

The Olympic Games

Board game for level A2

Teacher's notes:

Preparing the game:

- You need one game piece per player and one die per group.
- Stick the two DIN A4 boards together and copy them for each group in DIN A3.

Playing the game:

Divide your class into groups of 3-4 players each. Every group gets a board. The players throw the die one after the other and move their game pieces according to the number on the die.

There are five different kinds of squares:

1. Task squares
2. Empty squares
3. 'Have a break' squares
4. 'Bad luck!' squares
5. One 'You're lucky!' square

Task squares:

First the player reads the task or question aloud. Then he/she solves the task or answers the question. If he/she is right, he/she may stay on the square. If he/she can't solve the task, he/she has to move back to the square where he/she was before.

Empty squares:

Here you can add your own tasks or questions. Or you keep the squares free 'for a rest'.

'Have a break' squares:

The player has to skip a turn.

'Bad luck!' squares:

The player moves his/her game piece back according to the instructions given.

'You're lucky!' square:

The player moves his/her game piece according to the instructions given.

The first player to reach FINISH is the winner.

Give a board to each group and then explain the rules to all the groups. After the groups have started the game, go from one group to the other and help the players in case of any doubts or questions.

Good luck!

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START



1. Simple Past or Present Perfect? Fill in the gap.

The first Olympic Games of modern times _____ in Athens in 1896. (*take place*)

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12. Complete the sentences with the following prepositions:

from – in – of (2x) – to

The 32nd Olympic Games take place _____ the 23rd _____ July _____ the 8th _____ August 2021 _____ Tokyo.

11. Simple Present or Present Continuous? Fill in the gaps.

The Olympic Flame (*to be*) _____ on its way to Tokyo.
At the moment, athletes (*to carry*) _____ the Olympic Torch through Japan.

10. Which of the following sports is not an Olympic one:

- a) long jump
- b) rollerblading
- c) artistic gymnastics rings



14. Athletics – Translate the words in brackets.

During the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta the Australian aborigine Cathy Freeman was (*zweite*) _____ in the 400m sprint for women. Only the French Marie-José Percec ran (*schneller*) _____ (*als*) _____ her.

If you got everything right, move 2 squares. Otherwise wait until you throw a 1.

15.

16. You're lucky!



It is your birthday today. The players of your group form a circle around you and sing a birthday song to you. Move 2 squares.

17. Football



Fill in the plural form of *woman*. Since 1900 football has been an Olympic sport. However, _____'s football teams were allowed to participate for the first time in 1996.

29. Cycling



During the road race you bumped into another cyclist. As a penalty you have to add the *question tag* to the following sentences and wait until you throw a 6. The last Summer Games took place in Rio de Janeiro, _____? And Rio de Janeiro is in Brazil, _____?

28.

27. Discus-throwing



You may move 2 squares if you - throw a paper-ball into the waste-paper basket in one go or - say the Simple Past and the Past Participle of the verb *throw*.

26. Have a break.



Skip a turn.

30.

31. Marathon



Since or for? Fill in the gaps. The original 42 km marathon runs from Marathon to Athens. Before the Olympic Games in 2004, this historic track had not been taken _____ almost 2500 years, _____ 490 B.C., when the Persian army was defeated by Athens.

32. Bad luck!



You fell off your horse. Move back 2 squares.

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3. Have a break.



Skip a turn.

4. Complete the sentence with the right word.

The Olympic Games are held _____ four years.

- a) any
- b) every
- c) all

5.

9.

8. Read aloud:

The 2016 Paralympic Games took place in Rio de Janeiro from the 7th to the 18th of September.

7. Bad luck!



You didn't train hard enough. Bend your knees 10 times or move back 2 squares.

6. Swimming



You may move on 3 squares if you - swim around the table three times (pantomime) or - say the Simple Present, Simple Past and Present Perfect of the verb *swim* for *he*.

18.

19. Read aloud:

In 2016 more than 11,000 athletes from 207 nations took part in 306 competitions in 28 different sports.

20. Long jump



Ask for the underlined words with *When?* and *Who?*
During the 1968 Summer Olympic Games in Mexico Bob Beamon jumped 8.90 m. Today Mike Powell holds the record with 8.95 m which he jumped in 1991.
If both questions are right, move 3 squares. Otherwise move back 2 squares.

21.

The five Olympic Rings are a symbol of

- a) the five different Olympic sports.
- b) the five continents.
- c) the five big sponsors of the Summer Games.

25.

24. Football



In the US, European football as we know it is called
a) rugby
b) American football
c) soccer

23. Have a break.



Skip a turn.

22.

34. Which sport is it?

Put the syllables into the right order and form the names of three Olympic sports.

ball – gym – ket – ming – nas – swim – tics – bas

If you get the sports right, move one square to FINISH.
If not, move back 3 squares and wait until you throw a 4.

FINISH



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Solutions:

1. The first Olympic Games of modern times took place in Athens in 1896.
- 2.
- 3.
4. The Olympic Games are held every four years.
- 5.
6. he swims, he swam, he has swum
- 7.
8. The two thousand sixteen Paralympic Games took place in Rio de Janeiro from the seventh to the eighteenth of September.
- 9.
10. b) rollerblading
11. The Olympic Flame is on its way to Tokyo. At the moment, athletes are carrying the Olympic through Japan.
12. The 32nd Olympic Games take place from the 23rd of July to the 8th of August 2021 in Tokyo.
- 13.
14. During the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta the Australian aborigine Cathy Freeman was second in the 400m sprint for women. Only the French Marie-José Percec ran faster than her.
- 15.
- 16.
17. Since 1900 football has been an Olympic sport. However, women's football teams were allowed to participate for the first time in 1996.
- 18.
19. In two thousand (and) sixteen more than eleven thousand athletes from two hundred and seven nations took part in three hundred and six competitions in twenty-eight different sports.
20. When did Bob Beamon jump 8.90 m?
Who jumped 8.95 m?
21. The five Olympic Rings are a symbol of the five continents.
- 22.
- 23.
24. In the United States, European football is called soccer.
- 25.
- 26.
27. throw – threw – thrown
- 28.
29. The last Summer Games took place in Rio de Janeiro, didn't they?
And Rio de Janeiro is in Brazil, isn't it?
- 30.
31. The original 42 km marathon runs from Marathon to Athens. Before the Olympic Games in 2004, this historic track had not been taken for almost 2,500 years, since 490 B.C., when the Persian army was defeated by Athens.
- 32.
- 33.
34. basketball; gymnastics; swimming