

# The Olympic Games

## Pre - Watching

- Learn new words (see Wordlist) and match the words with their meaning

- 1) ***oath*** - a) being looked forward to
- 2) ***unbiased*** - b) a two-wheeled vehicle drawn by horses
- 3) ***anticipated*** - c) pushing a finger or other pointed object quickly into someone or something
- 4) ***chariot*** - d) not wearing any clothes
- 5) ***loophole*** - e) people or groups that make an official decision about something, especially about who is right in a disagreement
- 6) ***counterpart*** - f) a penalty inflicted for an offense, fault, etc
- 7) ***nude*** - g) a solemn promise
- 8) ***poking*** - h) a person or thing that has the same purpose as another one in a different place or organization
- 9) ***adjudicators*** - i) something that makes you want to do or have something that you know you should not
- 10) ***foul*** - j) a small mistake in an agreement or law that gives someone the chance to avoid having to do something
- 11) ***temptation*** - k) against the rules of a sport
- 12) ***punishment*** - l) free from all prejudice and favoritism

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- Fill in the gaps with the words above

- a) Athletes would swear that they would follow the Olympic rules, while judges promised to be fair and ...
- b) Almost all moves were permitted, except for biting, ... the eyes or mouth, and striking the genitals.
- c) The judges kept an eye out for ... play.
- d) The most ... and spectacular was the *quadriga*, a four-horse ... race.
- e) The *judges of the Greeks* were both the Games' ... and their organizers.
- f) The Spartan princess Kyniska once took advantage of the ... to skirt the rule that women weren't allowed to compete.
- g) As the ... for cheating, the athletes could be disqualified and fined.
- h) There are several differences between the ancient versions of sports events and their contemporary ...
- i) Running events worked the same as the do today - with the exception of all the athletes being ...
- j) The ... to glory led some athletes to break their ... to Zeus and cheat.

a)	b)	c)	d)	e)	f)	g)	h)	i)	j)
			anticipated, chariot						

• **Label the pictures**

a) wrestling   b) boxing   c) discus throwing   d) javelin throwing   e) racing   f) jumping



1) \_\_\_\_\_   2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

5) \_\_\_\_\_

6) \_\_\_\_\_

**While - Watching**

• **True or False**

1. Swearing was a ceremony held on the first day for all the participants of the festival.  
True   False
2. Either Heralds or Trumpeters could announce the Games.  
True   False
3. There were separate events for the teens and the adults.  
True   False
4. To immortalize their honor, the winners themselves erected statues and wrote victory odes.  
True   False
5. Long jumper didn't run before the jump but used weights to launch.  
True   False
6. Runners wore a special outfit.  
True   False
7. Wrestlers were divided by weight not by age.  
True   False
8. Hellanodikai was a procession of sacrificing.  
True   False
9. The first Olympics included only two events.  
True   False
10. The judges of the Games were appointed by the magistrates.  
True   False
11. The judges were assisted by umpires who beat those who cheated.  
True   False
12. Zanes were the statues of all winners of the Games.  
True   False
13. The priests and the Games officials were housed in the Prytaneion.  
True   False
14. The Fire of Hestia was on the central square of Olympia.  
True   False
15. A tradition of carrying the Olympic Torch came from the Fire of Hestia.  
True   False



- **Multiple choice**

1. Zeus Horkios means ...
  - a) Zeus of the Victory
  - b) Zeus of the Oath
  - c) Zeus of the Curse
2. Which was NOT the event of the first day?
  - a) wrestling
  - b) discus throwing
  - c) boxing
3. Which was NOT the event of the second day?
  - a) pentathlon events
  - b) funeral rites
  - c) swearing
4. What was a quadriga?
  - a) 3-horse chariot race
  - b) 4-horse chariot race
  - c) 5-horse chariot race
5. The winner of the race was ...
  - a) the most skilled jockey
  - b) the owner of the most expensive horse and chariot
  - c) the owner of the fastest horse and chariot
6. What is true about Kyniska?
  - a) she broke a rule
  - b) she earned three Olympic victories
  - c) she was from Athens
7. Which sport was NOT a part of pentathlon?
  - a) discus throwing
  - b) boxing
  - c) jumping
8. How many events did an athlete have to win to be declared the winner?
  - a) 2
  - b) 3
  - c) 4
9. The stadion was ...
  - a) a place of the event
  - b) a sprint of 280 meters
  - c) a name of the event
10. Olympiad was ...
  - a) time of the Games
  - b) all events of the Games
  - c) time between the Games
11. The first Olympic Games were held in ...
  - a) 667 BCE
  - b) 576 BCE
  - c) 776 BCE
12. What was NOT forbidden in pankration?
  - a) punching
  - b) striking the genitals
  - c) poking eyes
13. At hoplitodromos competitors wore ...
  - a) a helmet and a shield
  - b) a shield and a spear
  - c) a helmet and a sword
14. What was the worst punishment for the cheaters at the Olympic Games?



- a) disqualification
- b) shame
- c) fine

15. When was the grand banquet held?

- a) on the second day
- b) on the third day
- c) on the fifth day



### After - Watching

- **Speak about these statues**
  - ✚ What's their name?
  - ✚ Who erected them?
  - ✚ What was their purpose?



- **Speak about the judges**
  - ✚ Who were they?
  - ✚ What were they responsible for?
  - ✚ What were the methods of punishing for the athletes who broke the oath?



- **Speak about these statues**
  - ✚ Who did they depict?
  - ✚ Who paid for them?
  - ✚ What was another way to glorify a victor?