

English Tutorial Classes Week 4

1. Read the paragraphs and answer the questions below:

- A. The most ancient and prestigious event at Olympia was the running race along the length of the stadium, a distance of 192.28 meters. The Olympiad (the four-year period up to the next Games) was named after the winner, and dates were recorded by reference to the list of victors. Besides this equivalent of our 'two-hundred metre' event, there was a race along two lengths of the track, and a long-distance race of twenty or twenty-four lengths. There was no 'marathon' – this was the invention of Baron de Coubertin.
- B. Chariot racing was the most popular spectator sport in ancient times. Up to 40 chariots could compete in a race and crashes were common. Wealthy citizens and Greek statesmen were anxious to win such a prestigious event. They sometimes drove their own chariot, but usually employed a charioteer. The races took place in an arena called the hippodrome. The most dangerous place was at the turning post, where chariot wheels could lock together and there were many crashes.
- C. The modern Olympic Games began with the creation of the International Olympic Committee (the IOC) in 1894 and Greece was the first country to hold the games, in the city of Athens, in 1896. Fourteen countries with 241 athletes competed in forty-three events. Although some people wanted to have the games in Athens every four years, the IOC decided to have them in different countries and cities. In 1900, they were held in Paris and women were allowed to compete in the games for the first time. The first Winter Olympic Games were held in 1924 and athletes competed in events such as skating and ice hockey. Over 200 countries now compete in the Summer Olympic Games. The number of events has increased to 300 events and instead of five days of competition, the games now last for seventeen days.
- D. A big attraction at all the Greek games were the "heavy" events—wrestling, boxing, and the pankration, a type of all-in wrestling. Specialists in the sports could win large sums of money all over the Greek world, once they had proved themselves at Olympia. The pankration was a mixture of boxing and wrestling, where almost any tactic was permitted. Only biting and going for an opponent's eyes were illegal. Boxing was considered the most violent sport. There were no separate rounds in a match and the contestants fought until one of them gave in. In ancient Greece thin strips of leather were bound around the boxers' fists to protect their hands.
- E. The ancient Greeks first had the idea of getting men together every four years to hold and witness sporting events (in those days women did not participate, though they had their own, independent, events). The idea was to have the best athletes from all over Greece gather in one field and compete every four years. All wars and fighting had to stop while the athletes and their supporters came together in the town of Olympia for a few days to compete in a few events, mostly related to warfare (chariot racing, wrestling, boxing, running).

Arrange the paragraphs in the right order:

1 _____, 2 _____, 3 _____, 4 _____, 5 _____

1. What is the main idea of the article?
2. What was most special about the 1900 Olympics?
3. What were the "heavy" events at the Greek games, and what was the pankration?
4. How many countries and athletes participated in the first modern Olympic Games in Athens in 1896?

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2. Fill in the missing words:

- 1) As an a _____ golfer, James enjoys playing on weekends without the pressure of competition. (a person who does something without payment; not a professional)
- 2) Before the start of the championship game, the crowd stood in reverence for the national a _____. (an important song, usually national)
- 3) Any form of cheating is strictly b _____ from the tournament to ensure fair play among all participants. (not allowed)
- 4) The sports b _____ provided live commentary on the football match, adding excitement for viewers at home. (a person who talks, often about sports and athletes, on television or radio)
- 5) Teams from various countries will c _____ in the international basketball tournament next month. (to battle against another player)
- 6) The athlete faced a lengthy suspension after testing positive for d _____ during the track and field event. (using illegal drugs in sport)
- 7) After years of rigorous training, she finally achieved her dream of winning a gold m _____ in the swimming competition. (a gold, silver, or bronze award given to a winner or runner up)
- 8) "Carpe diem" is his m _____, reminding him to seize the day and make the most out of every opportunity. (a personal belief that one shares, related to life)
- 9) Before the tournament, athletes solemnly recite the o _____, pledging to uphold the principles of fair play and sportsmanship. (a promise)
- 10) The basketball game had a record number of p _____, each eager to showcase their skills on the court. (someone who plays in a game)
- 11) During the opening ceremony, the Olympic t _____ was lit, symbolizing the start of the Games and the spirit of unity among nations. (a large flame on a stick)
- 12) Despite being labeled as the u _____, the local soccer team stunned everyone by defeating the reigning champions in a thrilling match. (A participant or team not expected to win)
- 13) The marathon runner's impressive s _____ allowed them to maintain a steady pace throughout the race. (enduring strength and energy)
- 14) She practiced f _____ for a long time, learning how to fight with a thin, long sword for competitions.
- 15) After breaking the rules, the swimmer was d _____ from the race. (he was removed from the competition)

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3. Name the Olympic discipline:



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3. Insert the correct article (a, an, the, /):

- 1) _____ player was injured during the match. Fortunately, _____ player was able to recover.
- 2) She won _____ medal at the swimming competition.
- 3) _____ athlete needs to train regularly to maintain performance levels.
- 4) We went to _____ handball match last evening. We watched _____ match from the front row.
- 5) My sister is _____ archer.
- 6) Ping-pong players need _____ agility and _____ quick reflexes.
- 7) _____ basketball game last night was incredible.
- 8) I am training to be _____ professional wrestler.
- 9) _____ match between Serbia and Brazil was intense.
- 10) _____ World Cup is held every four years.
- 11) She is interested in taking up _____ gymnastics.
- 12) They need _____ goalie (goalkeeper) for their hockey team.
- 13) He won _____ Australian Open multiple times.
- 14) _____ Olympic Games bring together athletes from around the world.
- 15) He is _____ best player on the team.
- 16) Mixed martial artists often suffer from _____ head injuries.
- 17) He plays _____ basketball every weekend.

4. Translate the following sentences:

- a) Ice skating is popular in the winter. _____
- b) Spectators gather to watch their favorite athletes compete for gold, silver, and bronze medals.

- c) Winning an Olympic medal is a lifelong dream for many athletes.

- d) Donesi mi par skijaških cipela iz ormana.

- e) Američki fudbal je popularan sport u Sjedinjenim Državama.

5. Correct the mistakes in the text below:

In a sports world, dedication and hard work are essential. Athletes train tirelessly to achieve their goals, whether it's winning a medal in a Olympics or simply improving their skills. From a soccer to a swimming, each sport requires a unique combination of a physical strength and a mental focus. Athletes push themselves to a limit, striving for a excellence in every competition. Whether on a field or in a gym, a pursuit of a greatness is universal. And with determination and a perseverance, athletes can conquer any a challenge they face, inspiring others with their passion and the drive.

6. Add the appropriate article:

Ms Parrot, (1) _____ most famous female coach of (2) _____ twenty-first century, was born in (3) _____ United Kingdom in (4) _____ 1960s. Since then, she has been to many countries, including (5) _____ Portugal, Singapore and Australia, and has lived in (6) _____ northern hemisphere. She has never been to (7) _____ United States, but she speaks (8) English.