

Student's Worksheet

Sport in UK

The British were very proud of their being selected to host the 2012 Summer Olympics and thousands of volunteers took part in their organization.

500 days before the Games in Trafalgar Square there was unveiled a countdown clock. The countdown to the start of the Olympics began with a ceremony for the lighting of the Olympic flame in Olympia, Greece. (The lighting of the flame takes place at the altar of the Temple of Hera and it's done with the convergence of sunlight onto a metal reflector. The high priestess enters the stadium holding the lit torch which she hands over to the first runner and in this way the Olympic flame starts its journey to the place where the Olympic Games are held. It must burn at the main Olympic stadium for the whole period of the Olympic Games.)

Let's have a look at a piece of history:

The first Olympic Games were held in 776 BC at the sanctuary of Zeus in Olympia, Greece. There was a treaty signed on this occasion: All the fighting had to be ceased for as long as the Olympic Games were on. The Olympic Games took place every four years and lasted from 5 to 7 days. The Greek competitors competed in running, fighting, pentathlon, horse racing, music and poetry. All Greeks who were free citizens and hadn't committed murder had the right to take part in the Olympic Games. Women weren't allowed to take part in the Olympic Games and they were even strictly prohibited from watching them. The Games were abolished in 393 AD.

The father of the modern Olympic Games was the French Baron Pierre De Coubertin. He also designed the now-famous emblem of five coloured rings against a white background. The rings represent the five continents of the competing nations. The first contemporary Olympic Games took place in Athens in 1896. Since that time they have been held every four years with the exception of the war years 1916, 1940 and 1944.



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The Winter Olympic Games have a shorter history. It goes back to 1924 when “The International Week of Winter Sports” took part in Chamonix, France. Later it was called the First Winter Olympic Games. Since that time they have also been held every four years with the exception of the war years 1940 and 1944. At the beginning the Winter Olympic Games were held in the same year as the summer ones, but since 1994 there has been a two year separation of the cycles between them.

Task 2: True or false?

- 1) The first Olympic Games were in Britain.
- 2) The Olympic flame is lit at the sanctuary of Zeus in Olympia.
- 3) The first Greek competitors competed in music.
- 4) Women supported competing men.
- 5) The first Olympic Games lasted more than a week.
- 6) Pierre de Coubertin founded the first Olympic Games.
- 7) The Summer Olympic Games have been held every four years up till now.
- 8) The first Winter Olympic Games were held in France.
- 9) The Winter Olympic Games are held in the same year as the summer once.
- 10) The Olympic flame burns at the main Olympic stadium for the whole period of the Olympic Games.

Task 6: These are 10 most popular sports in the UK. Order them according to their popularity. The most popular sport is number 1.

tennis	
snooker	
football	
golf	
boxing	
darts	
rugby	
athletics	
motor racing	
cricket	



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