THE OLYMPIC GAMES



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1 Warm up

Complete the quiz below. Is any of the information surprising?

1. What is the official motto of the Olympics?
   a. faster, higher, stronger
   b. harder, better, faster, stronger
   c. liberty, equality, fraternity
2. What colors are the Olympic rings?
   a. gold, silver, red, blue, green
   b. grey, orange, blue, red, yellow
   c. red, black, yellow, green, blue
3. Which country has hosted the most Olympic Games?
   a. Greece
   b. France
   c. The United States
4. When were women first permitted to compete in the Olympics?
   a. 1900
   b. 1925
   c. 1950
5. What is the lowest-populated country to win a medal at the Olympic Games?
   a. Liechtenstein
   b. Bermuda
   c. San Marino
6. Which of these sports is not an official Olympic event?
   a. solo synchronized swimming
   b. handball
   c. jousting

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2 Vocabulary

Add vowels to create words that match the definitions.

Group 1

1. **m _ v _ m _ nts (n):** actions made by a person or object
2. **pr _ c _ s _ (adj.):** accurate or carefully defined
3. **_ tm _ sph _ r _ (n):** the feeling or mood in a particular situation
4. **sk _ ll (n):** the ability to perform a task with expertise
5. **p _ _ nf _ l (adj.):** causing physical or emotional discomfort
6. **st _ ck (n):** a thin piece of material, often made from wood, used in various sports, e.g. hockey
7. **gl _ ry (n):** high honor achieved through success

Group 2

1. **v _ _ l _ nt (adj.):** involving physical force with the intent to cause harm
2. **t _ chn _ c _ l (adj.):** relating to specialized knowledge or skills
3. **j _ dg _ (n):** a person who watches a competition or event and decides who has performed the best
4. **w _ v _ s (n):** a long body of water curling into arched forms
5. **s _ pp _ rt (v):** providing assistance, encouragement, or backing to someone or something
6. **s _ z _ s (n):** dimensions or measurements
7. **c _ nn _ cts (v):** links or establishes a relationship between different things or ideas

3 Listening for specific information

You will hear four people talk about their favorite Olympic sport. Write what the numbers below relate to.

1. **30 –** _____
2. **2020 –** _____
3. **26 –** _____

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4 Listening for comprehension

Listen to the audio again and decide which sport is each speaker's favorite.

1.	Speaker 1	a.	boxing
2.	Speaker 2	b.	marathon
3.	Speaker 3	c.	synchronized swimming
4.	Speaker 4	d.	ice hockey

5 Sports categories

Part A: Put the sports from Exercise 4 in the correct column below.

Athletics	Aquatics	Combat sports	Team sports

Part B: Look at the pictures below. Identify each sport and add them to the table in the correct group.

diving handball high jump javelin judo rugby swimming wrestling



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____



7. _____



8. _____

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6 Scanning for vocabulary

Skim-read the article on page five about the history of the Olympic Games. Identify the following words.

Group 1

1. _____ (n, para. 1): facts or information that supports a claim or belief
2. _____ (n, para. 1): divisions or regions within a country
3. _____ (v, para. 1): engaging in a physical struggle, often with an opponent
4. _____ (v, para. 1): express approval or admiration for someone's actions or qualities
5. _____ (adj., para. 1): relating to beliefs, practices, or traditions associated with a faith

Group 2

1. _____ (n, para. 2): people receiving medical care or treatment
2. _____ (adj., para. 3): giving cause for happiness or hope
3. _____ (n, para. 3): a group of individuals living together in a community
4. _____ (v, para. 3): chosen or picked out from a group based on specific criteria
5. _____ (adj., para. 3): relating to an extended time



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The Evolution of the Olympic Games

From Ancient Greece to the modern era

1. The first evidence of the Olympics is from Ancient Greece in 776 BC. During the games, different states stopped fighting each other and competed in sports. This continues today. The first events happened every four years to praise the god, Zeus. However, in 393 AD, the Roman Emperor Theodosius I stopped the Olympic Games for religious reasons.
2. People tried to start an international sporting event at the end of the 19th century, and they finally began again in Athens, in 1896. 14 countries and 241 athletes competed in the games. They were all European, or living in Europe, except for the United States team. In 1948, Sir Ludwig Guttman, a doctor at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, was looking for a way to help his patients. As a result, he started the Stoke Mandeville Games. In 1960, these games were held in the same city as the Olympic Games, Rome, one week later. This event is seen as the first Paralympic Games.
3. In the 1990s, a new idea was added to the Olympic Charter*. The Olympic Games needed to be seen not only as a sporting event – it must also have a positive impact on society. From then on, to be selected, cities needed to have a long-term plan. The Olympics continues to move with the times. This means that different sports are added at each games, such as surfing and breakdancing in Paris in 2024.

Sources: Olympics, History

Glossary:
Olympic Charter: a set of rules governing the Olympic Games

7 Reading comprehension

Read the article again. Complete the following sentences with ONE or TWO words.

1. The first Olympic Games took place in _____.
2. Because of _____ reasons, Roman Emperor Theodosius I stopped the Olympics.
3. Sir Ludwig Guttman was a _____ at Stoke Mandeville Hospital.
4. In Rome, the Stoke Mandeville Games happened _____ after the Olympic Games.
5. A new idea was added to the _____ in the 1990s.

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8 Flashcards

On each card is a word or phrase from today's lesson and its definition. In pairs, take it in turns to take a card from the pile and read out the definition from the card. If the other person correctly says the word or phrase it corresponds to, they earn a point and the card goes to their pile. If they answer incorrectly, the other person keeps the card.

precise accurate or carefully defined in terms of actions	**glory** high honor achieved through success	**sizes** dimensions or measurements
judge form an opinion or decision about something based on careful assessment	**rugby** a team sport involving an oval-shaped ball played between two teams	**javelin** a sport where participants throw a spear-like object
marathon a long-distance running race covering 26.2 miles	**evidence** facts or information that supports a claim or belief	**long-term** relating to an extended time

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