Reading

Read the article about the Paralympic Games and answer the questions (1–3).

1. How many Paralympic athletes competed in Italy? And in Rio?
2. What characteristic do these athletes have in common?
3. How many medals did the Colombian Paralympic athletes win in Rio?

The first Paralympic Games were in Rome, Italy, in 1960. 400 athletes from 23 countries competed. The 2016 Paralympic Games were in Rio, Brazil, and approximately 4,350 athletes from over 160 countries competed. These amazing world-class athletes competed in 117 very exciting events, for example, basketball, cycling, tennis and swimming, but they played in wheelchairs and had bionic legs or arms! Paralympic athletes all have one thing in common: motivation! The Colombian Paralympic athletes won a total of 17 medals at Rio: 2 gold, 5 silver and 10 bronze! A fantastic result! Both spectators and competitors at the events all shared the same feelings of excitement and happiness and the atmosphere was electric! The Paralympic Games in Rio demonstrated important values, for example, respect, honesty, responsibility, cooperation and teamwork. These Games and all the fantastic athletes taught us that we are all important and equal.

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Read the article in exercise 2 again. Work with a partner and complete the mind map (1–12).

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PARALYMPIC GAMES

Competitors	Events	Colombian medals	Feelings	Values
people with bionic arms and legs 1...	basketball 2... 3... 4...	2 gold 5... 6...	motivation 7... 8...	cooperation 9... 10... 11... 12...



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