



Vocabulary

1 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

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- a She came first in the race and _____ the gold medal.
- b My father has decided to _____ golf.
- c Professional soccer players _____ up to six days a week.
- d A lot of people in London _____ Manchester United.
- e The FIFA World Cup is _____ every four years.
- f England _____ with France. The score was 1–1.
- g He recently _____ a new world record for the 100 meters – 9.76 seconds!
- h If the big game this weekend is _____, I'll watch it at home.
- i He played really well and _____ three goals.
- j In 2018, a Kenyan runner _____ the world marathon record in Berlin.

2 Underline the correct words.

- a All of our repairing work was **wasted** / **spent**. She preferred to buy a new one.
- b She **spent** / **wasted** a lot of money to buy the new model.
- c My sister **hopes** / **expects** she'll enjoy the college.
- d We **expect** / **hope** a great victory of our team today.
- e Can you **remind** / **remember** me to phone Sara this evening?
- f I never **remind** / **remember** her telephone number.
- g Her brother **trained** / **taught** her to play the guitar.
- h When I did judo, I had to **train** / **teach** three times a week.
- i France **beat** / **won** the 2018 World Cup.
- j Belgium **beat** / **won** Brazil in the quarter-final.

Grammar

3 Underline the correct words.

- a Medals **are given** / **give** to the first three runners in each race.
- b The national anthem of the winner **plays** / **is played**.
- c In Europe, professional soccer players **aren't played** / **don't play** in June and July.
- d The US Open tennis tournament **is held** / **is hold** in August.
- e Most of the world's top tennis players **play** / **are played** at US Open.
- f Hundreds of television stations **are televised** / **televis** the FIFA World Cup final.

4 Rewrite the sentences in the passive.

- a They will test all the runners in the race for drugs.

- b They will not allow you into the stadium without a ticket.

- c They are going to televise the final.

- d They will give medals to the first three finishers.

- e Someone is going to break the 100-meter world record again soon.

- f Qatar will hold the 2022 World Cup.

5. Complete the questions with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

- a When _____ volleyball _____ (invent)?
b In which sport _____ players _____ (give) red and yellow cards?
c How often _____ the rugby World Cup _____ (hold)?
d Where _____ the Olympic Games _____ (hold) in 2028?
e When _____ his next film _____ (release)?
f What _____ tennis balls _____ (make) of?

Reading

6 Read the text and circle T (true) or F (false).

Can you imagine running 42,195km? That's the distance of the marathon, the longest race at the Olympic Games. The marathon is named after an event in Greek history, when a messenger ran from Marathon, a town in Greece, to Athens to bring the news of a famous victory in a battle against the Persian army. The first Olympic marathon was held in 1896 in Athens and was won by a Greek runner in a time of 2 hours 58 minutes and 50 seconds. The first Olympic women's marathon was held in Los Angeles in 1984. The winner completed the race in 2 hours 24 minutes and 52 seconds – 34 minutes faster than the winner of the men's marathon 88 years earlier! Every year, more than 500 marathons are held around the world. Popular marathons include New York, Boston, Berlin, and Paris. One of the biggest marathons in the world is the London marathon. It is held every year in April and thousands of runners take part. In 2019, for example, more than 42,000 runners finished the race. Since it was first run in 1981, the London marathon has raised over £1 billion for charity. Marathon times are getting faster. For example, in September 2018, Eliud Kipchoge of Kenya won the Berlin marathon in an amazing 2 hours 1 minute and 39 seconds. In the women's marathon, British runner Paula Radcliffe broke the world record in 2003 when she won the London marathon in a time of 2 hours 15 minutes 25 seconds. It is only a matter of time before someone runs a marathon in less than two hours!

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| a | The first marathon was held in Los Angeles. | T / F |
| b | The London marathon was first run in 1881. | T / F |
| c | The marathon is named after an event in Persian history. | T / F |
| d | The London marathon has raised more than £1 billion for charity. | T / F |

- e The 2018 Berlin marathon was won by a runner from Kenya.
- f The marathon is the longest race at the Olympic Games.

T / F

T / F

7 Read the text again and choose the correct answers.

- a Where were the 1896 Olympics held?
☐ Paris ☐ Athens
- b When was the first women's Olympic marathon?
☐ 1896 ☐ 1984
- c When is the London marathon held?
☐ April ☐ June
- d How many runners finished the 2019 London marathon?
☐ 4,200 ☐ 42,000