

- 2 Complete the text with affirmative and negative forms of *there was* and *there were*.

The first marathon

2,500 years ago ¹ _____ a war between Greece and Persia and ² _____ a lot of battles. ³ _____ a big battle in a place called Marathon, which the Greeks won*. This was important news, but ⁴ _____ any internet and ⁵ _____ any telephones. So a man called Pheidippides ran* to Athens with news of the battle. He ran about forty-one kilometres.

⁶ _____ any good roads, so it was a difficult journey. When he arrived in Athens, he died.

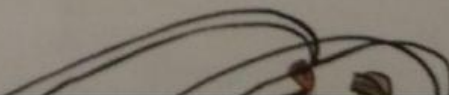
*won = past of win, ran = past of run.



- 3 Complete the sentences with affirmative and negative forms of *there was* and *there were*. Use *many*, *any* or *a / an*.

2,500 years ago ...

- 1 ... rich footballers.
- 2 ... chariot races.
- 3 ... country called Persia.
- 4 ... sport called skateboarding.
- 5 ... messengers.
- 6 ... iPads.



- 4** Write eight sentences about your country 100 years ago. Use the words in the box.

there was / wasn't many
there were / weren't a lot of some / any a / an

There weren't many cars.

was, were

- 6** Complete the examples from the *Olympics timeline* text on page 64. Then complete the rule.

- 1 Hiroshi Hoketsu a competitor.
- 2 It in the Olympics until 1988.
- 3 Golf and rugby events for the first time.
- 4 Women competitors until 1900.

- 8** Complete the sentences with *was* and *were* and your own ideas.

I born in ... I was born in Prague.

1 When I younger, my favourite sport

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2 The number one song last week

3 My great-grandparents' names

4 My favourite films last year

5 My favourite day last week

6 When I younger, my hobbies

7 My last meal