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READING - LEVEL 1

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1. MATCH THE WORDS AND THE PICTURES:

THE OLYMPIC RINGS



THE ANCIENT GREEK GAMES



THE MODERN OLYMPIC GAMES



THE PARALYMPIC GAMES



THE OLYMPIC TORCH



OLYMPIC MEDALS



2. READ THIS TEXT ABOUT THE OLYMPIC GAMES. CHOOSE ONE HEADING FOR EACH SECTION.

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THE OLYMPIC GAMES

1. _____
OVER TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED YEARS AGO THE OLYMPICS BEGAN IN OLYMPIA IN ANCIENT GREECE. THE GREEKS TOOK PART IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES TO CELEBRATE THE GREEK GODS ZEUS AND HERA. ONLY MEN AND BOYS WERE ALLOWED TO TAKE PART, AND THE EVENTS INCLUDED: WRESTLING, BOXING, LONG JUMP, JAVELIN THROWING, DISCUS AND CHARIOT RACING. THE GAMES OCCURRED EVERY FOUR YEARS UNTIL THE GREEK EMPIRE WAS DEFEATED AND THEY WERE FORGOTTEN ABOUT.
2. _____
IN 1894, THE GAMES WERE RESURRECTED AND THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE WAS FORMED. THE GAMES ATTRACTED ATHLETES FROM 14 NATIONS INCLUDING: GREECE, GERMANY, FRANCE AND GREAT BRITAIN. THE OLYMPIC GAMES HAVE TAKEN PLACE EVERY FOUR YEARS SINCE, WITH ATHLETES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD TAKING PART IN DIFFERENT EVENTS. THE MOST RECENT OLYMPIC GAMES HAVE BEEN IN 2021 IN TOKYO, JAPAN. 206 NATIONS TOOK PART IN THESE GAMES AND THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 339 EVENTS IN 33 DIFFERENT SPORTS.
3. _____
OLYMPIC MEDALS ARE GIVEN TO ATHLETES WHO COME 1ST, 2ND OR 3RD IN THEIR EVENT. GOLD IS AWARDED TO THE WINNER WHO COMES 1ST, SILVER IS AWARDED TO 2ND PLACE AND BRONZE TO 3RD PLACE.
4. _____
IN THE ANCIENT GREEK GAMES A TORCH WAS LIT OUTSIDE THE TEMPLE OF HERA USING FLAMES CREATED FROM RAYS FROM THE SUN. MESSENGERS TOOK THE TORCH AROUND THE COUNTRY SO THAT PEOPLE KNEW ABOUT THE GAMES. TODAY THE TORCH IS LIT AS IT WAS DURING THE ANCIENT OLYMPIC GAMES. THE FLAME TRAVELS AROUND GREECE AND THEN TO THE COUNTRY WHERE THE GAMES WILL BE TAKING PLACE.
5. _____
THE SYMBOL OF THE MODERN OLYMPIC GAMES IS FIVE INTERLOCKING RINGS. THE FIVE RINGS ARE: BLUE, YELLOW, BLACK, GREEN AND RED. THE FIVE RINGS REPRESENT THE FIVE CONTINENTS WHICH TOOK PART IN THE FIRST MODERN OLYMPIC GAMES.
6. _____
THIS EVENT TAKES PLACE SHORTLY AFTER THE OLYMPIC GAMES. THE PARTICIPANTS ARE ATHLETES WHO HAVE A DISABILITY.

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