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# 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, especially athletics, 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 honour 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

**modern-day** adjective

existing or happening in the present

**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 organisation 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

**pentathlon** noun [countable]

a sports event that consists of five different sports

**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 towards 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