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Overview **OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES**

The Mascot

The Olympic and Paralympic mascots are fictional characters—usually an animal native to the area or human figures—who represent the cultural heritage of the place where the Olympic and Paralympic Games are taking place.

The first Olympic mascot was born at the Grenoble Olympic Games in 1968. It was named “Schuss” and was a little man on skis, designed in an abstract form and painted the colors of France (blue, red, and white). Starting in 1968, the coherent design system was introduced for the XIX Olympiad in Mexico. Building on the graphical success, 1972 Olympics in Munich introduced Waldi, a Dachshund dog, which was a popular breed in Bavaria and represented the attributes required for athletes—resistance, tenacity, and agility. It contained three of the colors of the Olympic flag (blue, yellow, green). From 1972 to date, every Olympics has featured a mascot that represents the feel of the Games and something of the host city.



The success of those first mascots helped the idea of a mascot become a symbol of the Olympic Games and developed into an institution.

Miraitowa

The 2020 Olympic mascot is called Miraitowa, which is derived from the Japanese words mirai (future) and towa (eternity). This name was chosen to promote a future full of eternal hope in the hearts of people all over the world.

Mascot Matching

Match the Tokyo Mascots to their sport.

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Question & Answer

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*Schuss, Grenoble
Olympic Games 1968*

Mascot Timeline for the Olympic Games



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Archery

Archery is a popular competitive and recreational sport that requires intense focus and precision. Archers use a bow to shoot arrows at targets of varying distances, hoping to hit the center.



Understanding the Sport

In the Olympics, archers shoot at targets that are four feet in diameter. Each target is divided into five colored rings. A 'bullseye' or 'pinhole' requires hitting a circle only 4.8 inches in diameter.

During the first round, the target is set 230 feet from the archer, and they shoot 72 arrows and receive up to ten points per arrow (a perfect score is 720 points). Athletes then compete in a head-to-head bracket-style format similar to tennis.

The Tokyo Olympics will have five events (including a new mixed gender team event). The ranking round determines the order, or seed, that archers receive for the main competition. Each pair of archers will shoot up to three arrows from 70 feet per set, with a maximum of 5 ends. The first competitor to reach 6 set points wins and advances to the next round.



A royal decree in 1363 required all English gentlemen to practice archery on Sundays and holidays.



Paleontologists believe the use of bows and arrows for hunting developed as early as 35,000 BCE!



South Korea is the most decorated country with 39 total medals including 23 gold, nine silver, and seven bronze medals.

How the Sport Began

Archery is one of the oldest sports still practiced today. It can be traced back to France, 15,000 years ago! The modern history of target archery goes back to the 1300s, when the longbow became the most important weapon in the English army. Even after archery fell out of use in the military, people of all classes continued to enjoy it for recreational purposes.

Track the Medals



Tokyo Olympic Hopeful

A fan of the Wii's archery video game, Cowles decided to take it into the real world. He made a bow out of a bungee & a stick and started taking shots in his back yard. That led him to Gold at the 2018 Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games.

Who's Competing?

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NAME	SCORE
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Fun Facts

Did You Know?

Only a recurve bow is used in the Olympics. The bow is named for its distinct shape; central parts curving toward the archer, and the tips curving away. This design provides more power but needs less strength to use.



ARCHERY BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Medal Match

7/24	7/25	7/26	7/30	7/31

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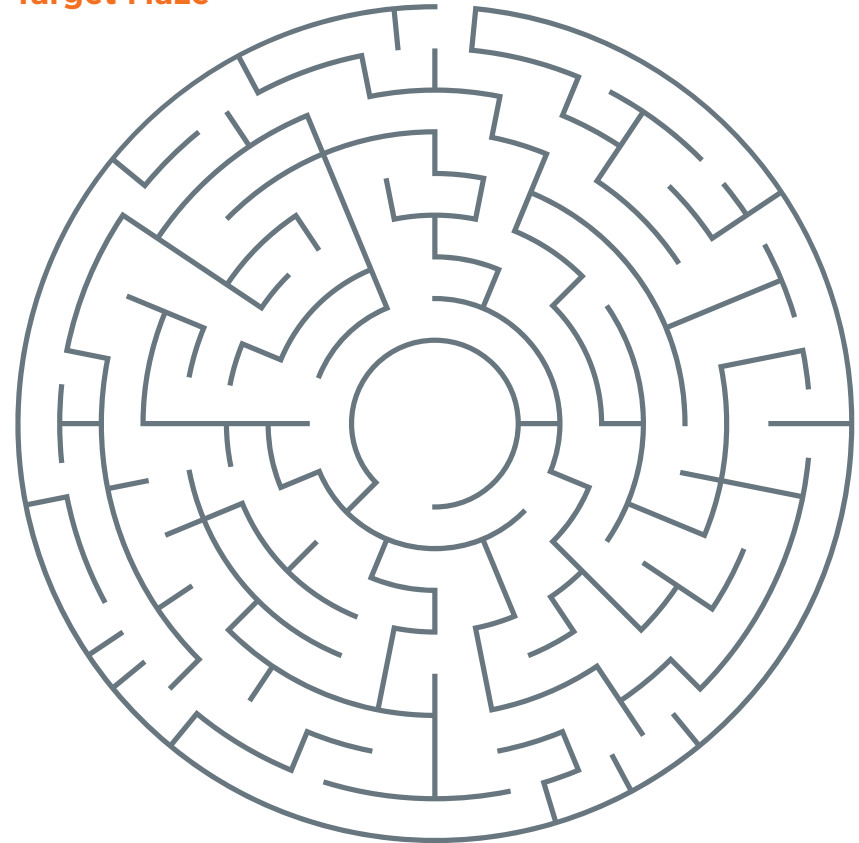
Compare & Contrast

3D archery is another popular type of archery. It differs from Olympic archery in that, it simulates the hunting experience. The targets are designed to look like animals and the archer walks the course looking for targets. How is this different from Olympic archery?



Archery

Target Maze



Discussion Questions

1. With the invention of firearms (guns), the use of the bow and arrow declined. Why do you think that is?
2. Notice the different size circles and colors on the target. What do you think they are used for?
3. Many types of arrows included feathers (fletching) at the end of them. What do you suppose those are for?



Want to know more about Archery?
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answer guide

Answer Guide

The Ancient Games - Page 2

1. 776 BCE
2. All free Greek males were allowed to take part, from farmhands to royal heirs, although the majority of Olympians were soldiers. And while there is some evidence that women participated in the early Games, by the fifth century BCE, women were explicitly barred from competition and the Games as a whole.
3. A wreath of olives as this was associated with Heracles, a demi-god associated with the Olympic Games.
4. Twelve centuries

The Modern Games - Page 4

1. The first meeting of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) was held in Sorbonne in Paris, France in 1894.
2. Women were officially allowed to compete starting in the 1900 Olympic Games.
3. The first modern Olympic Games was held in Athens, Greece in 1896.

Archery - Page 22

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1. There are many reasons why the use of the bow and arrow declined with the invention of firearms. One reason is that guns, if aimed correctly, can be more accurate than a bow and arrow. Guns are also more powerful, and can be used quicker.
2. The different size circles and colors on the targets are used to test accuracy. Some circles are harder to hit than others.
3. The feathers at the end of arrows are used to stabilize the arrows as they fly through the air. This makes each shot more accurate.

Artistic Swimming - Page 24

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1. Artistic swimming is scored by a panel of judges. In order for the judges to determine who has the best technique for a certain skill, they need to see all teams showcase that same skill. Having a designated set of movements allows the judges to assess who has the best technique.

Badminton - Page 26

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1. Players serve first on the right side with a starting score of 0-0. That means when the server switches to the left side, the score will be 1-0, an odd number. When the server switches back to the right, the score will either be 1-1 or 2-0, which means the total score is an even 2. The game continues like that, with odd scores on the left and evens on the right. It's a good way to make sure the score is right!
2. A shuttlecock has feathers to keep it from wobbling in the air during play. The feathers allow the shuttlecock to change speed and direction very rapidly without being wobbly or losing speed.

Baseball - Page 28

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1. Japan recognized how popular baseball is all over the world. The country thought it was important to include a sport that is loved by all in the worldwide Olympic Games.

Basketball - Page 30

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1. The team included NBA greats like Larry Bird, Michael Jordan, and Magic Johnson. During the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games, the team won by an average of 44 points over their competitors.

Beach Volleyball - Page 32

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1. Indoor volleyball is played with six players to a side, while beach volleyball is only played with two players to a side. The indoor court is larger because twelve total players can cover more of the court during play, whereas a beach volleyball court is smaller because four total players cannot cover the same amount of court. Similarly, an indoor volleyball court is smaller because it allows for players to hit the ball harder and with greater speed, which can make for a faster play of game. Beach volleyballs are larger and lighter so that players have greater control over the ball.
2. Beach volleyball players need to know every skill because they don't have set positions on the court and they move constantly throughout play. Players could be put in a position to hit, block, or dig at any time during a game, and so they must be prepared for any type of scenario.

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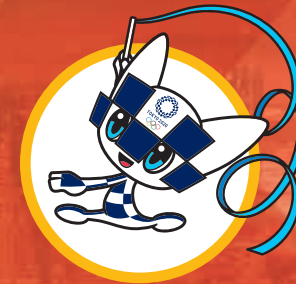
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