

Vocabulary: Talented Women

1 Complete the sentences with the pairs of words in the box.

made / famous	get / degree
did / research	published / first book
become / interested	sell / copies

- 1 Valentina Tereshkova was the first woman in space. Her mission in 1963 to orbit the Earth made her famous.
- 2 When JK Rowling published her first book, it was an immediate success.
- 3 At the age of twenty, Anne-Marie Imafidon is the youngest student to get a Masters degree at Oxford University.
- 4 Katy Perry is a very popular singer but her first CD didn't sell many copies.
- 5 The scientist Marie Curie became important interested into radioactivity.
- 6 The ballerina Darcey Bussell didn't become interested in ballet until she was a teenager.

Women in Sport

The first ancient Olympic Games date back to 776 BC but in those days only men could compete. Married women were not allowed to take part in the games, or even to watch them. Only single women could attend the competition. Some women did not accept this and dressed up as men to go to the games.

Although females couldn't compete in the ancient Olympic Games, they had their own opportunities for sporting competition. The Heraean Games were for female athletes. They took place every four years to honour the goddess Hera, wife of Zeus.

The first modern Olympic Games were in 1896 in Athens. Fourteen nations took part in forty-three events with 241 athletes – 241 men and no women. Women made their first appearance in the modern games four years later in Paris. There were twenty-two female competitors. Charlotte Cooper, a British tennis player, became the first woman to win an Olympic gold medal.

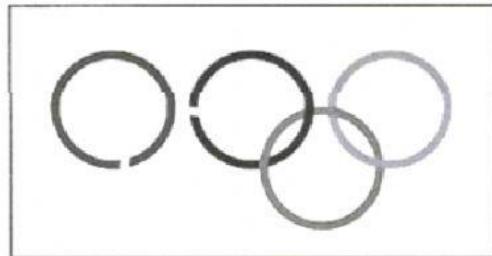
3 Read the text again. What do these numbers refer to?

- 1 776 BC (line 2) first ancient Olympic Games
- 2 four (line 13) four years
- 3 241 (line 17) athletes

Reading

2 Read the text and decide if the statements are correct (C) or incorrect (I).

- 1 Both men and women took part in the ancient Olympic Games.
- 2 Some women wore men's clothes to be able to attend the games.
- 3 Women didn't take part in the first modern Olympic Games.
- 4 Women first participated in the Olympic Games in 1900.
- 5 Leontien Zijlaard-Van Moorsel has won ten gold medals.
- 6 Janica Kostelić won two medals at the Winter Olympics in Turin.
- 7 Women are playing football against men nowadays.
- 8 The best female football teams come from Europe.



In the following decades, talented

25 sportswomen have continued to participate in both the Olympic Games and the Winter Olympics. They have achieved greater and greater success in a huge range of sports. In Athens 2004, Leontien Zijlaard-Van Moorsel 30 from Holland became the first female cyclist to win four gold medals and six medals in total. At the Winter Olympics in Turin in 2006, Janica Kostelić from Croatia won a gold and a silver medal. With a total of four gold medals and two 35 silver in her career, she holds the record for medals won by a woman in Alpine skiing.

Outside the Olympics, women are involved in a number of sports traditionally played by men. Women's football is becoming increasingly 40 popular. Two of the strongest female teams are the USA and Brazil. However, many European countries have national teams in the top thirty including England, Spain, Czech Republic, Serbia and Montenegro.

4 2006 (line 32) 2006

5 two (line 34) two

6 thirty (line 42) thirty

Vocabulary

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box.

athlete communicate create logic
music paint practice talent write

My sister can do anything. She's talented.

- 1 He's so _____ – he plays four instruments.
- 2 I can't do puzzles. I'm not very _____.
- 3 She likes discussion. She's very good at _____.
- 4 Did you make this? You're very _____.
- 5 I hate sport but my sister is quite _____.
- 6 It's easy to be good at _____. Just use your imagination.
- 7 I can't draw and I'm not good at _____.
- 8 She's very _____. She repaired my bike.

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Word Builder

A die learn live travel
work write

B about about in of
on to

- 1 What did you *learn about* in the computer club?
- 2 What history project did you _____ last term?
- 3 What type of house do you _____?
- 4 What cities did you _____ on holiday?
- 5 What did she _____ in her blog?
- 6 I'm sorry to hear about your granddad. What did he _____?

Grammar

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

While you were studying (study), I went _____ (go) out.

- 1 What _____ you _____ (do) when you _____ (hear) the news?
- 2 When we got to Spain, we _____ (not can) speak Spanish so we _____ (have to) take lessons.
- 3 While I _____ (wait) for the bus, it _____ (start) to rain.
- 4 When we _____ (get) our grades last week, we _____ (be) very pleased.
- 5 We _____ (have to) walk home yesterday because we _____ (not can) find a taxi.

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7 Choose the correct form of the verbs.

Sentence Builder

- 1 When I was doing / did my homework, my friend rang / was ringing.
- 2 While we walked / were walking to school, we were seeing / saw an accident.
- 3 The students turned / were turning off the lights when they were leaving / left the classroom.
- 4 While you were taking / took the dog for a walk, your friend was arriving / arrived.
- 5 My sister went / was going to university when she finished / was finishing her exams.
- 6 When I met / was meeting Joe, I was liking / liked him immediately.