

# KIWI KIDS NEWS

## OLYMPIC BOOKLET 2024



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# OLYMPIC GAMES WEEK 1



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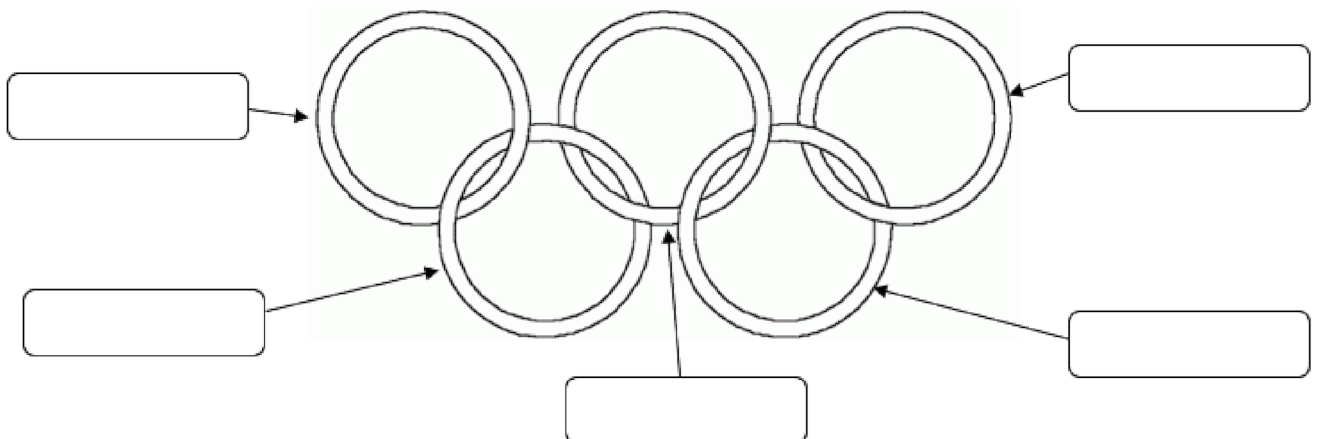
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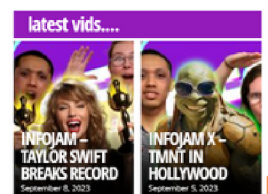
## OLYMPIC GAMES LOGO

Have you ever wondered how we came to have the Olympic Rings and what they represent? Your task is to find out the colours of the rings and find out what they represent. Colour the rings below and then fill on the boxes with what each ring represents.



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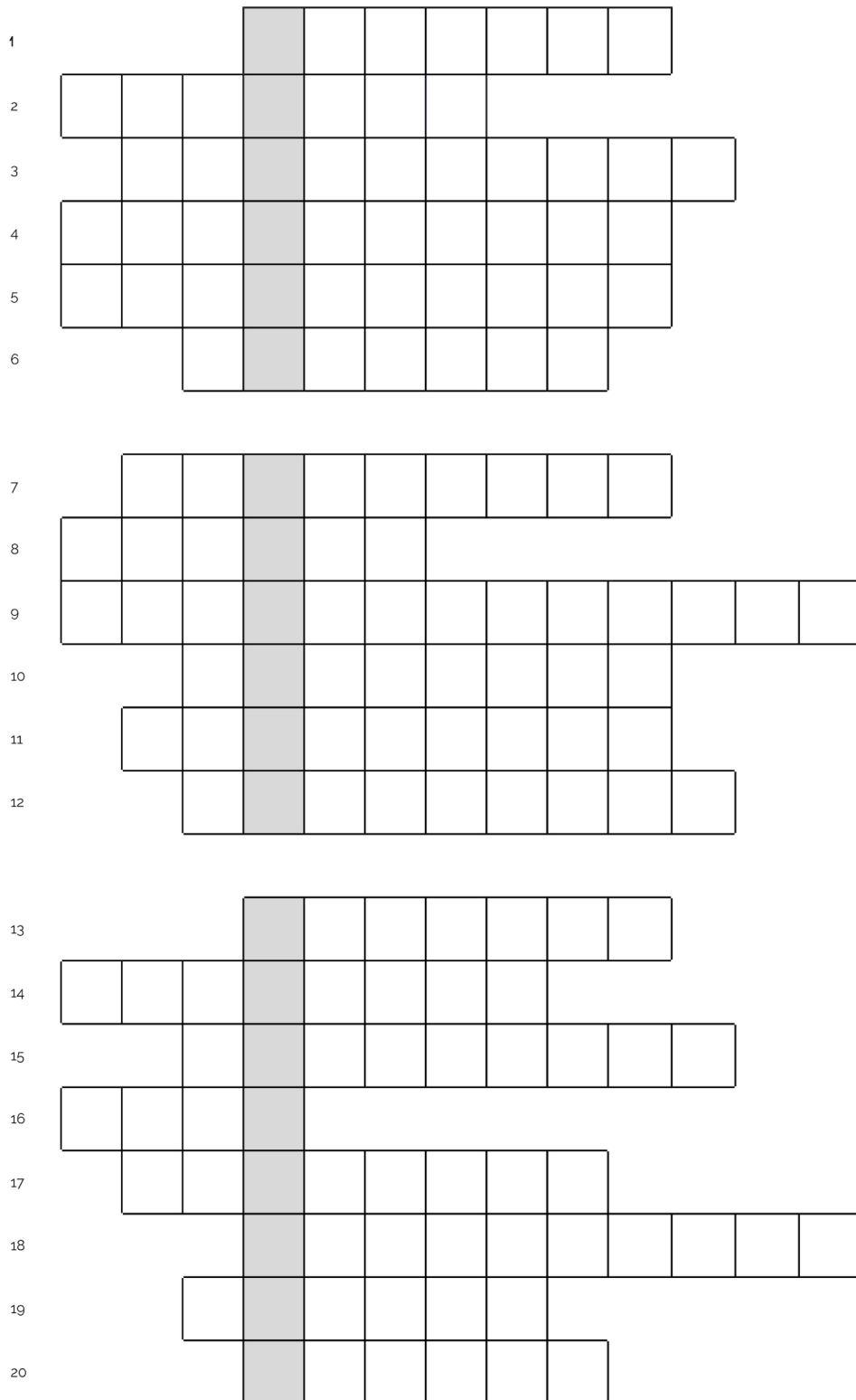


# OLYMPIC SPORTS

Complete the puzzle and find the three words by answering the questions and placing them in the grid below.

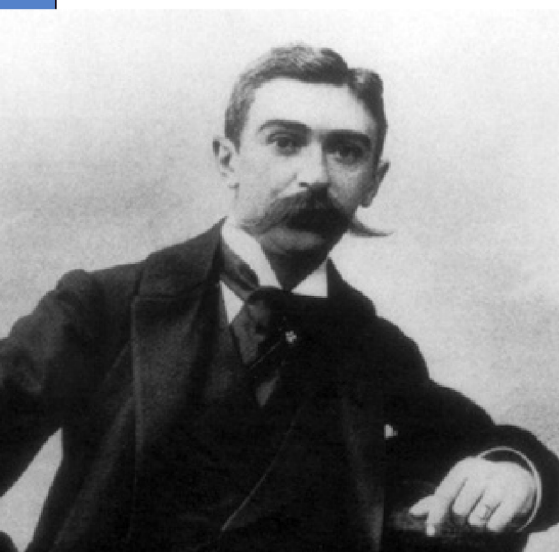
1. A sport in which two athletes fight with foils, sabres and épées.
2. Different water sports like swimming, diving and water polo.
3. A team sport in which a ball must be thrown through a net.
4. A contest in which athletes compete in five different sports.
5. A sport connected with riding horses.
6. You need a bow and arrows to do it.
7. Different sports like running, jumping and throwing.
8. You need large gloves to do it and you must wear a mouthguard for protection.
9. You have to be very strong to do it.
10. You need a pistol or a rifle to do it.
11. A martial art that was invented on Korea.
12. A sport in which two athletes throw each other to the ground.
13. You need a boat to do it. You cannot do it when there is no wind.
14. The most popular sport in the world.

15. The most popular sport in the world.
16. A contest in which athletes compete in three different sports.
17. A martial art that was invented in Japan.
18. You need a small open boat and a paddle to do it.
19. You have to be strong, agile and very flexible to do it.
20. A sport in which a ball is hit across a net with a racket.
21. A sport in which you use oars to move a boat.





# Father of the Olympic Games



Coubertin was the idealist whose dream led to the modern Olympic Games. He was born on 1st January 1863 in Paris of an aristocratic family who lived in a private hotel in the city, and he graduated in arts, sciences and law. It was intended that he join the army, but he became interested in educational reform, writing numerous books throughout his life with titles like: French Education during the 3rd republic and English Education in France.

He visited England several times in the 1880s having been impressed with the ideas of Thomas Arnold, the headmaster of Rugby School many years earlier. He concluded that physical culture was an essential part of education, became secretary – general committee to propagate physical exercise, and after a visit to North of America decided that a movement to popularize international sport would be of great value to education and international harmony.

On 25 November 1892 he first suggested the revival of the Olympic Games in a speech in Sorbonne. Several conferences and committees later he saw his ideal realized, and until 1925 when he retired as President of the International Olympic Committee he was the leading organizer of the Olympics.

He married and had two children. He devoted so much of his fortune to pursuing his ideas that he was comparatively poor when he died in Geneva on 2 September 1937. His heart was taken to Olympia, in Greece, where a memorial was erected.

## **SAY WHETHER THESE STATEMENTS ARE TRUE OR FALSE:**

Coubertin was a dreamer. \_\_\_\_\_

His family was very wealthy. \_\_\_\_\_

He had to go to the army. \_\_\_\_\_

He had no family of his own. \_\_\_\_\_

It was built a memorial in his honour in Olympia. \_\_\_\_\_



# Olympic History

On the Kiwi Kids Homework page is an article about Olympic History. Read that article and write down five facts you found out from your reading.

**FACT 1**

**FACT 2**

**FACT 3**

**FACT 4**

**FACT 5**

The Olympics have changed over the years. In the circles below highlight the things that are the same and different from the ancient games you have read about.

**SAME**

**DIFFERENT**



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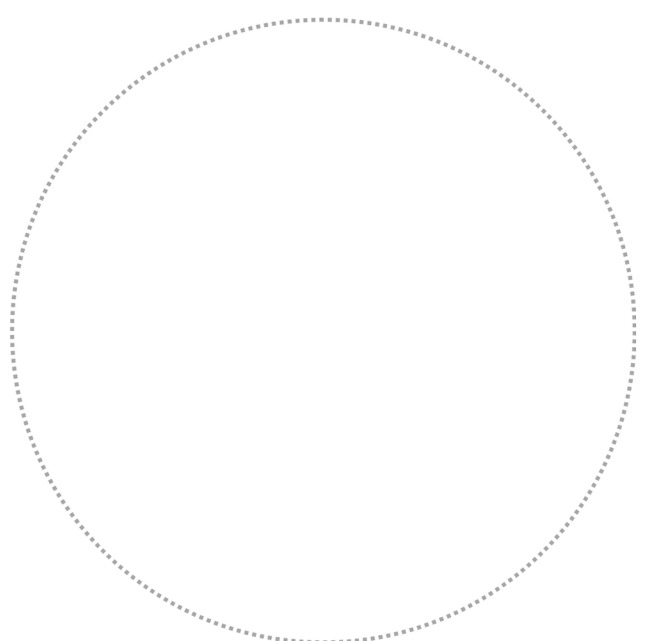
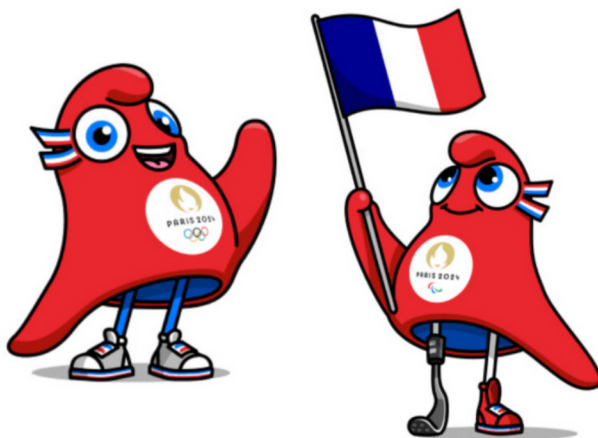
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## OLYMPIC MASCOTS

Below are the mascots for the 2021 Olympics and the Paralympic Games. Your challenge is to find out what they are and the inspiration for the design. After that design our own idea/mascot for the 2024 Games.



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# MY FAVOURITE ATHLETE

Research your favourite New Zealand athlete and complete the profile below.

**NAME**

**DATE of BIRTH:**

**SPORT:**

**OLYMPICS:**

## BIOGRAPHY

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# WORD WIZARD ACTIVITIES

Write down as many words (longer than 3 letters) from these letters.

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## SYNONYMS

Write down as many synonyms for the word **swim** as you can.

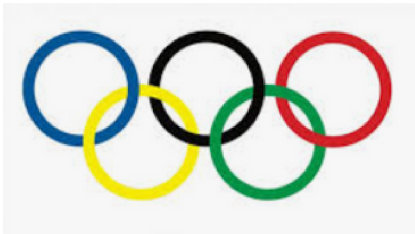
## ANTONYMS

Write down as many antonyms for the word **win** as you can.

## PROOF READING

Find and highlight the 6 spelling errors.

The Olypmics is a global event where athlets from around the world come together to compete in various sports. It is held every four years, and includes both summer and winter games. Participants strive to win gold, silver, and bronz medals, representing their contries with pride. The event fosters a sense of unity and sportsmanship among nations.



# OLYMPIC BINGO BOARD

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Research these questions and write the answer in the box - above or below the question.

<p>To the nearest km, how many km are there in the long-distance race called the marathon?</p>	<p>Who was selected to carry the NZ flag in the opening ceremony?</p>	<p>Where were the first modern Olympics held?</p>	<p>When were the first Olympic medals awarded?</p>	<p>Which sports will be included in the Paris Games 2024 for the first time?</p>	<p>Who is regarded as the 'Father of the modern Olympics'?</p>
<p>How many New Zealand athletes will take part in France?</p>	<p>The Olympic Games are held every how many years?</p>	<p>Who is the individual that has won the most Olympic Medals?</p>	<p>How many rings are there on the Olympic flag?</p>	<p>How many sports are being played in Paris 2024?</p>	<p>What is the Olympic motto?</p>
<p>Which country's group of athletes come in last during the Parade of Nations at the Opening Ceremony?</p>	<p>When were the Olympics last held in Paris?</p>	<p>What type of Olympic Games first took place in Rome in 1960?</p>	<p>Which city hosted the Summer Olympics in 1908, 1948, and 2012?</p>	<p>Who was the famous NZ runner who won a gold medal in 1964?</p>	<p>Foil, epee and sabre are three forms of which type of Summer Olympic sport?</p>



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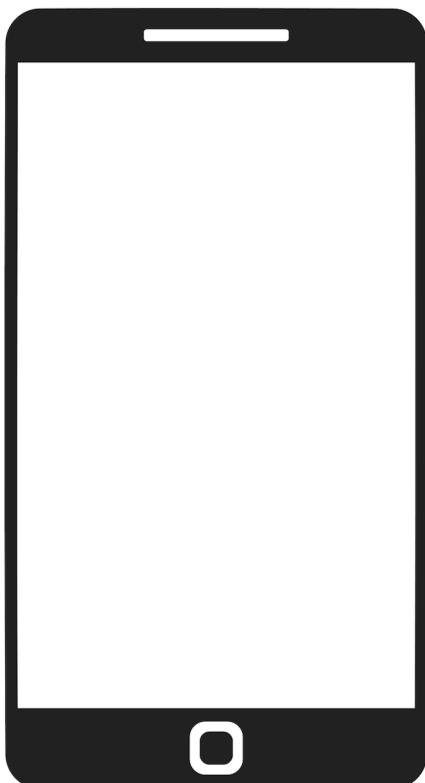
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### OLYMPIC PROFILE



Your task is to find an Olympic article about a person NOT from New Zealand. Once you have found the article research information about that person and put it in the spaces below. Place a selection of images of that person in the iPhone.

NAME:

\_\_\_\_\_

NATIONALITY

\_\_\_\_\_

2 FACTS ABOUT THEM



\_\_\_\_\_

SPORT



\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

WHAT DID THEY DO AT THE OLYMPICS

\_\_\_\_\_


\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



# OLYMPIC MEDAL TABLE

Fill in the medal table from the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. Select a variety of countries from around the world. The last line is for New Zealand.

COUNTRY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	COUNTRY POPULATION	TOTAL
 New Zealand					

## OLYMPIC - CLOZE TASK

Read the paragraph below and use the words in the WORDBANK to fill in the missing spaces.

The first known Olympic Games was recorded in around 776 BC in Olympia, \_\_\_\_\_. They were held every 4 years to honour \_\_\_\_\_, king of the gods. They were a religious festival and for the month before all the Greek states, who were often at war, declared a sacred \_\_\_\_\_ so competitors could travel safely. The first Games consisted of only one \_\_\_\_\_, the "stade" race, which was the length of the \_\_\_\_\_. Over the years more running races and other events were added, including boxing, wrestling, \_\_\_\_\_ racing, long jump, javelin and \_\_\_\_\_ throwing. Only young \_\_\_\_\_ could take part. They had to be free men, and speak Greek. They usually competed nude, and the prize was a crown of \_\_\_\_\_ leaves (a sign of hope and peace). Women were not allowed to take part. \_\_\_\_\_ women were not even allowed to watch!

WORDBANK - discuss olive Greece married stadium Zeus truce chariot race men

# Comprehension Task

The Olympic Games is the greatest international sport event in the world, in which thousands of athletes compete in different types of sports. The Olympic idea means friendship, fraternity and cooperation among the people of the world.

The original Olympic Games began in ancient Greece in 776 B.C. These games were part of a festival held every fourth year in honour of God Zeus in the town called Olympia. It was a great athletic festival, including competitions in wrestling, foot racing and chariot racing, rowing and others.

The Olympic Games were very important for ancient world. In the period of Games all wars were stopped. The Games were accompanied by arts festivals. Poets recited their poems, singers sang hymns — all this in honour of God Zeus and the sacred Games.

All athletes competed naked. The modern word "gymnastics" originates from the Greek word "gymnos" that means "naked".

Only men could take part in the Olympic Games. Greek women were forbidden not only to participate but also to watch the Games. But there existed Games for women named Gerai (called after goddess Gera).

The Olympic Games took place from the 8th century BC till the 4th century AD. In 394 AD the Roman Emperor Theodosius banned the Olympic Games because he decided that these competitions are, in essence, pagan festival.

In the late 19th century, Baron Pierre de Coubertin decided to revive the Olympic Games. For this purpose, he founded the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 1894, and two years later, in 1896 the modern summer Olympic Games were established in Athens.

The Games are currently held every two years, with Summer and Winter Olympic Games alternating. The evolution of the Olympic Movement during the 20th century forced the IOC to adapt the Games to the world's changing social circumstances. Some of these adjustments included the creation of the Winter Games for ice and snow sports, the Paralympic Games for athletes with physical disabilities, and the Youth Olympic Games for teenage athletes.

The Olympic motto is "Citius, Altius, Fortius", which is Latin for "Swifter, Higher, Stronger". The motto was proposed by Pierre de Coubertin and was introduced in 1924 at the Olympic Games in Paris.

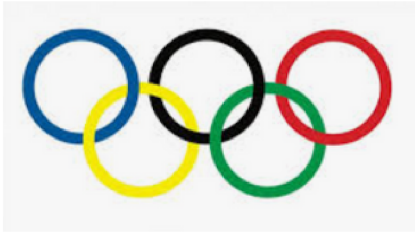
A more informal but well known motto, also introduced by De Coubertin, is "The most important thing is not to win but to take part!"

The symbol of the Olympic Games is composed of five interlocking rings, colored blue, yellow, black, green, and red on a white field. This was originally designed in 1912 by Baron Pierre de Coubertin. These five rings represent the five continents of the world: America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia.

# Comprehension Questions

1. What is the Olympic Games?
2. Where and when did the original Olympic Games start?
3. How often were the original Olympic Games held?
4. What were some of the sports in the original Olympic Games?
5. What happened to wars during the ancient Olympic Games?
6. How did athletes compete in the original Olympic Games (what did they wear)?
7. Were women allowed to compete in the original Olympic Games?
8. Who banned the ancient Olympic Games, and why?
9. Who brought back the Olympic Games in the late 19th century?
10. What is the symbol of the Olympic Games, and what do the five rings represent?





# OLYMPIC GAMES

## Bingo Board Activities

Create and decorate your own Olympic torch using craft materials.	Design your own gold, silver, and bronze medals.	Write a news article about the Olympics.	Search and find an article on women in an Olympic sport.
Track and graph the number of medals won by different countries during the Olympics.	Research and write down ten interesting facts about the Olympics.	Complete a word search puzzle with Olympic-related terms.	Create the perfect pre event meal for a New Zealand Olympic athlete.
Design a poster advertising the Olympic Games, including dates and events.	Find an article about a health issue you feel passionate about.	Write a short biography of a famous Olympic athlete.	Create a collage of images from the 2024 Olympic Games
Create a funny headline for an Olympic news article.	Draw a picture of your favorite Olympic sport in action.	Write a poem about the Olympic Games.	Write a journal entry as if you were an athlete competing in the Olympics.
Create a bingo game with Olympic sports and symbols.	Create a timeline of significant events in Olympic history.	Write your own version of the Olympic oath or pledge.	Design a mascot for a specific Olympic sport.



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