THE SEA GAMES

1. **Read the article.**

The SEA Games, short for the Southeast Asian Games, is a multi-sport event that involves participants from the current countries in Southeast Asia. Held biennially, its primary goal is to foster cooperation, understanding, and positive relations among nations in the region. The founding members were Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Thailand, and the Republic of Vietnam.

The inaugural games took place in Bangkok from December 12-17, 1959, featuring over 527 athletes and officials from the six founding countries participating in 12 sports, including aquatics, athletics, badminton, basketball, boxing, cycling, football, shooting, table tennis, tennis, and volleyball.

Over the years, additional Southeast Asian countries joined the event. In 1975, Brunei, Indonesia, and the Philippines were included in the 8th SEA Games, and East Timor joined in 2003 during the 22nd Southeast Asian Games held in Hanoi-Ho Minh City.

The 2009 Southeast Asian Games marked Laos' first time hosting the event, taking place from December 9 to 18 in Vientiane. This edition also commemorated the 50th anniversary of the SEA Games.

The 30th edition of the Games in 2019 set a record with 56 different sports being contested, making it the most extensive sporting event in the history of the SEA Games.

2. **Answer True or False.**

1	Malaysia is a founding member of SEA Games.	
2	Netball is one of the 12 sports being contested in 1959.	
3	Three countries were added to the games in 1975.	
4	East Timor joined SEA Games in 2009.	
5	The SEA Games is participated by eleven countries.	

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