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Map skills

Can you name the countries of Europe?

Name each of the countries on the **Locating countries in Europe** map.

Have you visited any of these countries?

Online investigator



Login to www.oddizzi.com and click on explore the world - country close up - Greece - Greece gallery

Take a look at our **Greece Photo Gallery**. What do you think the attractions of this country are for the many foreign visitors that holiday here each year? Does this place look similar to where you live or is it very different? How is it different?

Putting pen to paper

Login to www.oddizzi.com and click on explore the world - country close up - Greece - Ancient Greece - theatre and sport

Imagine you are watching a sporting event or play in Ancient Greece. Describe what you can see, hear, smell, feel and taste on your **Ancient Greece - time travel!** sheet.

Watch this

Login to www.oddizzi.com and click on explore the world - country close up - Greece - living in

Watch: Living in Athens

1. What do our ClassPals say is the best thing about living in Athens?
2. What is the worst thing about life in Athens? Is this similar or different to where you live?

Quiz time

Login to www.oddizzi.com.

Click on **Quiz** at the top of the page.

Find the **Greece** quiz. We suggest trying **Level 2**. See how many points you can score!

What if...

Discuss this made up scenario with your family over breakfast or dinner.

What if...The Olympics only happened in Greece each time?



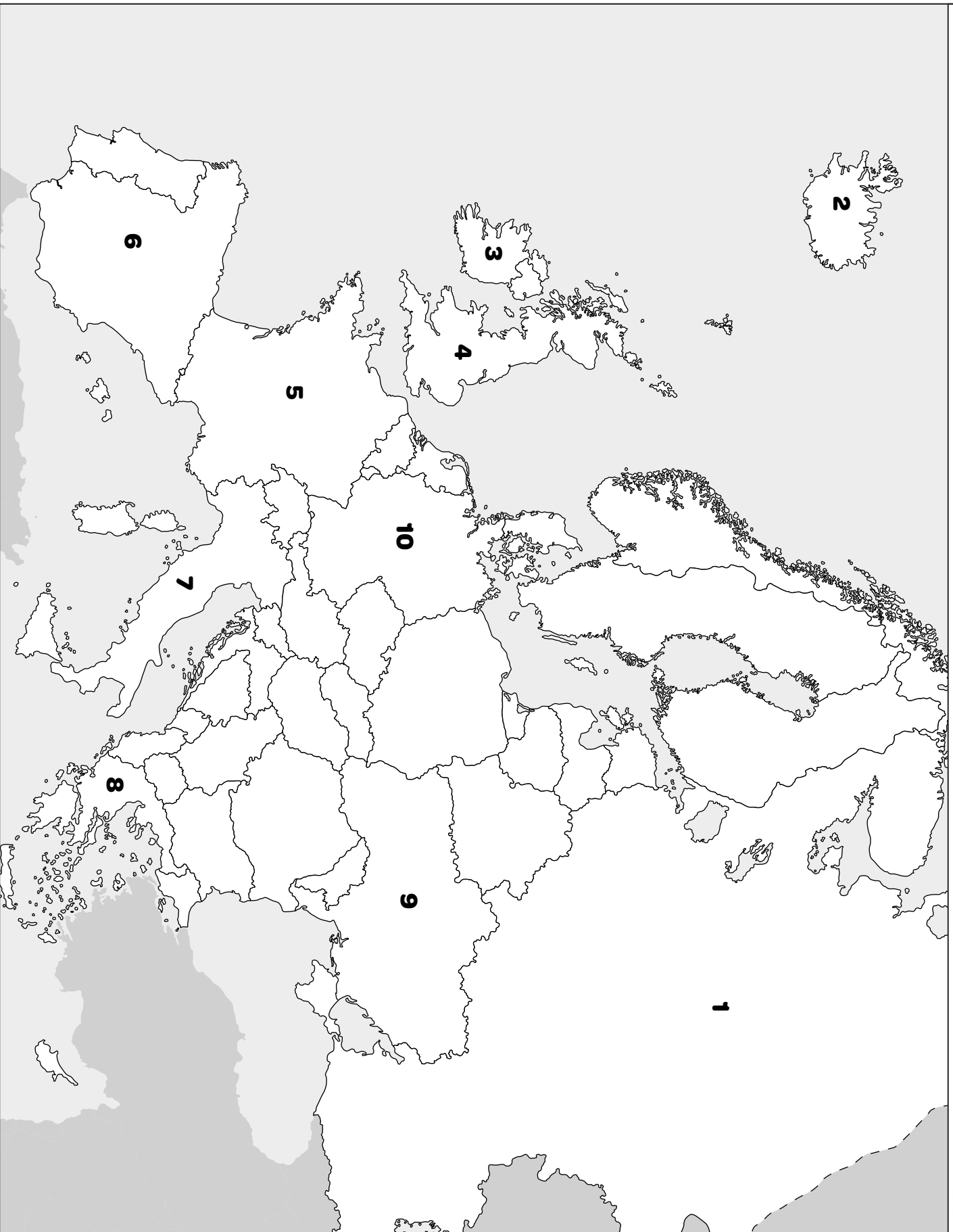
Read it

Read the fact-file **The Olympics**.

Answer the questions based on what you have read.

Login to www.oddizzi.com and go to explore the world - country close up - Greece - Ancient Greece - Olympics to find out more.

Locating countries in Europe



1. Can you name countries 1-10?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

2. Locate and label the capital cities of countries 1-5 on your map.

Want to find out more about Europe's countries? Log on to [Oddizzi](#) and click on Places.

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2. Iceland

3. Ireland

4. United Kingdom (UK)

5. France

6. Spain

7. Italy

8. Greece

9. Ukraine

10. Germany

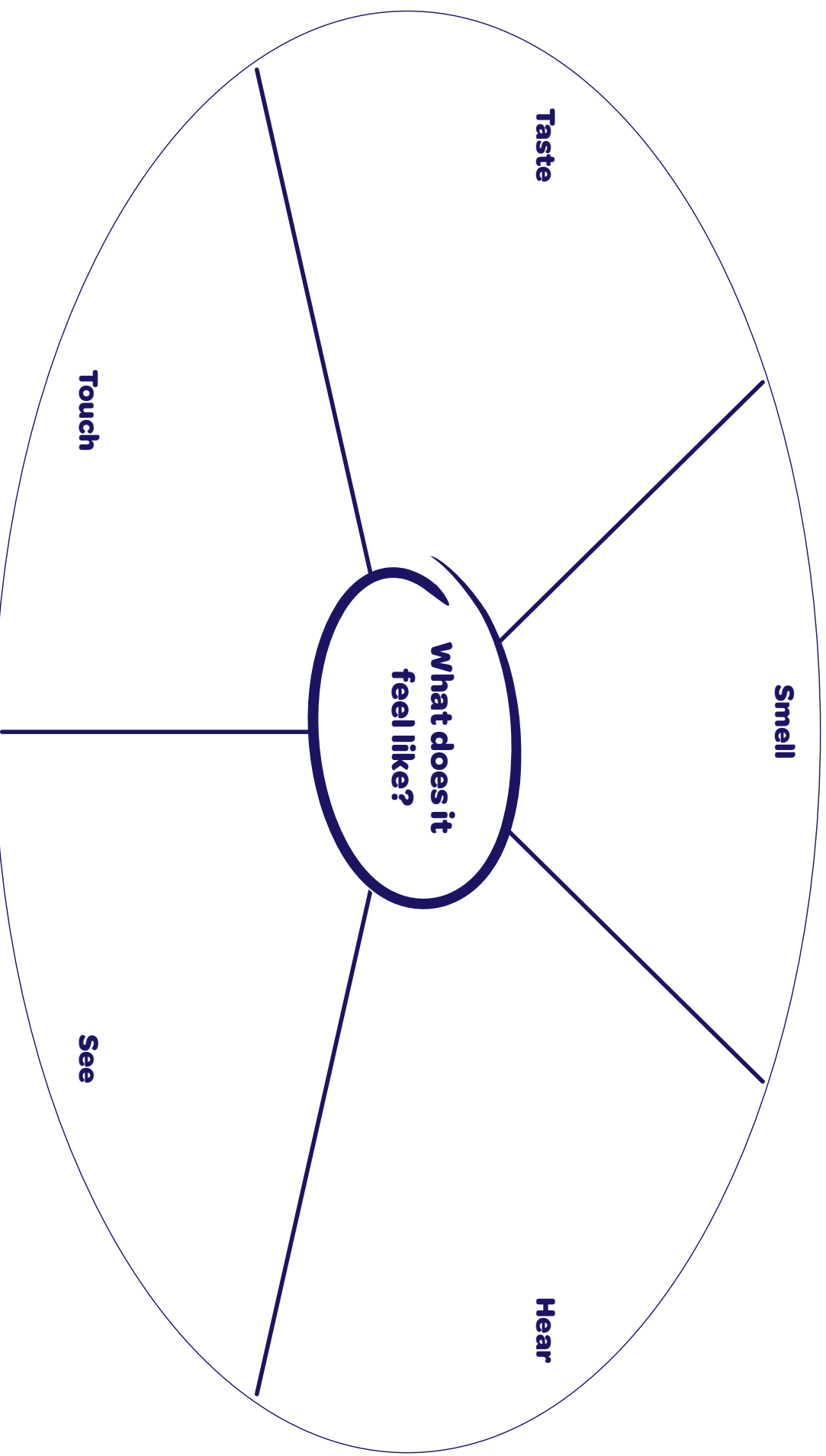
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Ancient Greece - Time Travel!



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oddizzi.com | Country Close Up - Greece - Ancient Greece - Theatre and Sport



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On your marks, get set, go – it's Rio in 2016

It's ancient history!

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The ancient site of Olympia is in Greece



The ruins of Olympia: where it all began...



An athlete competes in the modern day Olympics

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Ancient runner with the sacred fire

Rituals and ceremonies

In Ancient Greece, a burning torch would be passed from one runner to the next in a relay, with the winner lighting a fire on an altar.

Nowadays, the Olympic torch is lit in Greece, then taken to the city where the games are held, travelling by boat and plane.

The opening and closing ceremonies are also important parts of the Games. And of course, everyone likes to watch the medals being awarded: gold, silver and bronze. In Ancient Greece, the winners would have wreaths placed on their heads.



Paralympic wheelchair athletes

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Since 1960, the Paralympics have been held during the official Olympic Games. They're now a vital part of the Games: more than 4,000 athletes took part in 2012.



Ice-hockey at the Winter Olympics

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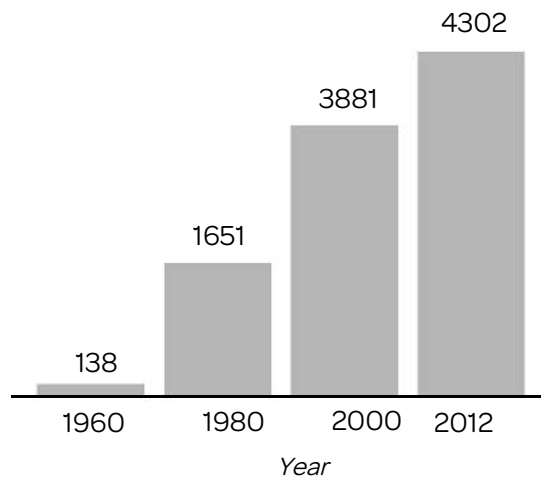
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Olympics Paralympics Ancient Greece international record ceremonies mascots

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The Olympics continue to grow and change, with new sports being included. In 2016 there will be a new kind of rugby and golf.

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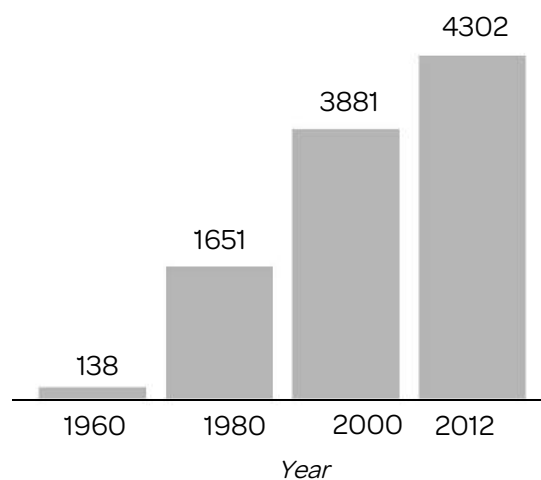
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record

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2. Answer the questions below to complete your mission.

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Statements	True	False
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2. The five rings in the Olympic symbol represent all continents.		
3. Nowadays, the Olympic torch is lit in Germany.		

B. Circle the correct answer.

4. How many world records were broken in the 2012 Olympic Games?

- a. 400
- b. 32
- c. 5

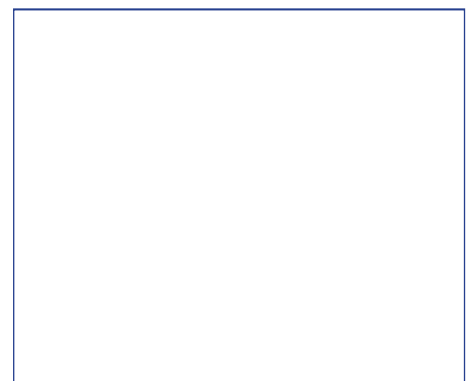
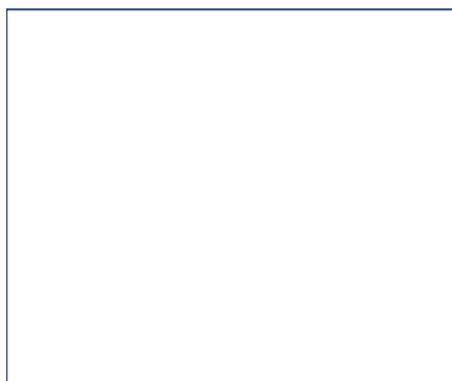
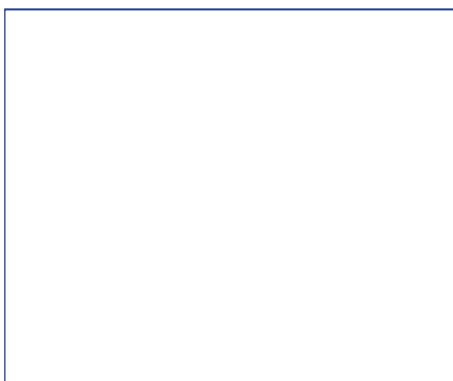
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- a. Culture
- b. History
- c. Plants

6. How many athletes competed in the Paralympic Games in 2000?

- a. 4302
- b. 3381
- c. 2000

C. Draw a quick cartoon to show three different sports that will be played in Rio this summer.



D. How often are the Winter Olympics held?


Observer Odd needs your help!

His mission is to write a report on the facts presented in the *Olympics* text.

Answer the questions below in full sentences so that he can use the information in his report.

1. How often do the Olympic Games take place?

2. Describe where Olympia is located in Greece. Use compass directions in your answer.

3. Does the Olympic symbol represent all continents? Explain your answer.

4. What are the Paralympic Games? Explain why they are important.

5. Rename one of the subheadings given to a paragraph of text.

GO ONLINE:

See what life is like in Rio, the home to the 2016 Olympics, by visiting oddizzi.com - Country Close Up - Brazil - Oddizzi Film Gallery. Check out the film *Welcome to Rio!*


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6. Name three sports that featured in the ancient Olympics and are still part of the Olympic Games today.

7. What do you think are three of the most important pieces of information in this text? Explain your answers.

1.	2.	3.
Because...	Because...	Because...

8. The Olympic Committee tests athletes to make sure they aren't using unfair drugs. Why might athletes take drugs?

9. Based on the bar graph, do you think that the number of athletes taking part in the Paralympics will increase or decrease in future? Explain your answer.

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Olympia is located in southern Greece - it is found in the Peloponnese, a peninsula that is separated from the central part of the country by the Gulf of Corinth.

3. Does the Olympic symbol represent all continents? Explain your answer.

Yes and no. The Olympic rings do represent all people on the 'five' inhabited continents (the Americas are counted as a single continent) but, Antarctica isn't represented. However no-one lives there all the time!

4. What are the Paralympic Games? Explain why they are important.

The Paralympics is an international sporting event (scheduled for just after the Olympics), in which athletes with disabilities compete.

They are important because they give people with disabilities a chance to compete using the same fabulous facilities, e.g. purpose-built stadia, as able-bodied athletes and the international media coverage recognises the achievements of these inspiring athletes - the Paralympics show the world that people with disabilities can do amazing things!

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1. The modern day Olympics are inspired by the ancient Greek Games.	2.	3.
Because... a lot of the sports, ceremonies and rituals that form part of the Games today were practiced in a similar way in ancient Greece, such as the torch relay.	Because...	Because...

8. The Olympic Committee tests athletes to make sure they aren't using unfair drugs. Why might athletes take drugs?

Athletes might take unfair drugs because they really want to win and they think the drugs could help. They might be under a lot of pressure to do well (everyone at home is cheering them on) and so, unfortunately, some people choose to take risks with their health. It's a shame!

9. Based on the bar graph, do you think that the number of athletes taking part in the Paralympics will increase or decrease in future? Explain your answer.

Based on the bar graph, the number of athletes taking part in the Paralympics will increase because this has been the trend so far since 1960 - 2012. Between the 1980 and 2000 Games, the number of athletes almost doubled.

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