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The History of Olympics

1 Click the words in the passage below which related to **sport events** in the Olympics history. 

1. Read the text. What sports are mentioned?



The infographic is titled 'OLYMPICS TIMELINE' and shows a timeline from 1896 to 2016. It includes the following facts:

- 1896:** The first modern Olympic Games were in Greece. There were silver medals for winners and bronze medals for second place. There weren't any gold medals.
- 1900:** Women weren't competitors until 1900. That year there were more competitors than spectators.
- 1912:** There was an eleven-hour-forty-minute wrestling match between Martin Klein and Alfred Asikainen. It was the longest competition in Olympic history.
- 1916:** In 1916, 1940 and 1944, there weren't any games because of war.
- 1920:** There wasn't an Olympic flag until 1920. The flag of every country in the world has got one of the five Olympic colours in it.
- 1924:** In the first Winter Olympics in France, the Canadian ice hockey team were champions with 122 goals.
- 1936:** Twelve-year-old swimmer Inge Sorensen from Denmark was the youngest medallist in Olympic history.
- 1960:** Abebe Bikila from Ethiopia was the first African to win a gold medal after running a marathon without shoes.
- 1988:** Table tennis is one of the most popular sports in the world, but it wasn't in the Olympics until 1988.
- 2012:** Hiroshi Hoketsu was a competitor in a horse-riding competition at the age of seventy-one.
- 2016:** In Rio, golf and rugby were the first events in nearly 100 years.

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Read and listen to the text again and choose true or false.



- 1 There were gold medals in the first Olympic Games.
- 2 There weren't any games in 1916.
- 3 Inge Sorensen was a swimmer from Ethiopia.
- 4 Abebe Bikila was a marathon runner.
- 5 Golf and rugby were Olympic sports for the first time in 2012.

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