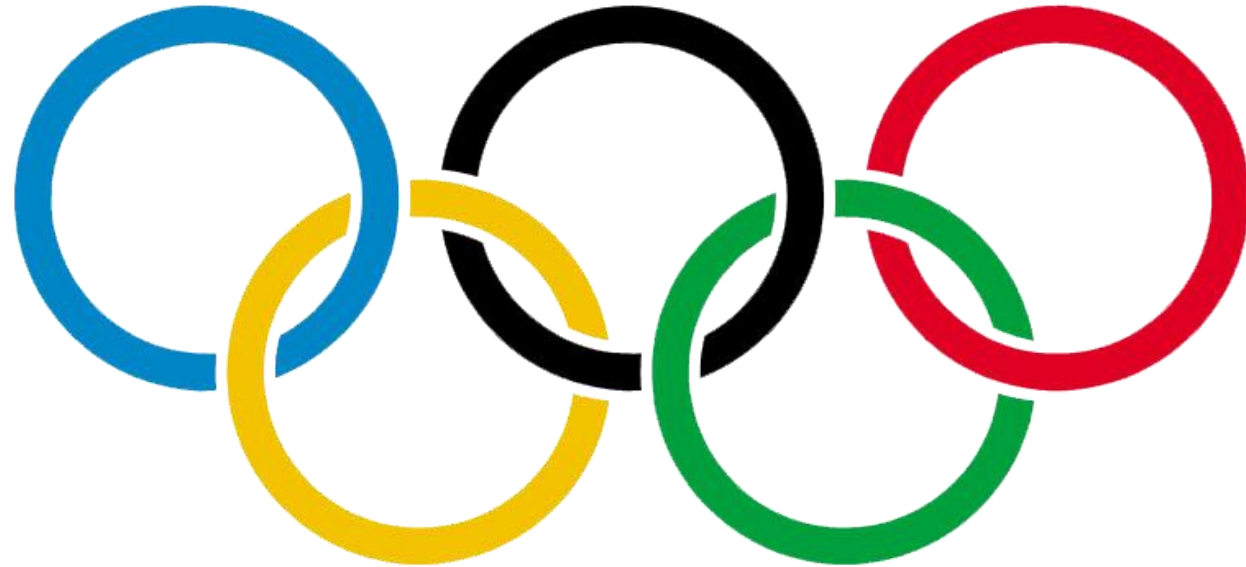


# M2U2 An Interview

Reading



Welcome to the Olympics



- Challenge your memory.



# How much do you know about the Olympics?


• **1. Which country started the ancient Olympics?**

-  Greece      B. America      C. South Africa

• **2. What was rewarded to the winners in the ancient Olympics?**

- A. Medals      B. Money       Olive wreath

• **3. When and where did the modern Olympics begin?**

- A. 1896; Olympia       1896; Athens
- C. 1900; Olympia      D. 1900; Athens

• **4. What **events** are held **in the modern Olympics**?**

# Ball Games



football (soccer)



basketball



baseball



tennis



volleyball



table tennis



badminton

The Pride of China

# Track and Field



pole jump



hurdling



running

[dʒim'næstiks]  
Gymnastics



# Others



wrestling



shooting



swimming



weight-lifting



diving

# Some Sports Games in Winter



skating



skiing



ice ball



figure skating  
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...

The motto of the Olympics:

Swifter, Higher and Stronger.

# Knowledge about the Olympics

- 1. Ancient Olympics started in Greece.
- 2. Winners were rewarded olive wreath in Ancient Olympics.
- 3. Modern Olympics began in Athens in 1896.
- 4. Events in Modern Olympics include ball games, track and field, gymnastics, sports games in winter and so on.



# The Olympic Games

## Ancient Olympics & Modern Olympics

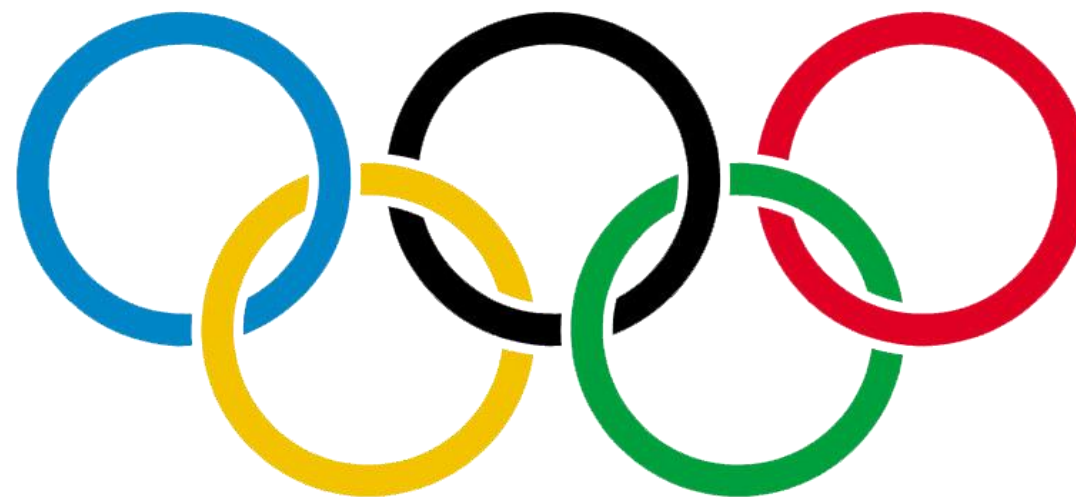
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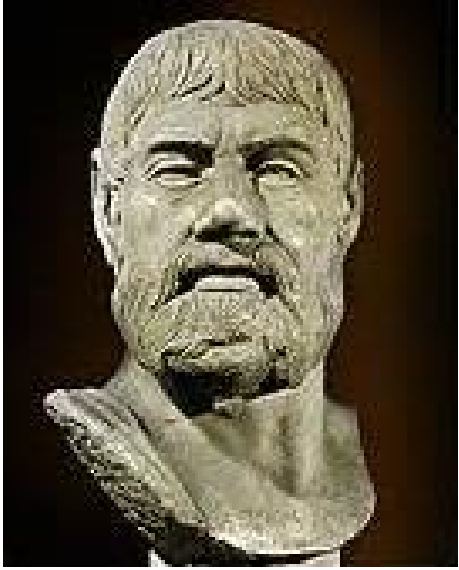
time and place

events

the motto

athletes (Olympic stars) ...





Pausanias, a Greek writer about 2,000 years ago  
to learn about **the modern Olympics**

# An Interview



Li Yan, a Chinese volunteer for the 2008 Olympic  
Games

## Step 1: Read for structure

### 1. What questions **directly** help Pausanias learn about the modern Olympics?

- How often do you hold your Games?
- Where are all the athletes housed?
- Does anyone want to host the Olympic Games?

### 2. What questions **indirectly** help Pausanias learn about the modern Olympics?

- Winter Games? How can the runners enjoy competing in winter? And what about the horses?
- Do you mean the Greek world?
- Did you say medals? Do you compete for prize money too?

Step 2: Read for detailed information.

## prepared questions:

- How often do you hold your Games?
- Where are all the athletes housed?
- Does anyone want to host the Olympic Games?

*time/frequency  
place/facility  
host country*

## unprepared questions:

- Winter Games? How can the runners enjoy competing in winter? And what about the horses?
- Do you mean the Greek world?
- Did you say medals? Do you compete for prize money too?

*event  
athlete  
prize*

## 1. What do you think of Pausanias as an interviewer?

He's an **experienced** interviewer.

## 2. Any more **details** to show he's experienced?

My name is..., I've come to find out...May I ask you...?

**to introduce himself & state purpose**

How interesting! Thank you so much for...

**to express thanks**

Please wait a minute! All those events, all those countries and even women taking part?

**to make sure the information is correct**

## A successful interview often includes:

- ✓ self-introduction
- ✓ the purpose of the interview
- ✓ prepared & unprepared questions (**to the topic**)
- ✓ thanks

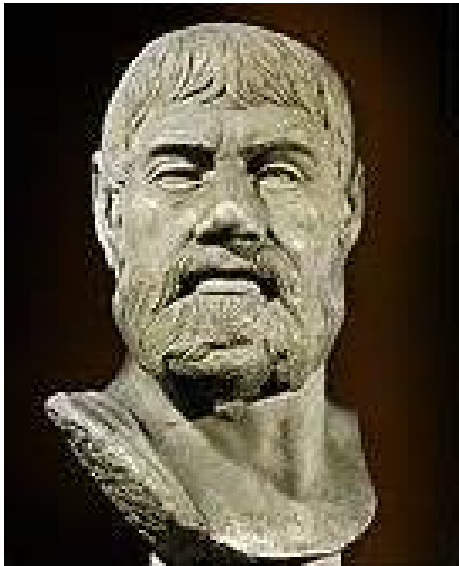
## Step 3: Make an interview.



If you were Li Yan, interview Pausanias to learn about **the ancient Olympics**.

**time (how often)**  
**event (what)**  
**athlete (who)**  
**host country**  
**prize**

- every four years
- running; horse riding
- no slaves nor women
- Greece
- olive wreath



**on a regular basis**

reach the agreed standard

**be admitted as competitors**

for the honor of winning

**compete against...for...**

a great responsibility and honor

# Step 4: Identify facts and inquire relations.

## Similarities & Differences

1.one set of Games

2.no women nor slaves

3.only Greece

1.two main sets of Games

2.athletes who have reached the standard

3.competitors from all over the world



776 BC

394 AD

1896

**Ancient  
Olympics**

1.be held every four years

2.have running races

3.no prize money for winners

**Modern  
Olympics**

In a word, the Olympics are making progress/  
developing/improving.

## Step 5: Write a paragraph.

If you were Pausanias, after interviewing Li Yan, write an article about **the similarities and differences of the ancient and modern Olympics.**

- ❑ The ancient Olympics started in 776 BC **while** the modern Olympics appeared in the year of 1986. **fact**
- ✓ **Although** the ancient and modern Olympics share some similarities, they are different in some ways. **opinion**

an opinion + several facts = a paragraph  
(to the opinion)

## Step 6: Enjoying and evaluating.

Pay attention to the check points:

*Is the writing **well-organized**?*

*Are the new words and expressions **properly used**?*

*Is it **creative and attractive**?*

# An article about **the similarities and differences** of the **ancient and modern Olympics**

Both the ancient and modern Olympics are held every four years on a regular basis. Running races are included as well. Athletes compete for the motto of the Olympics: “Swifter, Higher and Stronger.” Of course, winners will be awarded no prize money. **Although the ancient and modern Olympics share some similarities, they are different in some ways.** Firstly, there’s one set of Games in the former while there’re two sets of Games, mainly the Winter and the Summer Olympics in the latter. Secondly, neither slaves nor women could take part before. However, athletes who have reached the agreed standard for their event will be admitted as competitors now. Finally, different from the ancient Olympics, nowadays, every country considers it a great responsibility and honor to host the Olympics.

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**In a word, the Olympics are making progress.**



The Olympic Games **help** promote a better and more peaceful world.



The sports **help** build up a stronger body and improve happiness.



## Step 7: Homework.

1. Role play **the interview** (pair work);
2. Finish writing the paragraph and share a possible version with the rest of the class;
3. Appreciate the improved version of writing and memorize the ways to **express comparison(类比)** and **contrast(对比)**. (individual work)