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Long-awaited London Olympics gets off to a sparkling start



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The Olympic rings light up the stadium during the opening ceremony at the London Olympic Games on Friday.

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## SOUNDBITES

**From the US**  
**Name:** Saul Gonzalez  
**Age:** 19  
**Job:** Student

"I'll watch a soccer game. I'm a fan of Spain. I'll also watch swimming and basketball. I think Michael Phelps and the American basketball can dominate."

**From Kenya**  
**Name:** O.K. Kennedy  
**Age:** 31  
**Job:** Driver in Nairobi

"The Kenyan people don't value the Olympic Games as much as they value the (soccer) World Cup. If we play very hard, maybe the Olympic Games will be in Africa one day."

**From China**  
**Name:** Zhou Yang  
**Age:** 20 **Job:** Student

"I'm curious about how the stadiums and gymnasiums are going to be used after the Olympics, which I think is a problem in Beijing — for example, the Bird's Nest stadium is not well managed in my opinion."

**From the UK**  
**Name:** Janet Westbrook  
**Age:** 54  
**Job:** Finance director

"As a Brit, I am positive that the London Olympics will be fantastic and we will have a great time. I like team games, such as hockey."

**From France**  
**Name:** Marie-Noele Kieffer  
**Age:** 65  
**Job:** Retired

"My family and I are sports fans and we enjoy swimming and skiing very much. We will be watching the Games on TV — especially when French teams are competing."

**From Hungary**  
**Name:** Adrienn Hegedus  
**Age:** 35  
**Job:** Tennis instructor

"My biggest wish for the upcoming Olympics is to see an Arabic woman get a medal. It would mean so much to women from that part of the world."

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