

Diving into the Modern Olympics

1. Where was the first Modern Olympic Games held?

Greece
France
The USA

Australia





2. Check all the reasons you heard that Pierre de Coubertin, the father of the modern Olympics, wanted to have an international Games.



He thought that it would promote peace.

He wanted to encourage more sports in schools.



He hoped to win a gold medal.

He wanted to develop closer friendships between people and nations.

> 3. Who was not allowed to compete in the 1896 Games? What do you personally think about that?



4. The Paralympic Games are a special event for athletes with disabilities. What big world event happened that eventually led to the start of the Paralympic Games?



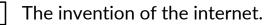
World War II, when many service people returned with injuries.



An international dance competition.



The eruption on Mt. Vesuvius.





5. What kind of person do you think Edwin Flack, Australia's first Olympian, was? What makes you say that?

6. The Olympic rings represent the continents of the world. Which continent missed out on a ring?

7. We learned in the podcast that the Olympic gold medals are actually mostly silver, meaning that their actual value is about \$1,000, but to the athletes, they are priceless. Why do you think this is?



8. In 1928, a Japanese filmmaker created a short animated film called "Animal Olympic Games," where he imagined what it would be like if, for example, monkeys did gymnastics, or a kangaroo competed in boxing. Pick your favourite animal, and draw it competing in one of the Olympic sports!

