Social Story

Opening Ceremony at the Olympic Stadium in Berlin
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The Opening Ceremony is held at a venue called 'Olympia Stadion'.

It looks like this:
Arrival by Public Transport
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If I arrive with a **wheelchair**, I can follow the icon on the signs. This sign will guide me to the closest entrance to the stadium. I can also ask the helpers at the station to show me.
I can arrive by public transport

The closest S-Bahn station is called Olympiastadion. I have to follow the Exit towards Osttor and Olympischer Platz.
Arrival by public transport

If I arrive by foot, I go up the stairs. And follow the path to the left. There might be a lot of people at the station. But I can walk slowly.
Storage

If I have big items I can store them at the storage. For example a big bag or a water bottle.
The storage is a container located between the east and south entrances. It looks like this:

Storing an item costs 2€. I can pay in cash or by card.
Entrance to the Stadium
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I can use the East Entrance (in German: Osttor).

At the East Entrance I can see the Olympic Rings.
Entrance to the Stadium

I get my ticket ready.
I can have a physical ticket.
Or a printed ticket.
Or a ticket on my phone.
Entrance to the Stadium

I will enter through a gate like this. There will be a queue of people waiting. I will wait my turn in the queue.

A volunteer stands at the gate. They are wearing purple T-shirts.

The volunteer scans my tickets with a mobile phone.

Then the security checks that I do not have items that are not allowed with me. Like a big bag. I can find the list of those items here.
Find the seat / block.
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Now I have to find my block.

I find the block number on my ticket.

I follow this signage to find my block.
I can use the maps that are at the venue.

Or ask a volunteer wearing a purple shirt for help.
Find the seat / block

If my block is a number I have to go up the stairs. For example Block 12. The stairs look like this:
Find the seat / block

I follow my block number or letter until I see the entrance.
Here is the example for block 12.
Find the seat / block

The seats look like this.
I can sit in any chair.
I do not have to look for a number.
During the Opening Ceremony
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During the event, there is loud music and a lot of lights. There are also fireworks.

If I am sensitive to any of it, I can get a **sensory backpack** for loan. The sensory backpack contains ear defenders and sensory toys. I get that at the Info Points. The Info Points are near the gates.

I can also use the **Quiet Room**. That room is a place to rest if I feel sensory overload. I ask a volunteer in a purple shirt if I want to use the Quiet Room. They support me.
After the Opening Ceremony

When the show is over, there are a lot of people leaving at once.

I can take my time.
I do not have to leave straight away.

Then I can walk back the same way that I came through.

There are a lot of volunteers who show me where I need to go.
Tips

I can visit the website of the Olympic Stadium. There I can have a 360° view of the Stadium.

I can find it here:

I can see all the information about the event in Easy English [here](https://olympiastadion.berlin/en/sightseeing/360-tour/).
Enjoy the show!

If I have questions, I write an e-mail to visit@berlin2023.org.