

# Olympics<sup>®</sup> – Glossary

**abolish** verb [transitive]  
to officially get rid of a law, system, practice, etc.

**affair** noun [countable]  
used for talking about an event, situation, etc.

**aspire** verb [intransitive]  
to want to achieve something or to be successful, especially in your career

**athlete** noun [countable]  
someone who is good at sports, and takes part in sports competitions

**continent** noun [countable]  
one of the very large areas of land on Earth that are usually divided into several countries

**creed** noun [countable]  
FORMAL a set of beliefs about how people should live or behave

**debut** noun [countable]  
the first time that a performer or sports player appears in public

**Delphic** adjective  
relating to Delphi (an ancient town in Greece), or its language or culture

**discus** noun [countable]  
a heavy round flat object thrown as part of a sports event

**emperor** noun [countable]  
a man who rules an empire (a number of countries ruled by one person or government)

**goat** noun [countable]  
an animal similar to a sheep but with longer legs and a thinner coat

**in honor of** phrase  
in order to show respect and admiration for someone or something

**javelin** noun [countable]  
a long pointed stick that is thrown in a sports competition

**modest** adjective  
fairly small, especially when compared with other things of the same type

**motto** noun [countable]  
a short statement that expresses something such as a principle or an aim, often used as a statement of belief by an organization or individual

**mythology** noun [countable/uncountable]  
a collection of ancient myths (traditional stories), especially those of a particular country or religion

**olive** noun [countable]  
a small black or green fruit that grows in Mediterranean countries and is eaten as food or used for its oil

**Olympiad** noun [countable]  
FORMAL a meeting of the Olympic Games

**oracle** noun [countable]  
a type of priest in ancient Greece who told people what would happen in the future or who gave them advice from the gods

**reinstate** verb [transitive]  
to start using or having something such as a law or benefit again

**scoreboard** noun [countable]  
a large board that shows the scores in a game or sports event

**sentiment** noun [countable/uncountable]  
FORMAL a belief or an attitude toward something

**struggle** noun [countable, usually singular]  
an attempt to do something that takes a lot of effort over a period of time

**take part (in something)** phrasal verb  
to be involved in an activity with other people

**triumph** noun [countable/uncountable]  
a great victory or success

**wrestling** noun [uncountable]  
a sport in which two people fight by holding each other in special positions and throwing each other