INGLÊS

Reading - level 2 **Name:**

Read this text about the Olympic Games and answer the questions about it.

The Olympic Games

Over two thousand seven hundred years ago the Olympics began in Olympia in ancient Greece. The Greeks took part in the Olympic Games to celebrate the Greek gods Zeus and Hera. Only men and boys were allowed to take part, and the events included: wrestling, boxing, long jump, javelin throwing, discus and chariot racing. The games occurred every four years until the Greek Empire was defeated and they were forgotten about.

In 1894, the games were resurrected and the International Olympic Committee was formed. The Games attracted athletes from 14 nations including: Greece, Germany, France and Great Britain. The Olympic Games have taken place every four years since, with athletes from all over the world taking part in different events. The most recent Olympic Games have been in 2021 in Tokyo, Japan. two hundred and six nations took part in these Games and there were a total of 339 events in thirty-three different sports.

Olympic medals are awarded to athletes who come 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their event. Gold is awarded to the winner who comes 1st, silver is awarded to 2nd place and bronze to 3rd place.

In the Ancient Greek Games a torch was lit outside the Temple of Hera using flames created from rays from the sun. Messengers took the torch around the country so that people knew about the games. Today the torch is lit as it was during the Ancient Olympic Games. The flame travels around Greece and then to the country where the games will be taking place.

The symbol of the modern Olympic Games is five interlocking rings. The five rings are: blue, yellow, black, green and red. The five rings represent the five continents which took part in the first modern Olympic Games.

The Paralympic Games are contested by athletes who have a disability and are held shortly after the Olympic Games.

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1) When did the Olympic Games begin?
   a. In 1984
   b. More than 2700 years ago
   c. Over 270 years ago

2) Who was allowed to take part in the ancient Greek Olympics?
   a. Just men
   b. Everyone
   c. Just men and boys

3) How many countries participated in the 2021 Olympics?
   a. 14
   b. 206
   c. 339

4) What is the symbol of the Olympic Games?
   a. The torch
   b. The medals
   c. The five rings

5) When are the Paralympic games?
   a. When the Olympic games finish
   b. Before the Olympic games
   c. At the same time as the Olympic games

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