

CLIL Physical Education Webquest

The Olympic Games®

1 Pre-reading

Do this quiz about the Olympic Games®. Then check your answers by doing an Internet search for The Olympic Games®. You can use these websites to help you:

learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/ar/node/5448
www.athensguide.org/olympics-history.html
gtresearchnews.gatech.edu/reshor/rh-win96/timeline.htm
www.enchantedlearning.com/olympics/

1 The five rings of the Olympic Games® represent five

(a continents)

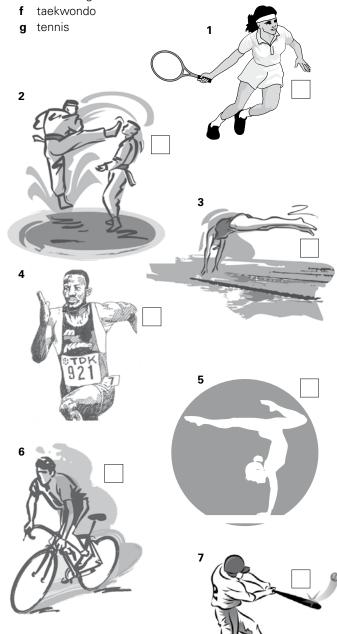
- **b** days of competition
- c sports
- 2 The first Olympic Games® took place in Olympia, Greece, in
 - **a** 776 BC
 - **b** AD 79
 - **c** AD 1896
- 3 The only event in the first Olympic Games® was
 - **a** fighting
 - **b** horse racing
 - **c** running
- **4** During the Olympic Games® in ancient Greece, competitors won
 - a a crown made of olive leaves
 - **b** gold, silver and bronze medal
 - **c** money
- **5** The 'sacred truce' allowed competitors to
 - a give thanks to the gods
 - **b** prepare for the games
 - c travel to the games safely
- **6** The Olympic® torch travels
 - a around the world
 - **b** from Greece
 - c from the last host country
- 7 The Olympic Games® take place every
 - a two years
 - **b** three years
 - c four years
- **8** The number of sports included in the Olympic Games® today is about
 - a twenty-six
 - **b** seventy
 - c two hundred

2 Vocabulary

Match the words with the pictures of different Olympic® sports. Then check your answers online. You can use this website to help you:

www.london2012.com/sport

- a athletics
- **b** baseball
- c gymnastics
- d road cycling
- e swimming







3 Reading

Do an Internet search for The Olympics and find out when these important Olympic Games events happened. You can use these websites to help you:

www.nostos.com/olympics/#Highlightsofthe ModernGames

www.sports-reference.com/olympics/athletes/bl/fanny-blankers-koen-l.html

www.london2012.com/cycling-bmx

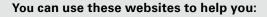
www.infoplease.com/spot/olympicstimeline.html www.athensmarathon.com/marathon/history.html www.olympic.org/sydney-2000-summer-olympics

- 2 Road cycling was introduced.
- 3 A Dutch woman, Fanny Blankers-Koen, became the first woman to win four gold medals.
- 4 A Romanian, Nadia Comaneci, became the first person to score a perfect 10 in Olympic® gymnastics.
- **5** Softball, a women-only sport, was introduced.
- **6** Tennis returned as an Olympic® sport.
- 7 The first modern Olympics® took place in Athens.
- 8 The distance of a marathon became longer.
- **9** The Olympic Games® became open to women.
- **10** Taekwondo was entered as an Olympic® sport.

4 Project

Choose one of the Olympic® events in Exercise 2, or another you are particularly interested in. Do an Internet search to research the sport and prepare a fact file about it to present to the class. Use the following questions to help you:

- How long has it been an Olympic[®] sport?
- Has the sport changed in any way during that time? (e.g. becoming longer, shorter, admitting women, the introduction of new rules, etc.)
- Have there been any famous Olympics® for this event? (because of the absence/presence of certain athletes, disqualification of athletes, etc.)
- Which country has won the most medals in this event?
- Which competitors have won the most medals in this event?
- What other information do you think is interesting or important about this event?



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