READING COMPREHENSION
THE OLYMPIC GAMES

The original Olympic Games took place at Olympia in Ancient Greece in 776 BC. They included art competitions as well as athletics, boxing, wrestling and chariot racing. The first modern games took place in Athens in 1896, and continue to take place every four years in different countries of the world. The Olympic flag, with its five rings, represents the five continents of the world. The Olympics are the traditional "world championships" of athletics, but there are many other sports competitions- swimming, rowing, gymnastics and others. At each Olympics, the Olympic committee includes new sports, making each Olympics more exciting than the last. The winter Olympics are for sports such as skating and skiing. They take place two years after each Olympic Games. Competitors in the events win medals: a gold medal for first place, silver for second, and bronze for third. The very best athletes from all over the world compete in the Olympics. The Paralympics are for people with physical disabilities. Some of the competitors are blind or deaf and many of them compete in wheelchairs. The Paralympics take place after the Olympic Games.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER

1. Where and when did the first Olympic Games take place?

a) in Greece in 776 BC

b) in Rome in 50 BC

c) in Greece in 400 AD

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2. Where and when did the first **modern** Olympic Games take place?

a) in London in 1734

b) in Athens in 1896

c) in Chicago in 1913

3. How often do the Games take place?

a) every two years

b) every four years

c) every five years

4. What do the five rings on the Olympic flag symbolize?

a) the five continents of the world

b) the number of years between the Games

c) the number of medals for each event

5. What are the Paralympics?

a) games in pairs

b) games in parallel bars

c) games for people with physical disabilities

6. Sydney Olympic Games took place in 2000, so the Winter Olympics took place in...

a) 1999

b) 2002

c) 2001

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7. The Olympic Games take place in ...

a) European countries

b) Greece

c) different countries

8.The Olympic flag has ...

a) five colours

b) five countries

c) five rings

9. Skating and skiing are ...

a) very funny

b) not Olympic sports

c) Olympic sports

10. The athletes that compete in the Olympics are...

a) excellent

b) happy

c) the worst

11. One of the rings in the Olympic flag represents .....

a) China

b) Africa

c) Ireland

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12. In the Olympics, there are ...

a) gold, iron and bronze medals

b) gold, silver and bronze medals

c) gold, bronze and iron medals

13. Wheelchairs are used in ...

a) Ancient Olympics

b) Paralympics

c) Modern Olympics

14. Each Olympics are more excited than the last...

a) because new sports are included

b) because the Olympic comittee go swimming

c) because dangerous sports are included

15. People who can't walk compete in ...

a) Special Olympic Games

b) Winter Olympic Games

c) Ancient Olympic Games

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