



# OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES

## Comprehension and literacy activities

1. When and where are the 2024 summer Olympic and Paralympic Games to be held?

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2. How many times has Paris hosted a summer Olympic Games?

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3. How many sports will feature in the 2024 summer Olympic and Paralympic Games?

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4. Unscramble the following letters to create some Olympic and Paralympic Games sports names. The first letter of each word is the capital letter.

1) hcAryre \_\_\_\_\_

6) dnamBinot \_\_\_\_\_

2) ecgniFn \_\_\_\_\_

7) glyicnC \_\_\_\_\_

3) oknaweTod \_\_\_\_\_

8) ebyoIVllal \_\_\_\_\_

4) rohilnatT \_\_\_\_\_

9) tlhetiAcs \_\_\_\_\_

5) gwnoRi \_\_\_\_\_

10) cAaqutis \_\_\_\_\_

5. Using the unscrambled Olympic and Paralympic Games sports names above, place the sports into alphabetical order.

1) \_\_\_\_\_

6) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

7) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

8) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

9) \_\_\_\_\_

5) \_\_\_\_\_

10) \_\_\_\_\_



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6. What are the names of the Olympic and Paralympic Games mascots? Write a sentence using interesting adjectives to describe these mascots.

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7. Read the following passage from the facts. 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. Find the meanings for the following words found in the 'Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games' facts and put each word into your own short sentence to show your understanding:

Boulevard: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Delicacies: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Asymmetrical: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Parabolic: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Quarantine: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



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9. Which of the following colours are part of the Olympic flag? Circle your choices.

red                  blue                  purple                  green                  black  
yellow              pink                  orange                  brown                  aqua

10. What do the colours on the Olympic flag represent?

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11. Finish these sentences using the following words:

**successful      554      Rome      1,205      3,000      Stade**  
**closing      relay      one      competitors      opening      Athens**

- Amazingly, more than \_\_\_\_\_ Australians have competed at a Summer Olympic Games since \_\_\_\_\_ in 1896.
- Australia has sent competitors to every Paralympic Games since they began in \_\_\_\_\_ in 1960 and has won a total of \_\_\_\_\_ medals.
- Since the 1896 Olympic Games in Athens and up to the 2024 Games in Paris, Australia has won a total of \_\_\_\_\_ Summer Olympic medals.
- There are many similarities between the Paralympic and Olympic Games: both have \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ ceremonies, both are preceded by a torch \_\_\_\_\_, and both include \_\_\_\_\_ from all over the world.
- Would you believe that the first recorded Olympic Games only had \_\_\_\_\_ event? It was a running race called the ' \_\_\_\_\_ ', which was 192m long.



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- Sydney 2000 was the most \_\_\_\_\_ Olympic Games for Australia to date, with Australia winning a total of 58 medals including 16 gold.
12. List three new things that you discovered about the Olympic or Paralympic Games from reading the facts.
1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
13. For thought and discussion.
- Discuss the meaning and relevance behind the Olympic Games motto, 'Citius, Altius, Fortius' (Faster, Higher, Stronger) and the Paralympic Games motto, 'Spirit in Motion.' Can you suggest possible alternative mottos?
  - Discuss with a partner your favourite Olympic and/or Paralympic Games sport, its rules, skills etc and why it's your favourite.
  - What are some of the key values of sportsmanship? Why are they important?
  - Do you think Olympians and Paralympians should be paid, just as if they had 'ordinary' jobs? Why or why not?