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Winning at the Olympics

1 The Olympic Games is one of the biggest sporting competitions in the world. Every four years, athletes from all over the world compete to bring home a medal¹. Each country is proud of its Olympic athletes.

2 Israel first competed in the Olympics in 1953, but for many years its athletes didn't win any medals. This changed at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, when Yael Arad and Oren Smadja both won a medal in judo. Yael won a silver² medal and Oren won a bronze³. When they returned to Israel, everyone was proud of them and wanted to know more about them. Yael and Oren were on television, on the radio, and in the newspapers.

3 Since then, Israeli athletes have won more medals. The Olympics in Athens in the year 2004 was an exciting year for Israeli sports. That year, Gal Fridman won a gold medal in windsurfing. He was the first Israeli sportsman to win an Olympic gold⁴ medal. Fridman said, "I felt the whole country was watching me and pushing from behind." That evening, when Fridman got his medal, the Israeli national anthem⁵ was sung at the Olympics for the first time.

4 When Israeli athletes succeed in the Olympics, more and more young people want to do sports. For example, Israel has won six medals in judo, and today judo is one of the most popular after-school sports. Israel hopes to win more medals in judo, windsurfing and other sports at the next Olympics.

1 medal מידליה / מדליה

4 gold זהב / ذهب

2 silver כסף / فضية

5 national anthem השיר הלאומי / نشيد وطني

3 bronze ארד / برونزية

Answer the questions about the article.

1 Complete the facts according to paragraph 1. (2 x 3 = 6 points)

1. Athletes compete in the Olympics every years.
2. Athletes want to

2 Why were Yael Arad and Oren Smadja famous after the (6 points)
1992 Olympics? (paragraph 2)

3 Complete the sentences. (paragraphs 2 and 3) (2 x 4 = 8 points)

How did sports in Israel change after the 1992 Olympics?

1. Before 1992, Israeli athletes
2. After 1992, Israeli athletes

4 Circle the TWO correct answers about the 2004 Olympics. (2 x 3 = 6 points) (paragraphs 2 and 3)

- a. The Israeli national anthem was sung.
- b. Yael and Oren won Olympic medals.
- c. Israeli athletes won their first Olympic medals.
- d. Israeli athletes won many Olympic medals.
- e. An Israeli sportsman won Israel's first gold medal.

5 Complete the sentence. (paragraph 4) (6 points)

Young people in Israel do more sports when they see

6. Answer T (True) or F (False). (4 x 2 = 8 points)

- 1. Israel's first Olympic medal was in windsurfing.
- 2. Many young Israelis train in judo.
- 3. Israeli athletes won twenty medals in judo.
- 4. The 1992 Olympics was in Barcelona.

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs (8 x 1 = 8 points)

in brackets. Use the Present Simple.

1. Lior's birthday (be) on April 22.
2. We (have) French lessons on Mondays and Wednesdays.
3. Nadav (not send) emails. He prefers to send texts messages.
4. you (want) to see a movie with me tonight?
5. When Sue usually (get) home?
6. Rotem and I (go) to dance classes together in the evening.
7. Yonatan (not eat) meat, fish or chicken.
8. What she usually (wear) to school?