



# THE OLYMPIC GAMES

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THE ORIGINAL OLYMPIC GAMES WERE IN OLYMPIA IN ANCIENT GREECE IN 776 BC. THEY INCLUDED ART COMPETITION AS ATHLETICS, BOXING, WRESTING AND CHARIOT RACING.

THE FIRST MODERN GAMES WERE IN ATHENS IN 1896, AND CONTINUE 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 OTHER SPORTS COMPETITIONS; SWIMMING, ROWING, GYMNASTICS...

THERE ARE SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES AND WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES.

THE WINTER OLYMPICS ARE FOR SPORTS SUCH AS SKATING AND SKIING. THEY ARE TWO YEARS AFTER EACH OLYMPIC GAMES.

COMPETITORS IN THE EVENTS WIN MEDALS: A GOLD MEDAL FOR THE FIRST PLACE, SILVER FOR THE SECOND, AND BRONZE FOR THE THIRD.

THE 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 LOTS OF THEM COMPETE IN WHEELCHAIR, THE PARALYMPICS ARE AFTER THE OLYMPIC GAMES.





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## CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER

### WHERE AND WHEN WERE THE FIRST OLYMPIC GAMES?

1. In Greece in 776BF
2. In Rome 50BC
3. In Greece in 400AD

### WHERE AND WHEN WERE THE FIRST MODERN OLYMPIC GAMES?

1. In London in 1734
2. In Athens in 1896
3. In Chicago in 1913

### HOW OFTEN DO THE GAMES TAKE PLACE?

1. Every two years
2. Every four years
3. Every five years

### WHAT DO THE FIVE RINGS ON THE OLYMPIC FLAG SYMBOLIZE?

1. The five continents of the world
2. The number of years between the games
3. The number of medals

### WHAT ARE THE PARALYMPICS?

1. Games in pairs
2. Games for people with physical disabilities
3. Games for people with mental disabilities

### SYDNEY OLYMPIC GAMES WERE IN 2000, SO THE WINTER GAMES WILL BE IN...?

1. 2001
2. 2002
3. 1999