

# Ancient Olympic Games Cloze

Fill in the missing words using the words in the box below

The first known Olympic Games was recorded in around 776 BC in Olympia, \_\_\_\_\_. They were held every 4 years to honour \_\_\_\_\_, king of the gods. They were a religious festival and for the month before all the Greek states, who were often at war, declared a sacred \_\_\_\_\_ so competitors could travel safely.

The first Games consisted of only one \_\_\_\_\_, the "stade" race, which was the length of the \_\_\_\_\_. Over the years more running races and other events were added, including boxing, wrestling, \_\_\_\_\_ racing, long jump, javelin and \_\_\_\_\_ throwing.

Only young \_\_\_\_\_ could take part. They had to be free men, and speak Greek. They usually competed nude, and the prize was a crown of \_\_\_\_\_ leaves (a sign of hope and peace). Women were not allowed to take part. \_\_\_\_\_ women were not even allowed to watch!

## Wordbank

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| discus  | olive   |
| Greece  | married |
| stadium | Zeus    |
| truce   | chariot |
| race    | men     |

