

Olympic Games, London 2012



PART A

Fill in the gaps in the passage below, tick off the words from this box when you have used them.

Athens	sport	world	best	China
Sydney	held	stronger	win	part
background	red	lucky	flags	number
Olympic	Games	excitement	rings	world

This year the Olympic Games are going to be _____ in London UK, starting on July 27.

There will be countries from all over the world competing in these Olympic _____.

The last Olympic Games in 2008 were held in Beijing, _____. They started on 08/08/08 as the Chinese think the _____ 8 is _____.

The Games in 2004 were held in _____ Greece. There was great _____ in Australia in 2000 as the games were held in S_____.

The O_____ motto is swifter, higher, _____. This asks athletes to do their _____, even if they do not _____. The most important part is not to win but to take _____.

"The Olympic flag has a white _____, with five interlaced _____ in the centre: blue, yellow, black, green and _____. This design is symbolic; it represents the five continents of the _____, united by the Olympics, while the six colours are those that appear on all the national _____ of the world at the present time." by Baron Pierre de Coubertin. (1931).

The aim of the modern Olympic Games is to bring peace to the _____ through _____.

Google: Look up Baron Pierre de Coubertin, why is he mentioned in this article? What is he famous for?

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1. Have fun and learn with this Olympic Trivia Quiz
<http://www.funtrivia.com/trivia-quiz/ForChildren/Its-the-Olympic-Games-291548.html>.
2. Did you like this quiz?
3. Search for other Olympic Trivia Quizzes or make up your own after the games to see who has remembered the interesting facts, figures or events of the recent past, the weeks of the games.
4. Look at this site <http://www.london2012.com/> for lots of interesting info.

Answer these questions in **complete** sentences. You may need to Google or use other media for the answers, maybe even "phone a friend".

Create or download this word document to use, to key in the answers and save and print to show your class or email your completed Olympic Games London 2012 Project to your teacher.

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5. What date is the opening ceremony and what is the name of the stadium, it will be held in?
 6. For homework watch some of the Olympic Games Opening Ceremony and be able to tell the class about something you liked in it?
 7. Do you plan to watch any of the Olympic Games? Do any sports interest you? How much would it cost you for good tickets if you were to go and take a friend and their 2 children to an event that you would like to see? Show the calculations and copy and paste the web address of the source of your information.
 8. Research about an Olympic champion from a past Olympics? Is there someone that you have thought of as a hero?
 9. Do you think sporting champions are heroes?
 10. Write 10-12 lines explaining about an Olympic sport to a creature from outer space. Describe the aim of the game, describe and give number of players, size of ground, facts and figures etc.

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PART B

1. Use Google maps to see if you can see the Olympic Stadium or some sports grounds up close.
2. When will the venue for the next Olympic Games be announced?
3. Who were the mascots? Can you find a picture of the mascots and find out the reason they were chosen? Use Google images to copy a graphic to your work. Find some other London Olympic graphics
4. Did you like the closing ceremony of the London Olympics 2012? What date did you see it and tell me about one thing that you liked? Anything you didn't like?

REVIEW: Group Discussion:

5. Did you enjoy doing this unit on the Olympics?
6. What do you think you gained from this? What skills have you improved?
7. Do you think you have improved your employability skills?
8. What mark out of 10 would you give yourself for this project and your improvement in skills etc?

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Teaching notes and curriculum mapping



Olympic Games Teacher's Background Notes.

I plan to use this Olympic Project with my Reading and Writing Group over the next 3 weeks, starting this week just before the games begin. I have a group of about 12 adult students at Port Melbourne Neighbourhood House in Victoria, Australia. It is winter here about 15-7 degrees, week 2 of term 3, 2012. Our year starts after our summer break in February till December, a 40 week program of 3 hours per week, over 4 terms, in 10 week blocks with a 2 week holiday in between, except in summer when we all finish before Christmas and return to a new year late January/early February, with 5-6 weeks of holidays.

My Reading and Writing Group is predominantly a male group mid, 30's to 60's in age, who wish to improve their Literacy Skills in the 3 hour class once a week. We do spend some time in the computer room, Computer Aided Language Learning and developing basic Word and Internet Skills. I am hoping that this unit of work will provide the stimulus for a topic for conversation in class and in the real world, as well as improve their literacy, research and computing skills.

We will mainly do this work in class together, with students completing as much as they can in the 3 week time frame of 3X 3 hours classes. A number of my students live alone and do not have a computer or internet access. I plan to email this unit to the students so they will key in the info and I will assist them to save it in their folder on the computer they work on each week. An email address (gmail) and working on a computer is new this year to most of the students so it will be challenging for a number of them.

I plan to start with the Olympic Trivia Quiz to whet their appetites for Olympic information and then do the Cloze Exercise, so I will only email the students page 1 & 2 as the scope of the program might be too much for the students to start with. I may hand them a copy of the project to help them tick off the work they have done but they will key in to this Word Document. I would email page 3 and work through the research information, as required.

I will also use some of the Olympics work on the Skills Workshop site by Geoff Saunders.

Click on this link for further activities:

<http://www.skillsworkshop.org/resources/olympic-games-e2-english>

I hope that my unit of work on the London Olympics might be of use to someone else in Australia or in the UK, if they have not had enough of the Olympics by the time they return to classes after your lovely long summer break.

Best wishes

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