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Alphabetical Olympic Sports

Put these fifteen Olympic Sports into alphabetical order. The first one is done for you.

Sport	Order
Modern Pentathlon	
Gymnastics	
Football	
Volleyball	
Weightlifting	
Cycling	
Diving	
Rowing	
Athletics	1
Equestrian	
Taekwondo	
Swimming	
Boxing	
Hockey	
Judo	

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Action Shot

Take a look at the picture below and try and answer the questions. Some might not have exact answers.

1. What sport are they playing?	
2. How many players can you see in the picture?	
3. What number is the player on the left?	
4. How many players' hands can you see in the picture?	
5. Is the ball being thrown or caught?	
6. How would you describe the player with the ball's expression?	
7. Are the spectators excited?	
8. How can we tell it is a fast game?	
9. Which team is winning?	

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Scramble Words

Use the clue to unscramble the two answers from the mixed up word.

horbikese	you would ride these in different sports
1.	2.

javediscuslin	two things you throw in athletics
1.	2.

shoarcheryoting	two sports in which you must hit the target
1.	2.

bronsilverze	medals
1.	2.

cloopeningsing	ceremonies (and doors)
1.	2.

toflamerch	carried around the country
1.	2.

godefenderalkeeper	football positions
1.	2.

frienrespectdship	two of the seven Olympic values
1.	2.

wimblewembleydon	two London sports venues
1.	2.

goaboccialball	Paralympic sports (you might need to look them up)
1.	2.

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Sporting Plurals

Circle the right plural.

city	citys	cityes	cities
child	childs	children	childies
game	gamies	games	gammes
worry	worrys	worries	worrys
medal	medalles	medalies	medals
match	matchs	matchies	matches
dive	dives	divies	divees
pony	ponys	ponies	ponyes
man	mans	men	mens
wish	wishs	wishes	wishies

What are the plurals of these words?

track		home	
goal		ability	
party		village	
game		jump	
team		bike	
injury		race	
ball		racket	
torch		responsibility	
half		school	
foot		pass	

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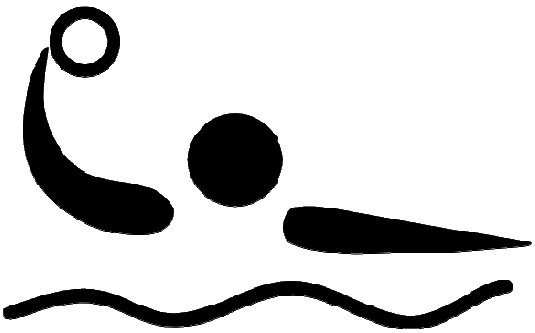
Nouns and Verbs

Almost all sentences contain a noun and a verb. The form of the verb depends on whether the noun is a plural or singular.

Choose the correct form of verb to use in these sentences.

1.	The BMX riders _____ into each other.	crash	crashes
2.	She _____ so fast the others can't keep up.	run	runs
3.	They _____ up onto the podium to receive their medals.	step	steps
4.	Half the team _____ treated for injuries.	were	was
5.	A decathlon _____ made up of ten sports.	is	are
6.	The ball _____ into the back of the net.	shoot	shoots
7.	The torch _____ passed from one runner to the next.	is	are
8.	The player _____ out of his wheelchair.	fell	fall
9.	The Olympic flag _____ above the stadium.	fly	flies
10.	The team _____ really well.	play	plays



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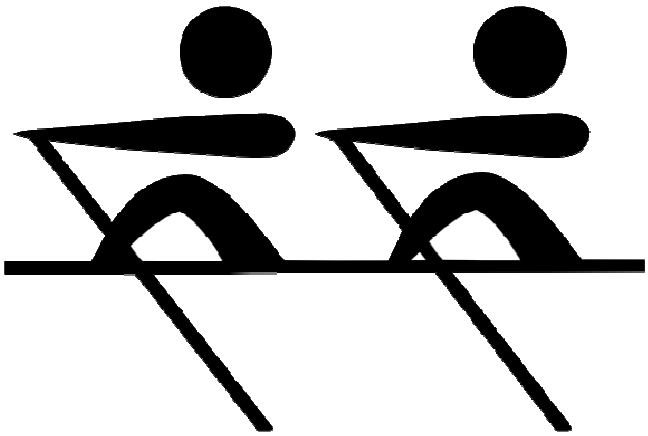
Sporting Idioms

An idiom is a common saying that doesn't have a literal meaning.

Match these idioms with their meaning. The first one is done for you.

Over the moon	Disappointed
Nineteen to the dozen	Really happy
Out of order	Pay attention
Keep your eyes peeled	Give up
Sick as a parrot	The result is not completely certain
Step up to the plate	A big change at half time
Raise the roof	Take responsibility
A game of two halves	Unacceptably behaved
Keep your chin up	Cheer
Pull the rabbit out of the hat	Nothing
Throw in the towel	Very quick
Not a sausage	Stay positive
It isn't over until the fat lady sings	Do something unexpected to win



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Words from Other Languages

As people from around the world mix together words are exchanged between languages. Lots of English words have been imported from other languages. For example, pizza is an Italian word.

Try and work out , or guess, what languages these words come from:

Safari	Guuju Yimidhirr (an Australian Aboriginal language)
Cruise	Swahili (an African language)
Guitar	Italian
Slalom	French
Poltergeist	Hindi (a language used in India)
Yeti	Arabic
Kangaroo	Cantonese (a Chinese language)
Sauna	German
Pasta	Japanese
Bungalow	Norwegian
Origami	Nepalese
Chocolate	Spanish
Kung Fu	Finnish
Ballet	Dutch / Flemish

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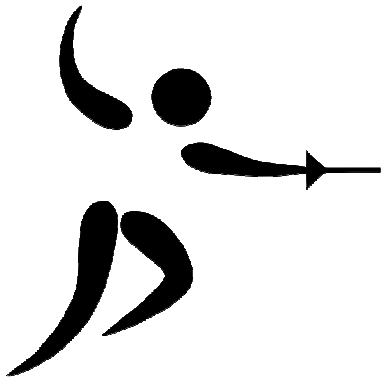
Word Groups

Sort these words into six groups.

jump	javelin
run	silver
trainers	horse
shorts	bike
discus	gold
wheelchair	helmet
throw	stadium
hammer	bronze
pitch	pool



Things thrown in athletics

Medals

Sporting clothing

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Cockney Rhyming Slang

The London 2012 Olympics are taking place in the East End of London. This area is known for its Cockney Rhyming Slang.

Match these phrases with their meanings.

sausage and mash	road
tea leaf	mate
china plate	house
weasel and stoat	telephone
bacon and eggs	coat
Barney Rubble	cash
pen and ink	trouble
boat race	row
cat and mouse	daughter
bricks and mortar	thief
Adam and Eve	face
apples and pears	sick
Auntie Nellie	believe
Moby Dick	legs
bull and cow	stairs
frog and toad	stink
dog and bone	belly

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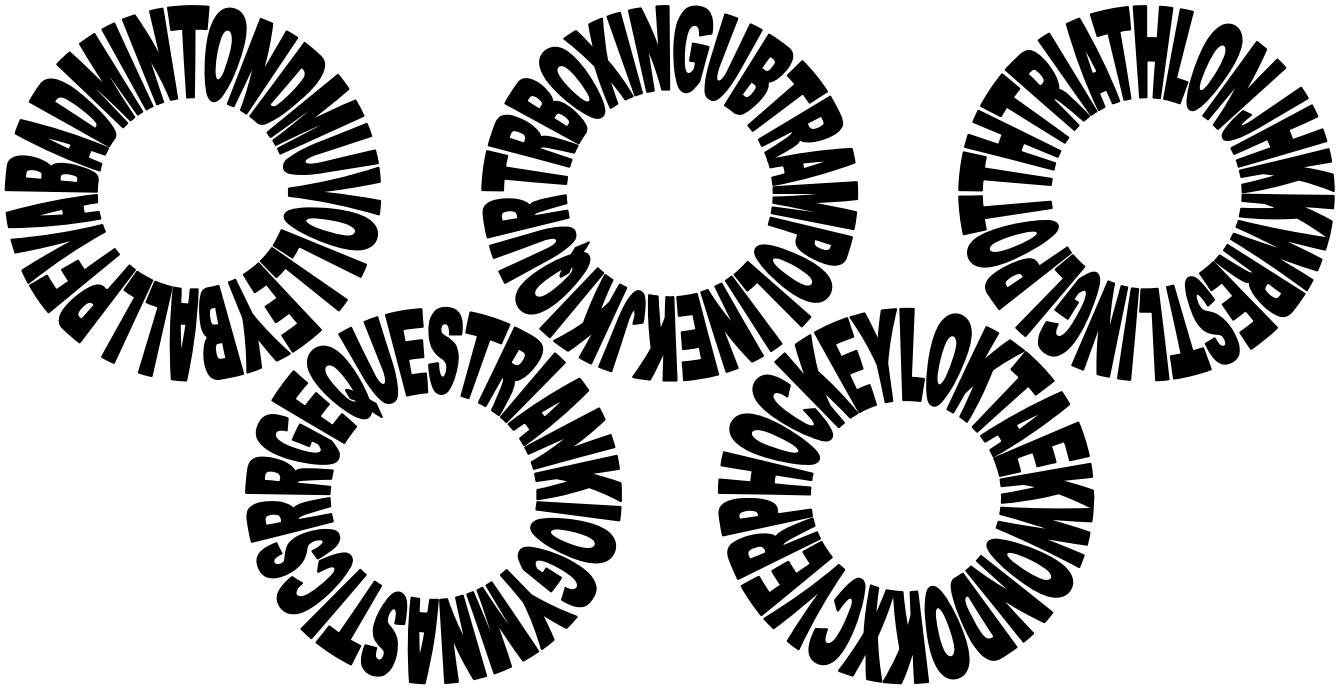
Word Rings

Two sports are hidden in each Olympic ring.
Can you find them?



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