

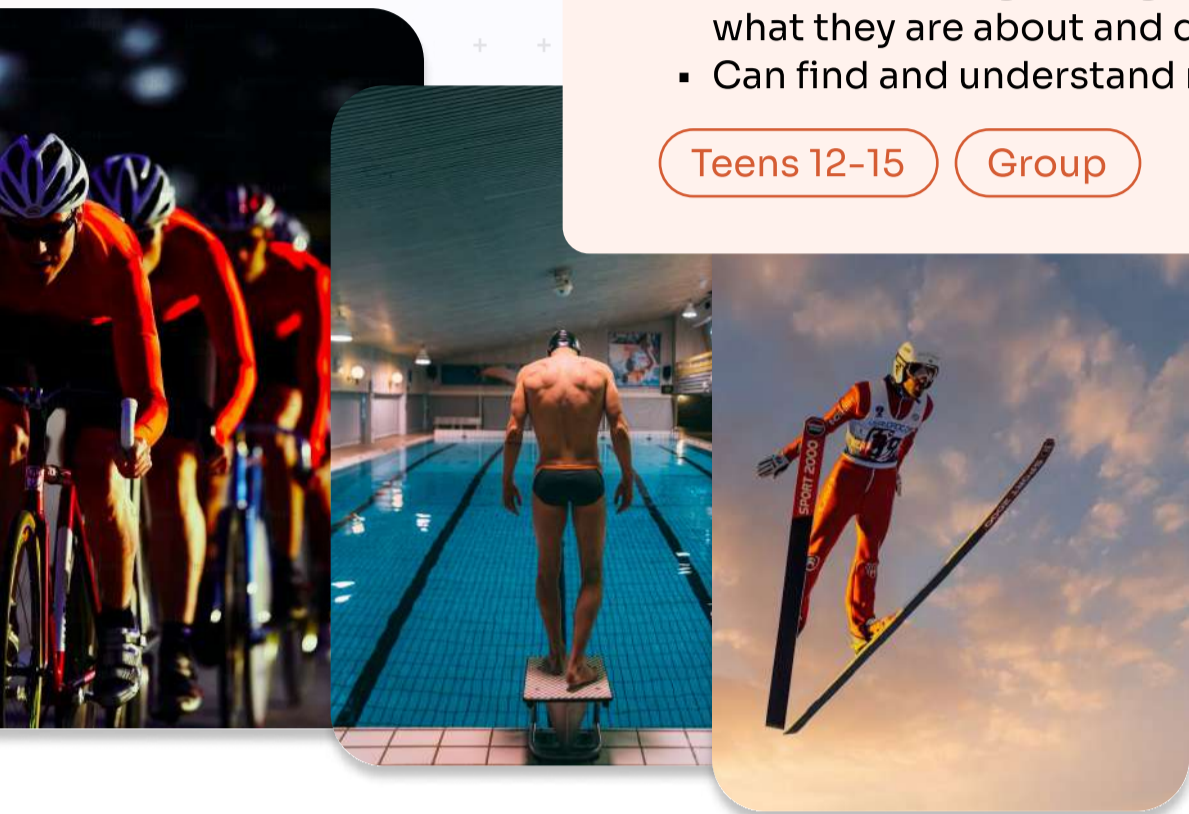
The Olympics

Skills:

- Can scan through straightforward, factual texts in magazines, brochures or on the web, identify what they are about and decide whether they contain information that might be of practical use.
- Can find and understand relevant information in everyday material.

Teens 12-15

Group



1 Brainstorm a list of major sporting events or competitions. Think of:

- when it takes place
- where it takes place
- types of sports featured
- traditions or symbols associated with it

2 Read the facts about the Olympic games and guess which of them are true and which are false.

1. They light a new Olympic flame in Olympia, Greece, for every Olympics.
2. The Olympic Games were never canceled, even during the world wars.
3. Women were not allowed to compete in the ancient Olympics.
4. The 2020 Tokyo Olympics were postponed to 2021 due to the pandemic.
5. The Olympic flame is lit in the city hosting the Olympics.
6. The Olympic motto is "Citius, Altius, Fortius" meaning "Faster, Higher, Stronger."
7. The host city of the Olympics must build new sports facilities.
8. The Olympics were a athletic and cultural event dedicated to the democratic leaders in ancient Greece.

3 Watch the video and complete the facts about the Olympics based on what you learned from it.

The Olympic Games consist of two main events: the _____ (1) Olympics and the _____ (2) Olympics.

Both the Winter and Summer Olympics take place every _____ (3).

The Olympic logo has _____ (4), symbolizing _____ (5)

Sports like _____ (6) are part of the Olympics.

Winners in each category are awarded _____ (7) for first, second, and third place.



4 Answer the questions:

What is your favorite Olympic sport to watch?

How do you think the Olympics bring people from different countries together?

5 Work in pairs. Choose a sport from the list on the website and prepare a short presentation (8-10 sentences) about it based on the info provided on the website.



Correct answers

1

The idea was generated in the “Lead-in” activities tool.

2

Made in the “Find Facts” tool.

1. True
2. False, The Olympic Games were canceled three times due to world wars.
3. True
4. True
5. False, The Olympic flame is lit in Olympia, Greece
6. True
7. True
8. The Olympics were The Olympics were part of the ancient Greek religious festival.

3

Made in the “Summary GapFill” tool.

1. Summer
2. Winter
3. four years
4. five rings
5. the five continents: Europe, Asia, Africa, Oceania, and the Americas.
6. track, gymnastics, and figure skating
7. gold, silver, and bronze medals

4

Made in the “Discussion Questions” tool.