



OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES

Comprehension and literacy activities solutions

1. The 2024 summer Olympic games will be held from Friday 26 July to Sunday 11 August 2024 in Paris, France.

The Paralympic Games will be held from Wednesday 28 August until Sunday 8 September 2024 in Paris, France.

2. Including 2024, Paris has hosted the summer Olympic Games 3 times.
3. The 2024 summer Olympic Games will feature a total of 32 sports. The Paralympic Games will feature 22 sports.
4. Unscrambled words.

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| 1) Archery | 2) Fencing | 3) Taekwondo | 4) Triathlon | 5) Rowing |
| 6) Badminton | 7) Cycling | 8) Volleyball | 9) Athletics | 10) Aquatics |

5. Alphabetical order.

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6. The Olympic and Paralympic Games mascots are the 'Phryges'.

Adjectives (*teacher check*).

7. Underline all the proper nouns.

Paris is an extremely old city, with people living on the site since about 7,600 BC. Today Paris is one of the world's most visited cities, attracting over 30 million visitors every year. It is known for food, entertainment, culture and landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral and the Louvre Museum.

8. Word meanings (*teacher check*).
9. The colours of the Olympic flag are blue, yellow, black, green and red.
10. The colours on the Olympic flag represent the five continents of the world (*Africa, the Americas, Asia, Australia and Europe*). The colours include at least one colour from the flag of every nation.



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11. Australia and the Olympic and Paralympic Games Facts sentences:

- Amazingly, more than **3000** Australians have competed at a Summer Olympic Games since **Athens** in 1896.
- Australia has sent competitors to every Paralympic Games since they began in **Rome** in 1960 and has won a total of **1205** medals.
- Since the 1896 Olympic Games in Athens and up to the 2024 Games in Paris, Australia has won a total of **554** Summer Olympic medals.
- There are many similarities between the Paralympic and Olympic Games: both have **opening** and **closing** ceremonies, both are preceded by a torch **relay**, and both include **competitors** from all over the world.
- Would you believe that the first recorded Olympic Games only had **one** event? It was a running race called the '**Stade**', which was 192m long.
- Sydney 2000 was the most **successful** Olympic Games for Australia to date, with Australia winning a total of 58 medals including 16 gold.

12. Teacher check

13. For thought and discussion (*teacher check*).