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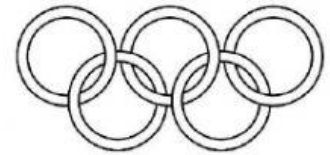
The Olympic Games are the world's oldest multisporting event. They started in 776 B.C. in a place called Olympia in Greece. The games stopped in A.D. 393, but started again in 1896.

The Ancient Olympics

According to stories, King Ifitos of Elis in Greece started the games as a way to stop the fighting among Greek kingdoms. Instead of fighting, the warriors competed the sporting events. There were about 20 events and only Greek men could join. It cost a lot of money to train for and travel to the games. Winners received a crown of olive leaves and often had poems written or statues made in their honor.

The Modern Olympics

A French named Pierre de Coubertin organized the first modern Olympic Games. He wanted to promote sports and thought it would be better for young men to compete than fight. The first games were held in Athens in 1896 and had 245 participants from 15 nations. At the time it was the biggest international sporting event. The recent games in Athens involved 11,100 participants from 202 countries.



The modern Olympic Games are held every four years. These are divided into Summer and Winter Games, which are held two years apart. Winners get a gold, silver and bronze medal.

*** Circle T (True) or F (False).**

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| 1. People believe that King Ifitos started the Ancient Olympics. | T | F |
| 2. Men from different countries joined the Ancient Olympics. | T | F |
| 3. Winners received money and gold in their honor. | T | F |
| 4. The first modern games had participants from 202 countries. | T | F |
| 5. The text is about the history of the Olympic Games. | T | F |

**** Read and choose the correct answer.**

1. When did the Olympic Games started?

It started in

2. How many events were there in the Ancient Olympics?

About.....

3. Where was the first modern Olympics held?

In

4. How many people participated in the recent games?

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5. How often are the modern Olympic Games held?

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