

The Olympics

1 Vocabulary

Match the words to the pictures:

gymnastics rowing running high jump
shot put swimming cycling rock climbing



Which of these sports is NOT an Olympic sport? Can you think of any more Olympic sports? Write them down.

2 Reading

Read the text about the two athletes and answer the questions.

Carl Lewis is an athlete. He comes from Birmingham in the USA. His birthday is on July 1st. He is very good at the long jump and he can run very fast. He can also play American football. He is tall and has dark brown eyes. He is still the Olympic long jump champion. He has lots of Olympic medals. He has nine gold medals and one silver medal.

Kelly Holmes is an athlete. She is from the UK. Her birthday is on April 19th. She has long, black hair and dark brown eyes. She is very good at running. She can play volleyball and has a blue belt in judo. She has three Olympic medals. She has two gold medals and one bronze medal.

- 1 Where's Carl Lewis from?
- 2 When's his birthday?
- 3 What does he look like?
- 4 What sports can he play?
- 5 How many Olympic medals does he have?
- 6 Where's Kelly Holmes from?
- 7 What does she look like?
- 8 When's her birthday?
- 9 What sports can she play?
- 10 How many Olympic medals does she have?

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3 Speaking

Work in pairs. Your teacher will give you some information about an Olympic sportsperson. Answer your partner's questions. Then ask your partner questions to complete the chart below.

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| Name |
| Nationality |
| Birthday |
| Description |
| Sports he/she can do |
| Number of Olympic medals |

4 Writing

Use your notes from exercise 3. Write a paragraph about the Olympic athlete. Use the text in exercise 2 to help you.