

Future Olympians



Imagine you're in a race where you have to be the fastest or the strongest to win a shiny gold medal. That's what the Olympics is like, but for all kinds of sports! Athletes from every country dream of going to the Olympics because it's like the biggest sport event in the world. To get into the Olympics, athletes start by choosing a sport they love. They begin training when they're very young. They practice their sport every day, sometimes even in the rain or snow! They have coaches that teach them special moves and tricks to help them be better at their sport. As they get older and stronger, athletes compete in smaller competitions called "qualifying events." These events are like practice runs for the big Olympics. Athletes have to do really well here to get a ticket to the Olympic Games. The Olympic Games are held every four years in different cities around the world. When athletes go to these games, they wear special uniforms with their country's colors and compete against other athletes from all over the world. It's exciting because everyone is cheering for their favorite athletes! But there are only so many spots for each sport at the Olympics. Not everyone who wants to go can make it. That's why athletes have to work super hard and do their best at every competition. If an athlete does really well at the qualifying events, they might get chosen to represent their country at the Olympics. It's a big honor because it means they're one of the best in their sport! When athletes go to the Olympics, they get to meet other athletes from different countries and make new friends. They also get to see amazing sports that they might not know about.

And if an athlete wins a medal at the Olympics, it's the best feeling ever! It shows that all their hard work paid off and that they're one of the best in the whole wide world. It takes a lot of practice, patience, and passion for their sport. But if you love what you do and keep working hard, you might just become an Olympic champion one day!

1. Read the passage and underline any word or sentence you struggled with.
2. Answer the questions on the following page.

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Answer according to the reading passage:

- 1. What is the biggest sports event in the world?**
 - a. World Cup
 - b. Super Bowl
 - c. Olympics

- 2. How often are the Olympic Games held?**
 - a. every 4 years
 - b. every 5 years
 - c. every 6 years

- 3. What do athletes have to do to qualify for the Olympics?**
 - a. win a lottery
 - b. recommendation from a coach
 - c. do well in qualifying events

- 4. Hobbies can help us meet new people who?**
 - a. have different interests than us
 - b. share our interests
 - c. like to read

- 5. What happens if an athlete wins a medal at the Olympics?**
 - a. they get a gold star
 - b. they become famous
 - c. it shows they're one of the best in the world

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Open Response Questions

Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. Inferring
2. Making Connections
3. Summarizing
4. Visualizing

1. How do you think competing in the Olympics could impact an athlete's life?
 2. Why do you think athletes specialize in one sport instead of several?
 3. What is the process to compete in the Olympics?
 4. Describe a sport you would like to train for?
- How might technology change the way athletes train.
 - If you could compete in the Olympics, which sport would you choose and why?
 - What might the role of teamwork be in the Olympics?
 - Why do you think The Olympics occur just every 4 years?
 - Research an Olympian and learn about their life.
 - How many Olympic events can you list?