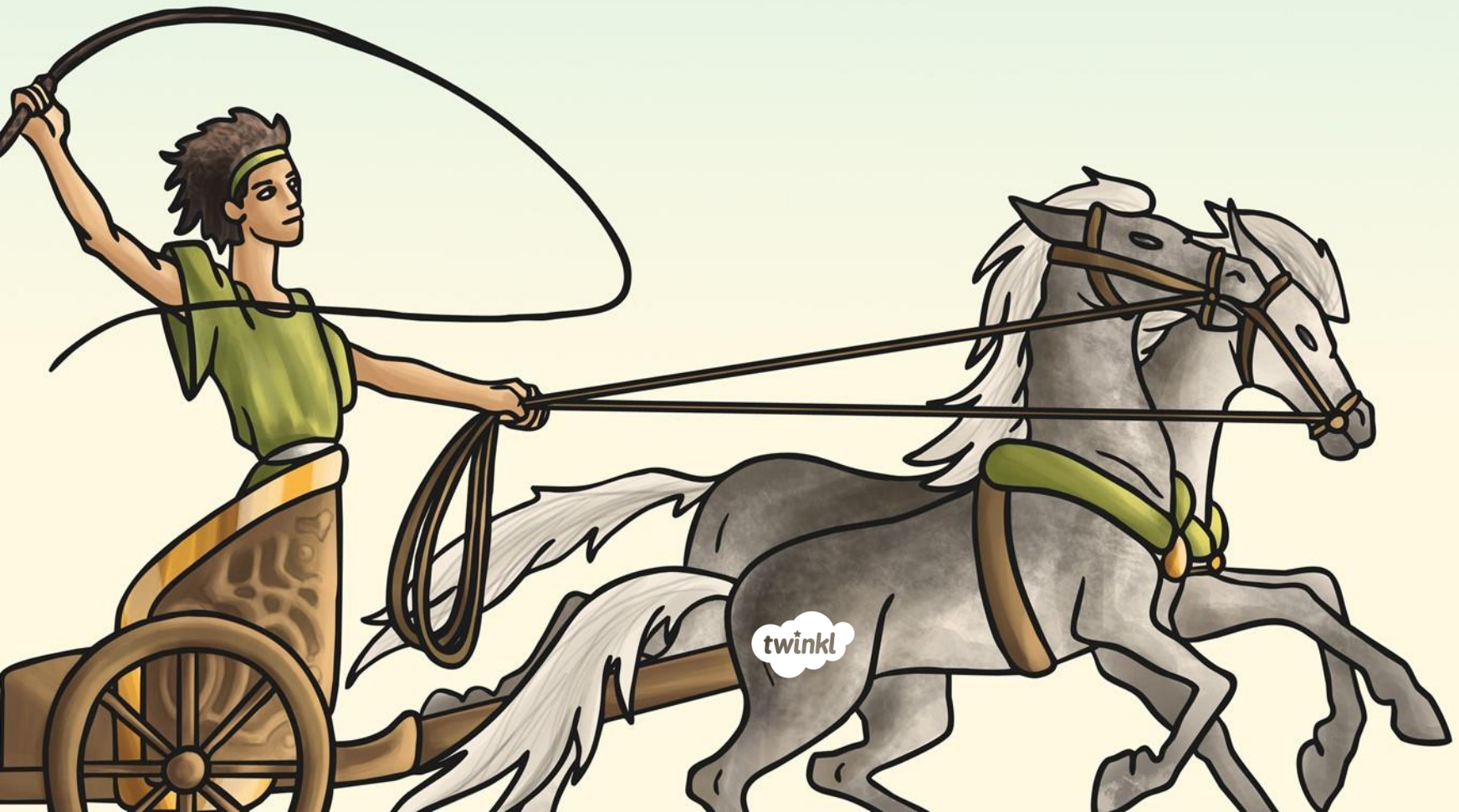


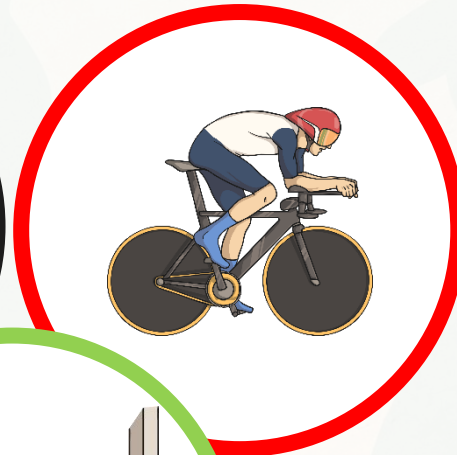
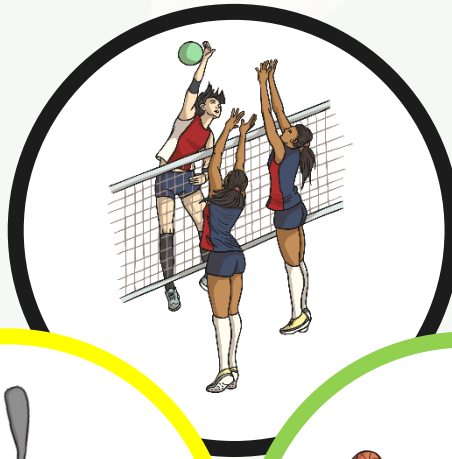
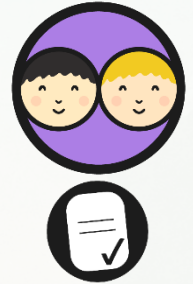
The Olympics



London 2012

What do you remember about London 2012?

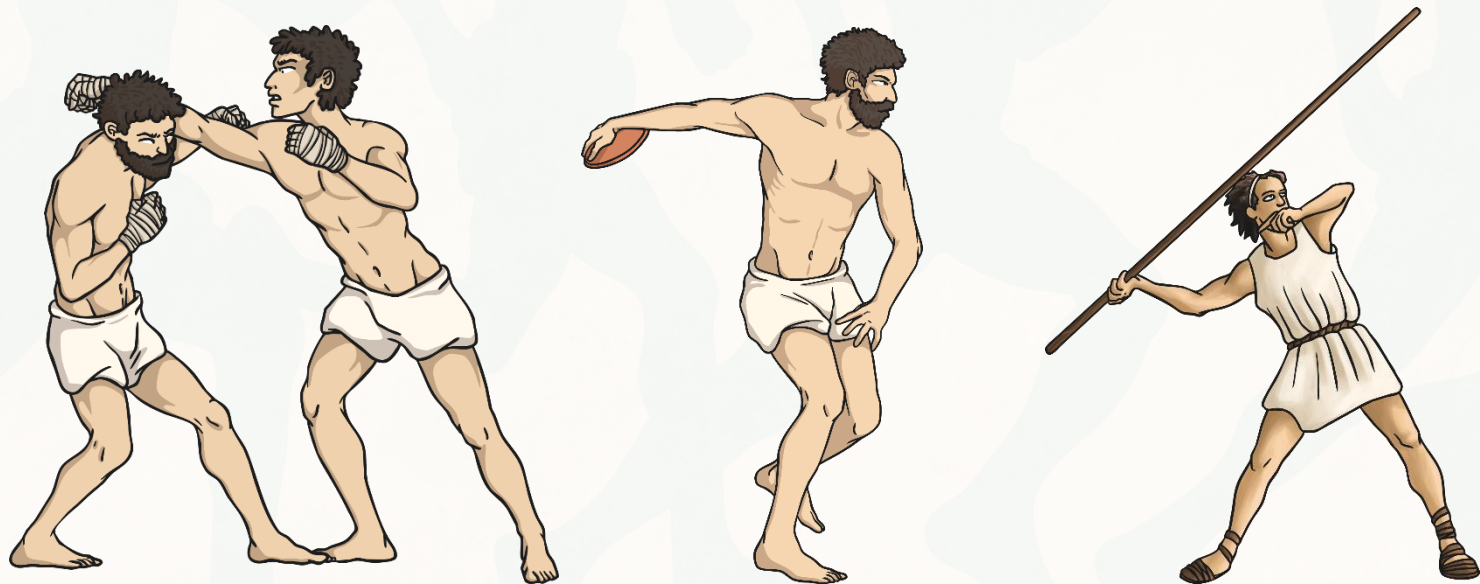
What events can you remember?



Ancient Greek Olympics

The Olympics actually started in Ancient Greece. The different city states often fought but during the Olympics, peace was declared and everyone came together to enjoy the games.

The games began in 776BC in Olympia. It is believed that the games were a religious event to honour Zeus who was the king of the Gods.



Olympic Pottery



How does pottery help us find out what happened?

Some of the evidence about the games comes from paintings, most commonly found on vases!

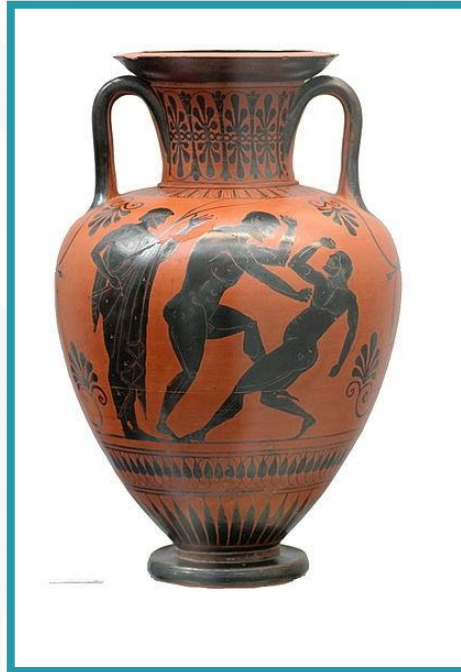


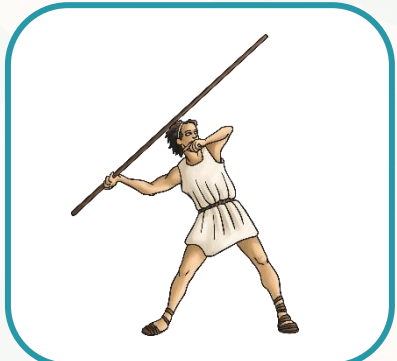
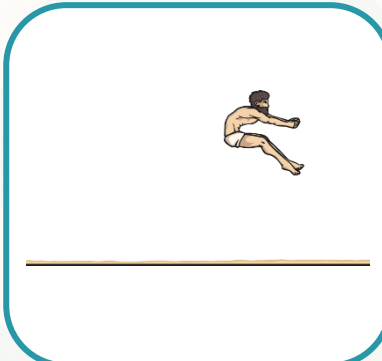
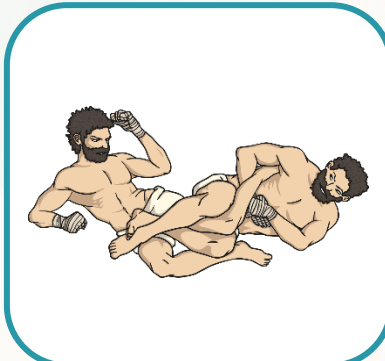
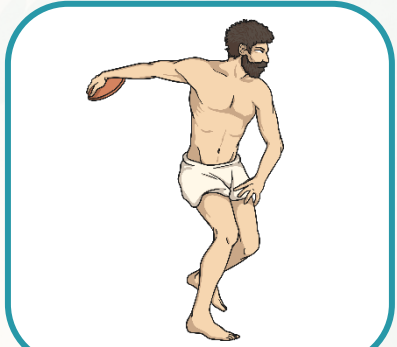
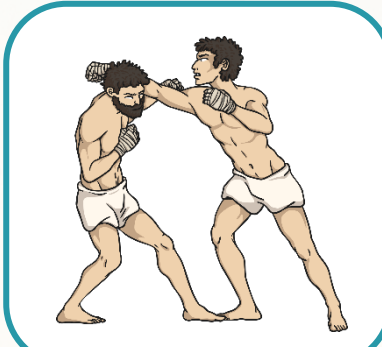
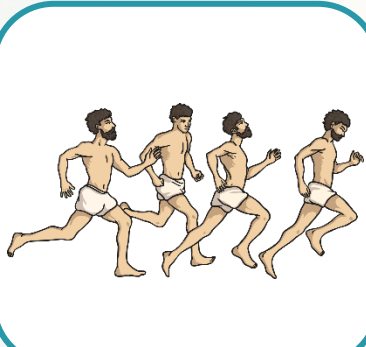
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What event?



What are each of these events?

Look at the pictures of different [Greek vases](#) on your tables. What event do you think each vase shows?

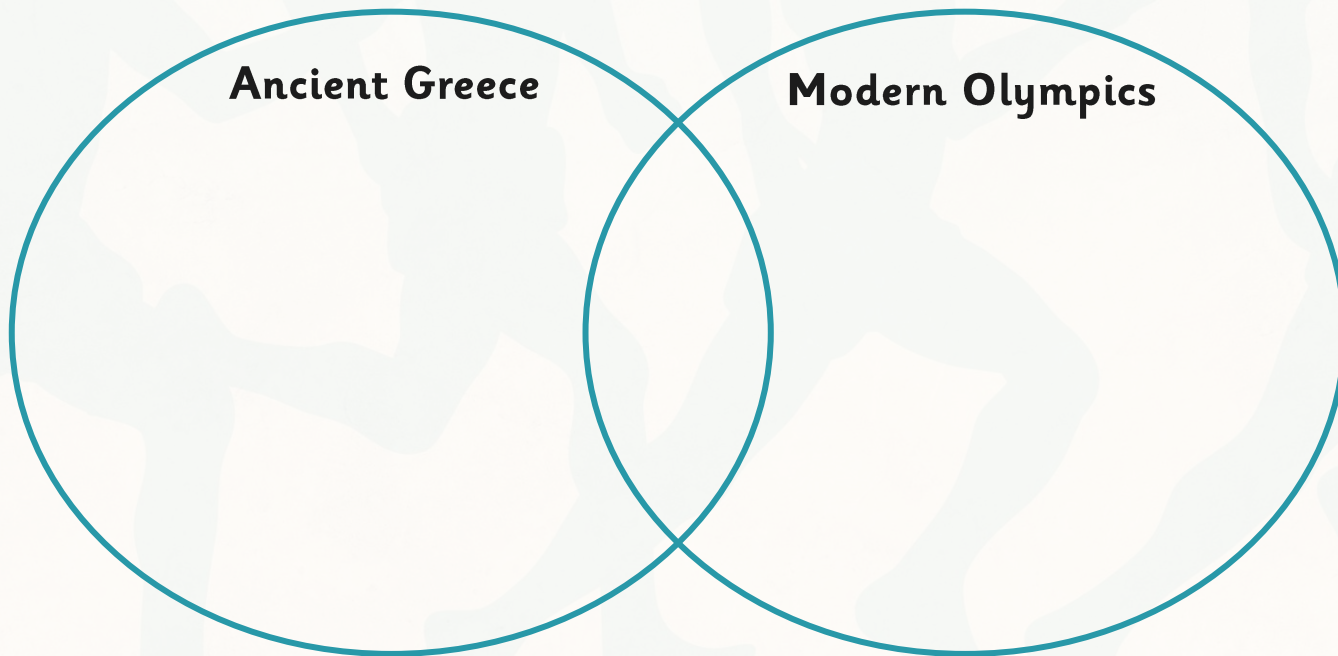


The Legacy



What events do athletes compete in the modern Olympics that originated from the original Greek Olympic Games?

Complete the Venn diagram showing ancient events, modern events and events that are in both!

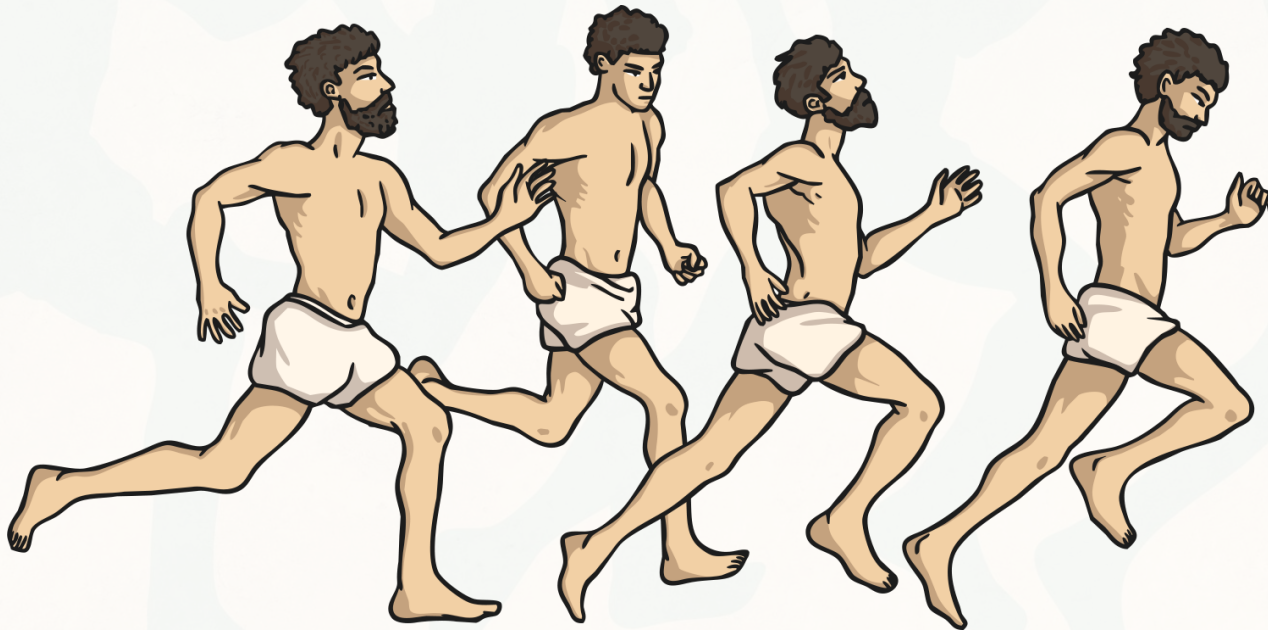


Guess the Event

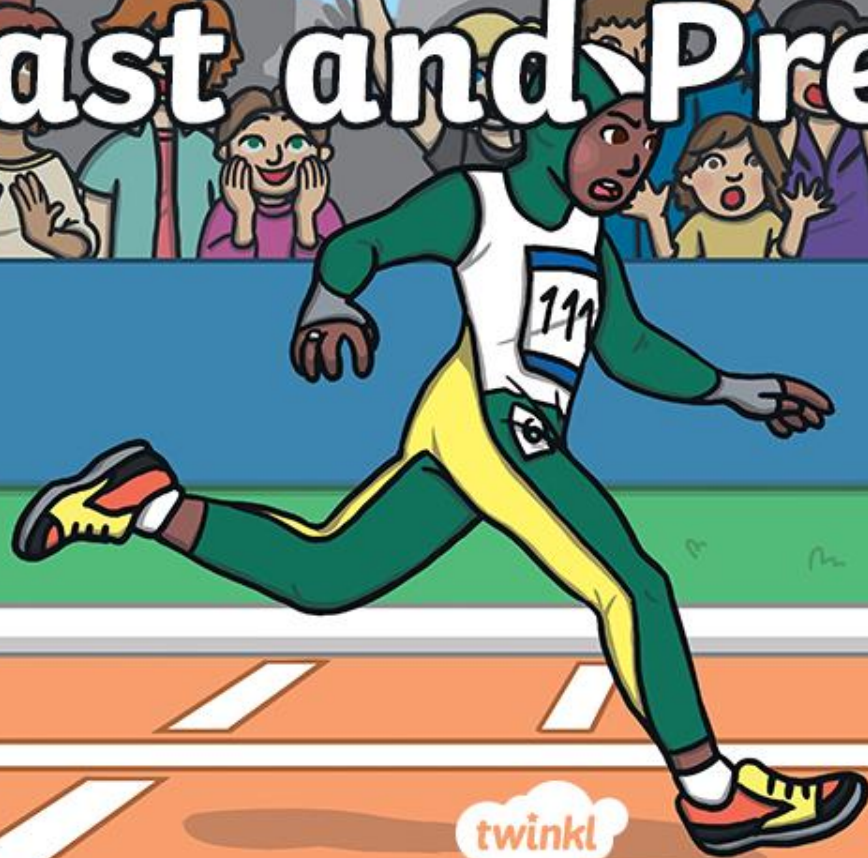
Secretly choose an Ancient Greek Olympic event.

Can you make a pose showing your chosen event? (like you would see on the vases!)

Can we guess your event?

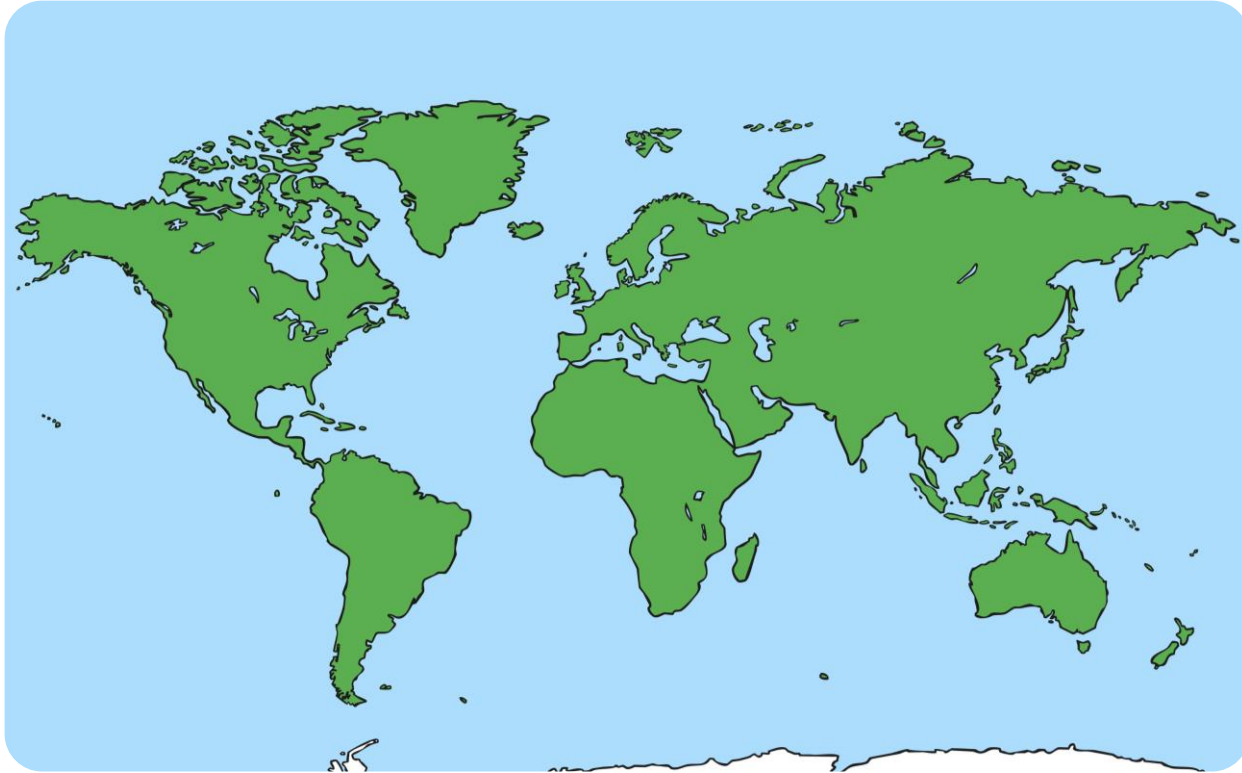


The Olympics Past and Present



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The Games were held every four years, as they are today.

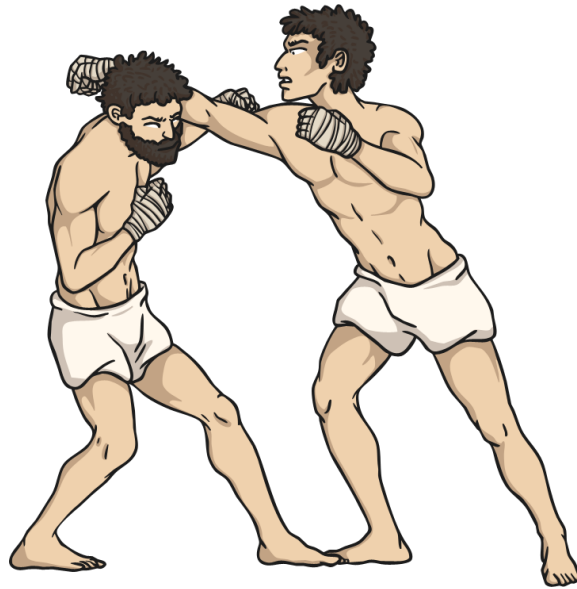


Back then it was only held in Olympia, whereas now it is held in a different country around the world each time.

Today, as well as the Summer Olympics, the Winter Olympics are held two years after the Summer Games.

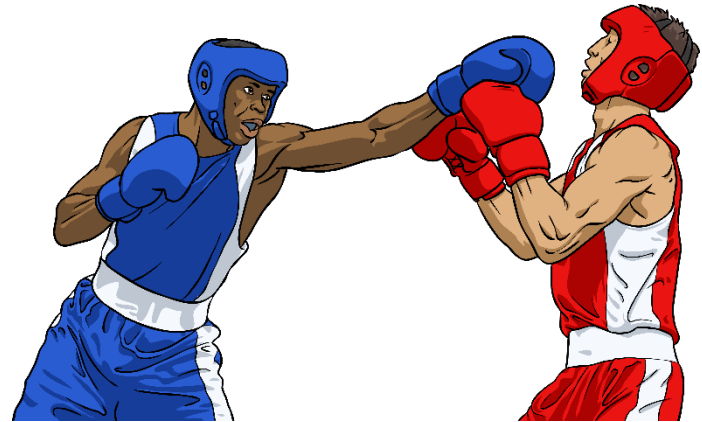


Ancient Olympics



In the Ancient Greek Olympics there were only ten sports.

Modern



In the Modern Olympics there are more than twenty different sports.



Ancient Olympics



The pentathlon consisted of running, wrestling, long jump, discus and javelin.

Modern



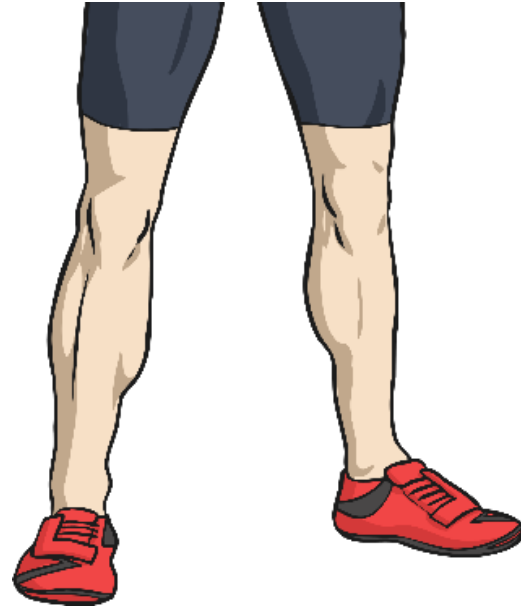
The modern pentathlon is made up of pistol shooting, fencing, swimming, showjumping and a cross-country run.

Ancient Olympics



Athletes ran barefoot and wore no clothes.

Modern



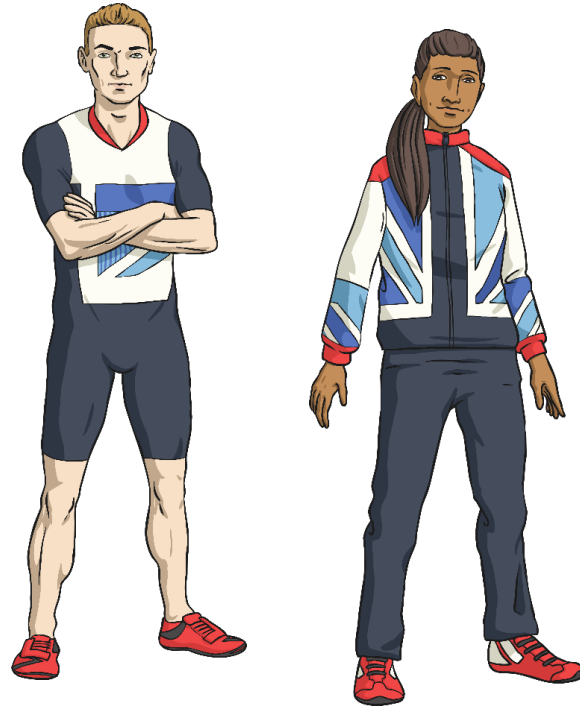
Track runners today wear special shoes that have spikes to help them grip.

Ancient Olympics



Women were not allowed to watch or compete in the Games.

Modern



Women and men both take part, but they do not compete against each other