

THE OLYMPIC GAMES - KEY

1. When and where were the first Olympic Games held? **776 B.C.**
2. Who organized the first Olympic Games of the modern age? What were his reasons ? **the Frenchman Pierre de Coubertin - to bring peace and friendship to young people in the world**
3. What happens at the opening ceremony ? **nations march into the stadium; the Olympic flag is raised; an athlete lights the torch and takes an oath**
4. What do the Olympic rings represent ? **the five continents**
5. What happens at the medal ceremony ? **medals are given to the first three athletes; flags are raised and the national anthem of the winner's country is played**
6. What does the International Olympic Committee do ? **it governs the games; decides which sports and events are held; chooses the host city**
7. Who decides which athletes can take part ? **each country decides for itself; athletes must qualify in national competitions**
8. Name a few events of the ancient Olympic Games ? **footraces, wrestling, chariot races, pentathlon**
9. Why were the 2020 Tokyo Olympics postponed ? **because of the coronavirus epidemic**
10. When and where were the first Winter Olympics held ? **1924 in Chamonix, France**
11. How did Adolf Hitler use the 1936 Berlin games ? **to show Nazi Germany's power**
12. Who became the greatest athlete of the 1936 Olympics ? **Jesse Owens**
13. What happened in 1968 when the American national anthem was played ? **two Black American athletes raised their fists in protest**
14. What happened during the 1972 Munich games ? **Palestinian terrorists attacked the Olympic village and killed Israeli athletes**
15. What happens when athletes take unallowed drugs ? **they are disqualified and their medals are taken away**
16. Which city hosted the Olympic Games three times ? **London**
17. Which city hosted the summer and winter games ? **Beijing**
18. What was the so called "Dream Team" ? **in 1992 the American professional basketball team was allowed to compete for the first time**
19. Which two swimmers have become the most successful athletes in the Olympics ? **Mark Spitz and Michael Phelps**
20. What is a decathlon ? **a series of ten different track and field events**