

ENGLISH

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Spelling Test

Olympic Games

Teacher's Version

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Every four years thousands of athletes come together to take part in the Olympic Games. It is one of the **biggest** sporting events in the world.

The Games are based on competitions held in Ancient Greece. All **fighting** , across the Greek world, **stopped** during the Games. These were part of a religious **festival** held to honour the Greek god, Zeus. The ancient Greeks thought it was very important for people to exercise their minds, as well as their **bodies** .

The first recorded Games took place **approximately** two and a half thousand years ago. In the nineteenth century the modern Olympics were developed to **encourage** young athletes and to promote peace between different countries.

The opening of the Games is **extremely** impressive. The Greek athletes lead the procession into the stadium, as a reminder of the **original** Olympics. The other teams **follow** in alphabetical order.

The Games are officially declared open with the
_____ **raising** _____ of the Olympic flag. Doves are released
into the air as a _____ **symbol** _____ of peace.

A _____ **highly** _____ significant moment is the lighting of the
Olympic Flame, which remains alight _____ **throughout** _____
the Games.



Several events in the Olympics today, such as running,
boxing and _____ **wrestling** _____, were also popular in the
ancient Games. Some aspects of the Olympics have been
_____ **transformed** _____ by changes in technology.

For example, events can now be _____ **judged** _____ with
greater _____ **accuracy** _____ because of sophisticated
measuring equipment.

An _____ **audience** _____ of many millions watches on
television, enjoying the _____ **colourful** _____ ceremonies
and many exciting competitions.

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