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How long do they last?			What's the sporting arena like?		
Where are they held?			What do the athletes wear?		
Why are they held?			How many sports are there?		
What about wars?		London in 2012	What are the torches for the events?		
Who can compete?	To celebrate the god Zeus.		What prizes are there?		

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Suitable for students aged 9+

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Preparation:

Print out the A4 sheets. Make up the 2 A3 Grids and an A3 Venn Diagram by glueing together the left and right sides, and if possible, laminate them. Laminate the Answer Sheet, and cover the pages of Olympic Cards with 'clear pvc self adhesive book cover film'. Then cut along the dotted lines to make the cards.

HOW TO PLAY:

Split students into groups of about four.

Give each group one copy of the A3 Grid and one set of Olympic Cards (different colour borders).

Students sort out which card belongs in which box on the grid. You can make this a race if you wish to add a competitive aspect.

When they have finished, the groups swap positions in order to check each others' answers. You can give them the Answer Sheet for this purpose, or you can read out the answers and they can check one by one.

For the next part of the activity, the two groups team up and only one set of Olympic Cards is used. Spread out the cards or place them in a pile. Students take turns to pick up a card and place it on the Venn Diagram. This will help them to compare and contrast the Olympics of the past and present.

Learning Outcomes:

Students will be able to compare and contrast the cultures of the past and present through their historical knowledge of the Olympic Games. If you have found further learning outcomes please share them by emailing collaborate@mantralingua.com.

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(You can purchase a professionally printed, sound-enabled version of this activity with pre-cut cards from www.mantralingua.com. Students can use TalkingPEN to record and re-record aurally onto the pages and cards. Recordings can be saved and used for assessment, or shared with other classes and schools via "ShareLINK".)

Answer Sheet	Ancient Olympics	Modern Olympics
When were they first held?	776 BC	1896 AD
How often are they held?	Every 4 years	Every 4 years
How long do they last?	5 days	2 weeks
Where are they held?	Olympia in Greece	London in 2012
Why are they held?	To celebrate the god Zeus	To celebrate the best athletes in the world
What about wars?	All wars must stop during the contest	No Olympics held during WWI (1916) & WWII (1940 and 1944)
Who can compete?	Any man who was a citizen in the Greek world	Anyone who qualifies and is a citizen of their country
What other Olympics are held?	The "Heraia" Olympics for women - to the Goddess Hera	The Para Olympics for disabled athletes, the Winter Olympics
Who can be a spectator?	Any man who was a citizen in the Greek world.	Anyone
What is the sporting arena like?	Special buildings were built. The arena was one "stadion": 190m long.	Special stadiums are built
What do the athletes wear?	Athletes were naked. They rubbed oil onto their bodies.	Sports kit
How many sports are there?	Running, wrestling, pentathlon, chariot and horse racing	400 events covering 26 sports
How are torches part of the event?	In the real race, flaming torches were passed from one runner to the next. The last runner of the winning team lit a fire on an altar.	Runners take the flaming torch from where the Olympics were last held to the new stadium. The Olympic flame is lit in the opening ceremony.
What prizes are there?	The winner received a laurel wreath crown.	Gold, silver and bronze medals

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London in 2012

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every 4 years

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The
Para Olympics
for disabled athletes.
The Winter Olympics.

Running,
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pentathlon, chariot
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The winners
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