



The Olympic Games

Summer Olympic Games



Reading

1 Look at the photos a-c. Which one shows ...

- 1 the Olympic flag? **b**
- 2 the Olympic torch? **c**
- 3 the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games? **a**



The Olympic Games are an international sports event. There are Summer Olympic Games and Winter Olympic Games. They take place every four years in a different country. The Summer and Winter Olympic Games do not happen in the same year.

At the Summer Olympic Games, athletes from five continents compete in many sports, including archery, track, gymnastics, swimming, soccer and basketball. At the Winter Olympic Games, the sports include ice hockey, skiing and snowboarding. The Paralympics take place in the same year as the Summer Olympic Games. The Paralympics are for athletes with physical disabilities.

The rings on the Olympic flag are the symbol of the Games. There are five rings because there are Olympic athletes from five continents: Europe, Asia, Oceania,

Africa and the Americas. The rings are blue, black, red, yellow and green because every country has one of these colors on its national flag.

The Olympic Games begin with an opening ceremony. In the ceremony, a man or woman lights the Olympic torch. The fire for the torch always starts in Ancient Olympia in Greece. The sun starts the fire in a mirror, and then a woman lights the torch. After that, different people carry the torch to the opening ceremony. The torch visits many countries and towns before the opening ceremony.

Read the magazine article. Answer the questions.

1. How often are the Olympic games?

2. Are the Summer Olympic games and the Winter Olympic games in the same year?

3. Is archery on Olympic sport?

4. When are the Paralympics?

5. Why are there five rings on Olympic flag?

6. Why are the colors of the Olympic flag blue, black, red, yellow and green?

The Paralympics take place in the same year as the Summer Olympic games.

Yes, it is.

Because every country has one of these colors on its national flag.

Every four years

No, they aren't. They're in different year.

Because there are Olympic athletes from five continents.