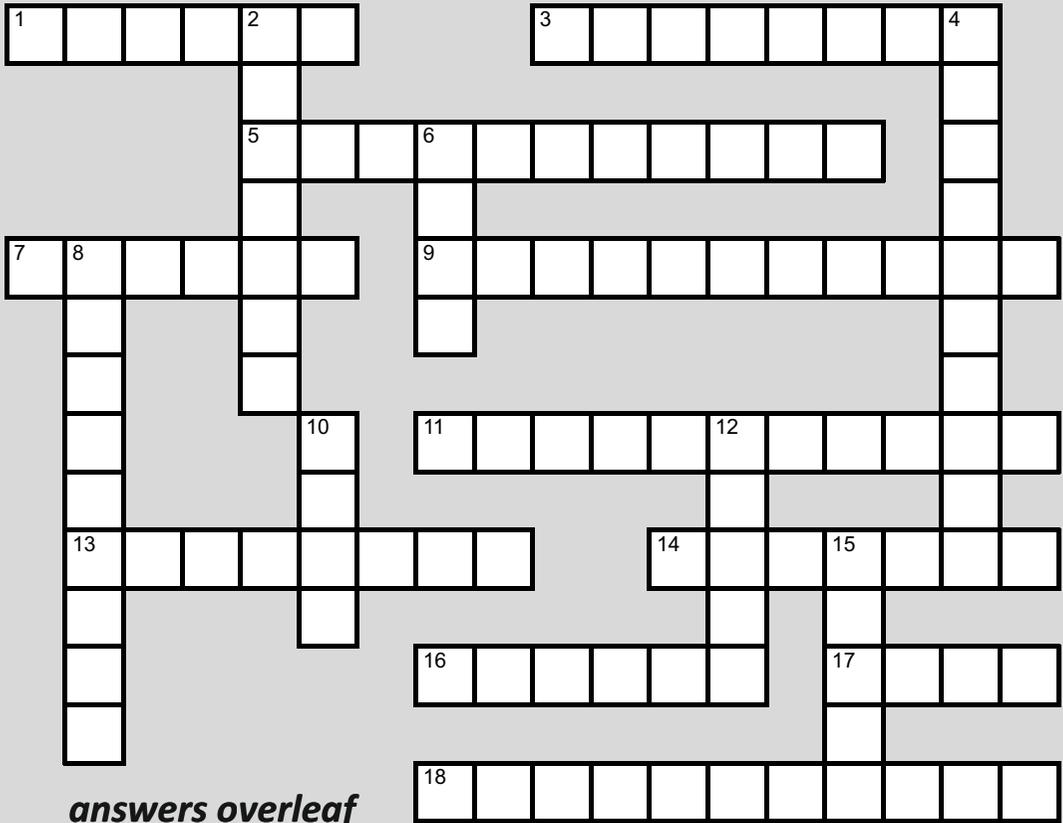
The last two weeks have really been a tale of two cities, two Tokyos. There's the one behind this fence where there has been this **amazing** sport and **tremendous** success for Japan and then there's the Tokyo outside the fence where most of the time you wouldn't even have noticed that the Olympics has been going on. And the same **contrast** is true for the pandemic. Inside the fence, daily testing means things have been kept **pretty** well under control but outside the pandemic is now out of control.

Critics say the Olympics has sucked away **resources** leading the city without enough Covid testing kits or vaccines.

It has left a scar on the Japanese society, meaning, erh, you know, people are divided. And above all these games left health and economic **debt**. If you look at numbers in Tokyo, erh, it's just astonishing increasing.



There's no doubt Japan's record breaking **haul** of medals has brought real joy to the host nation. But as the Olympic **roadshow** leaves town the Olympic host city is being left facing a medical **crisis**. Rupert Winfield Hayes, BBC news in Tokyo.



Across ►

- 1 Musical and positive (6)
- 3 Difference or comparison (8)
- 5 Those in control. (11)
- 7 Big trouble - an ongoing emergency (6)
- 9 Complete and unbroken (11)
- 11 Contest - events individuals and teams try to win. (11)
- 13 An event that moves from one place to another. (8)
- 14 A very short look at something (7)
- 16 Can mean good looking but here means somewhat (less than 100%) (6)
- 17 Arrears - owing money (4)
- 18 Finishing or ending (11)

Down ▼

- 2 Fantastic, incredible, tremendous (7)
- 4 Amazing, incredible, fantastic (10)
- 6 This can mean to pull but in this case means what was took (the number of things won). (4)
- 8 Supplies - things that can be used (9)
- 10 The name for those who have guests. (4)
- 12 Goggle box (usually known by two letters of the alphabet) (5)
- 15 The middle - surrounded by a group or something (5)