



Olympic Sports & International Games

Let's Talk Sports

Welcome & Objectives

Welcome to **Let's Talk Sports – Olympic Sports & International Games**

Today, you will:

- Learn vocabulary related to Olympic sports and global competitions
- Practise using **past simple** and the **passive voice**
- Talk about sports history and national achievements
- Engage in fun speaking and thinking activities

What's a Global Sport Event?

- Have you ever watched the Olympics?
- What international sports events do you know? (e.g. World Cup, Wimbledon)
- Do people in your country follow these events?

Vocabulary – Olympic Sports

Discuss the following terms with your tutor:

Sport	Description
athletics	running, jumping, and throwing events
gymnastics	body movements with strength, balance, and control
fencing	a sword-fighting sport
archery	shooting arrows at a target
judo	a type of Japanese martial art
diving	jumping into water from a platform or springboard

Question: Which of these sports have you seen or tried?

Vocabulary – Event, Medal, Flag

Take a look at the following Olympic words:

- **athlete** – a person who trains and competes in a sport
- **event** – one sport competition (e.g. 100m race)
- **medal** – a prize: gold (1st), silver (2nd), bronze (3rd)
- **flag** – the national symbol carried by athletes
- **ceremony** – a formal event (e.g. opening or medal giving)

Question:

Describe your country's flag

Has your country been in the Olympics?

Grammar – Past Simple (Regular & Irregular)

Understanding the grammar rule:

Use **past simple** to talk about past events:

| **Regular** | played, trained, watched, visited

| **Irregular** | won, went, came, took, saw

Structure:

- **Positive:** “She won a medal.”
- **Negative:** “He didn’t compete last year.”
- **Question:** “Did they train together?”

Tip: Common time words: yesterday, last year, in 2016



Grammar Practice – Fill in the Blanks

Use the correct past simple form to complete the sentences:

- Usain Bolt _____ (win) the gold medal in 2008.
- We _____ (watch) the Olympic Games last summer.
- She _____ (not go) to Tokyo.
- _____ you _____ (see) the judo final?



Reading – A National Hero

Read the following passage with your tutor:

“In 2021, Neeraj Chopra made history by winning India’s first Olympic gold medal in javelin throw. The whole country celebrated his achievement. He trained for years to reach this level.”

Vocabulary:

- **javelin throw** = a sport where athletes throw a long spear
- **achievement** = something important done with effort

Discussion:

- Why was this important for his country?
- Do you know any sports heroes from your country?

Grammar – Passive Voice (was/were + past participle)

Understanding the grammar rule:

We use **passive voice** when the focus is on the action, not the person.

Structure:
was/were + past participle (verb 3)

Active	Passive
“She won gold.”	“Gold was won by her.”
“They played rugby.”	“Rugby was played yesterday.”

Grammar Practice – Rephrase in Passive

Have a go at rephrasing the sentences below in Passive Voice:

- Brazil hosted the Olympics in 2016. → The Olympics _____
- She carried the flag. → The flag _____
- They opened the stadium. → The stadium _____



Vocabulary – Countries & Flags

Understanding adjectives:

Country	Adjective	Example
Japan	Japanese	The Japanese athlete won gold.
France	French	The French team arrived early.
Brazil	Brazilian	Brazilian fans were loud.
China	Chinese	A Chinese swimmer broke the record.
Germany	German	German athletes trained hard.

Discussion: Can you think of 3 countries and say something about their teams?

Speaking – Medal Predictions

Imagine:

Your country is sending athletes to the Olympics. Describe what you think they might win, and why?

Example:

“I think we might win a bronze medal in wrestling, because...”

Tip: Use might / could for possibility.



Vocabulary – Sport Verbs

Understanding verbs in sports:

- **compete** = take part in a contest
- **win / lose** = be the winner / not win
- **train** = prepare physically and mentally
- **cheer** = shout in support
- **break a record** = achieve the best result ever

Task: Can you think of a sentence for each of the words from above?

Example:

“She trained hard and broke a world record.”

Grammar – Past Passive with Time

How to use time expressions with passive voice:

Example:

“The ceremony **was held** last Friday.”

“A record **was broken** in 2021.”

Form:

was/were + past participle + time



Reading – A Famous Olympic Moment

Read the following passage with your tutor:

“In 1992, the ‘Dream Team’ from the USA played in basketball. It was the first time professionals were allowed to play. Stars like Michael Jordan were part of the team. Gold **was easily won** by them.”

Discussion:

- Why was this team special?
- What sport do you think your country is best at?



Activity – Mini Timeline

Task: Create a mini Olympic timeline with the following:

- Choose 3 years
- Say where the games were held
- Say one thing that happened

Example starter: “In 2016, the Olympics were held in Brazil. New sports like...”



Grammar Practice – Correct the Mistakes

Have a go at fixing these passive errors:

- The medal was give to him.
- Athletes was trained hard.
- The games were hold in Japan.

