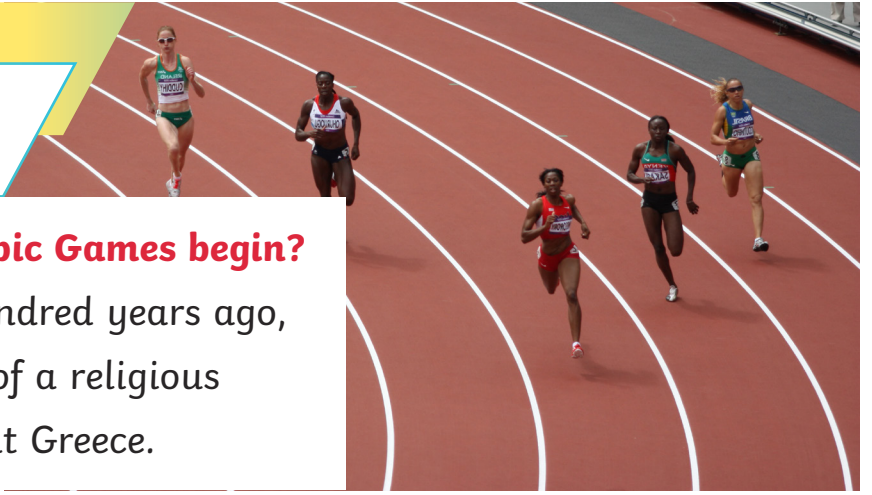


# The Games



## When did the ancient Olympic Games begin?

Over two thousand seven hundred years ago, the Olympics began as part of a religious festival in Olympia in ancient Greece.

## Ancient Greek Games

The Greeks took part in the Olympic Games to celebrate the Greek gods Zeus and Hera. Only men and boys were allowed to take part in the ancient Olympic Games.

## Modern Summer Games

In 1894, the Games were resurrected, and a special International Games Committee was formed. The Games have taken place every four years since.

## Medals

Medals are awarded to athletes who come 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in their event. Gold is awarded to the winner who comes 1<sup>st</sup>, silver is awarded to 2<sup>nd</sup> place and bronze to 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

## The Torch

A symbolic torch is lit and travels around Greece and then to the country where the Games will be taking place.

## The Rings

Another symbol of the modern Summer Games is five rings. The five rings are blue, yellow, black, green and red.

# Questions

Answer the questions below in full sentences.

1. When did the ancient Olympic Games begin?

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2. Who was allowed to take part in the ancient Greek Olympics?

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3. How often do the modern Games take place?

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4. What do athletes who come first, second and third receive?

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5. Where does the special torch travel to?

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6. What colour are the rings that represent the Games?

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# Answers

Answer the questions below in full sentences.

1. When did the ancient Olympic Games begin?

**The Olympic Games began over 2700 years ago.**

2. Who was allowed to take part in the ancient Greek Olympics?

**Only men and boys were allowed to take part in the ancient Greek Olympics.**

3. How often do the modern Games take place?

**The modern Games take place every four years.**

4. What do athletes who come first, second and third receive?

**If an athlete comes first in an event, they are awarded with the gold medal. If they are second they receive the silver medal and if they are third they receive the bronze medal.**

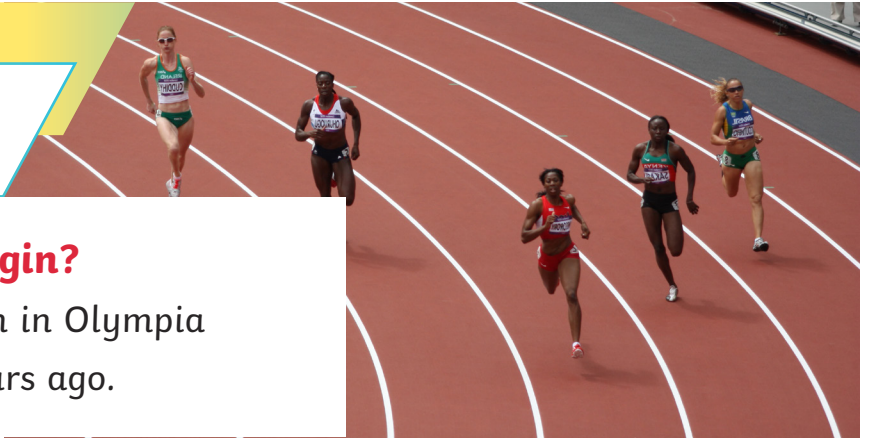
5. Where does the special torch travel to?

**The torch travels around Greece and then to the country where the Games will be taking place.**

6. What colour are the rings that represent the Games?

**The colours of the rings are blue, yellow, black, green and red.**

# The Games



## When did the Olympics begin?

The first Olympic Games began in Olympia (Ancient Greece) over 2700 years ago.

## Ancient Greek Games

The Greeks took part in the Games for over one thousand years to celebrate the Greek god, Zeus. Only men and boys were allowed to take part in events such as wrestling, boxing, long jump, throwing the javelin and discus, and chariot racing.

## Modern Games

In 1894, the Games were resurrected and a special International Games Committee was formed. The modern version of the Summer Games have taken place every four years since.

## Medals

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## The Torch

A symbolic torch is lit and travels around Greece and then to the country where the Games will be taking place.

## The Rings

The symbol of the modern Summer Games is five rings. They are blue, yellow, black, green and red.

## Para-Games

The Para-Games take place after the Summer Games. These inclusive Games are for athletes with disabilities.

# Questions

Answer the questions below in full sentences.

1. When did the Olympic Games begin?

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2. Which Greek god did the ancient Olympics celebrate?

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3. Who was allowed to take part in the ancient Greek Olympics?

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4. How often do the modern Games take place?

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5. What do athletes who come first, second or third receive?

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6. Where does the symbolic flame travel?

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7. What colour are the rings that represent the Games?

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8. When do the Para-Games take place?

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# Answers

Answer the questions below in full sentences.

1. When did the Olympic Games begin?

**The Olympic Games began over 2700 years ago.**

2. Which Greek god did the ancient Olympics celebrate?

**The ancient Olympics celebrated the Greek god Zeus and the goddess Hera.**

3. Who was allowed to take part in the ancient Greek Olympics?

**Only men and boys were allowed to take part in the ancient Greek Olympics.**

4. How often do the modern Games take place?

**The modern Games take place every four years.**

5. What do athletes who come first, second or third receive?

**If an athlete comes first in an event, they are awarded with the gold medal. If they are second they receive the silver medal and if they are third they receive the bronze medal.**

6. Where does the symbolic flame travel?

**The symbolic flame travels around Greece and then to the country where the Games will be taking place.**

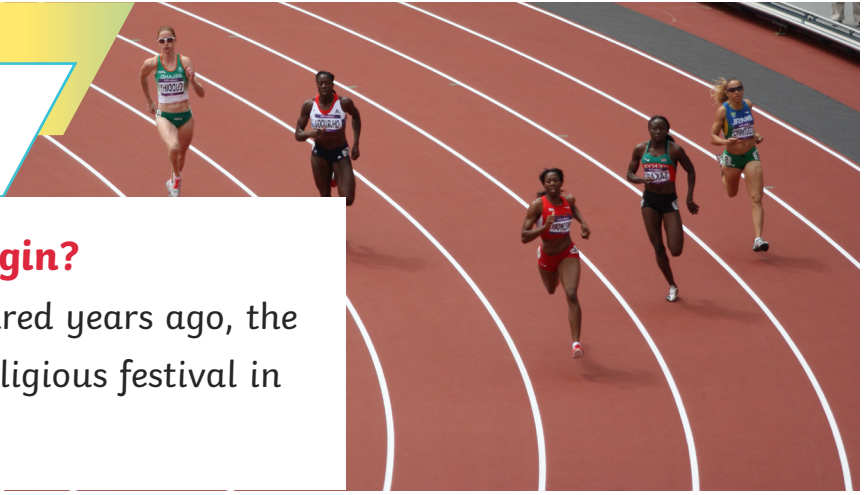
7. What colour are the rings that represent the Games?

**The colours of the rings are blue, yellow, black, green and red.**

8. When do the Para-Games take place?

**The Para-Games take place after the Summer and Winter Games.**

# The Games



## When did the Olympics begin?

Over two thousand seven hundred years ago, the Olympics began as part of a religious festival in Olympia in ancient Greece.

## Ancient Greek Games

The Greeks took part in the Olympic Games for over one thousand years to celebrate the Greek god, Zeus. Only men and boys were allowed to participate in events such as wrestling, boxing, long jump, javelin, discus and chariot racing. The Games occurred every four years until the Greek Empire was defeated, and the Games were forbidden.

## Modern Games

In 1894, the Games were resurrected and a special International Games Committee was formed. The modern Games have taken place every four years since, with athletes from all over the world taking part in different events.

## Medals

Medals are awarded to athletes who come 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in their event. Gold is awarded to the winner who comes 1<sup>st</sup>, silver is awarded to 2<sup>nd</sup> place and bronze to 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

## The Torch

In ancient times, it is said that the torch was lit outside the Temple of Hera using flames created from rays from the Sun's rays. Messengers took the torch around Greece so that people knew about the Games. The modern torches of the Summer and Winter Games are still lit in Olympia. Several thousand people take turns carrying the torch relay-style from Olympia to the country and venue of the Games.



# The Games

## The Rings

One of the symbols of the modern Games is five interlocking rings. The five rings are blue, yellow, black, green and red. They represent the five continents, or parts of the world, which took part in the first modern Games.

## Para-Games

The Para-Games take place after the Summer and Winter Games. These inclusive Games mean high performance athletes with disabilities can compete on the world stage across the sporting codes.

## Sports

Over the years, the sports included have evolved along with the Games. In recent times, a number of sports have been added to (or removed from) the Summer Games, including breakdancing, surfing, skateboarding and golf.

## Mascots

Mascots have been associated with the Games for many years. The mascots for the country hosting the Games play an important role in welcoming athletes and visitors and act as ambassadors embodying the spirit of the Games.

## The Modern Games

The modern Summer and Winter Games are considered by many to be the only worldwide, multi-sport, athletics competition in the world. Over 200 countries participate in events across the Games.



# Questions

Answer the questions below in full sentences.

1. When did the Olympic Games begin?

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2. Why did the ancient Greeks take part in the Olympic Games?

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3. Who was allowed to take part in the ancient Greek Olympics?

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4. How often do the modern Games take place?

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5. If an athlete came second in an event, which medal would they be awarded?

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6. Why was the ancient Olympic torch lit?

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7. Where does the torch travel as part of modern Games?

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8. What is another symbol of the Games?

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9. What do the five rings represent?

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10. When do the Para-Games take place?

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# Answers

Answer the questions below in full sentences.

1. When did the Olympic Games begin?

**The Olympic Games began over 2700 years ago.**

2. Why did the ancient Greeks take part in the Olympic Games?

**The ancient Greeks took part in the Olympic Games to celebrate the Greek god, Zeus.**

3. Who was allowed to take part in the ancient Greek Olympics?

**Only men and boys were allowed to take part in the ancient Greek Olympics.**

4. How often do the modern Games take place?

**The Games take place every four years.**

5. If an athlete came second in an event, which medal would they be awarded?

**If an athlete comes second in an event, they are awarded with the silver medal.**

6. Why was the ancient Olympic torch lit?

**The torch is lit to let people know about the Olympic Games.**

7. Where does the torch travel as part of modern Games?

**The flame is lit in Olympia, travels around Greece and then to the country where the games will be taking place.**

8. What is another symbol of the Games?

**Another symbol of the Games is the five, coloured, interlocking rings.**

9. What do the five rings represent?

**The five rings represent the five continents, or parts of the world, which took part in the first modern Games.**

10. When do the Para-Games take place?

**The Para-Games take place after the Summer and Winter Games.**