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Meet the Mascots of the Summer Olympic Games

This summer the world turns its eyes to Tokyo, Japan. Why? That's where the Summer Olympics will be held starting on Friday, July 23.



Olympic Mascots

A mascot is any human, animal, or object used to represent a group such as a school, company or sports team. Each Olympics also has one or more mascots.



MIRAITOWA
ミライトワ

Miraitowa is the official mascot of the 2021 Summer Olympics. Miraitowa comes from two Japanese words, *mirai* meaning future and *towa* meaning eternity. Miraitowa has a personality inspired by the Japanese proverb, "learn from the past and develop new ideas." Miraitowa is cheerful, athletic, and has a special power.

What is Miraitowa's superpower?

Circle every other letter to find out.

OBTKCLAGNBTYETLAERPJO
IRSTDARNFYHWCHQEZ
RCENIJTSWBAVNMTQSA

I T P
Y N



SOMEITY
ソメイティ

Someity is the official mascot of the Summer Paralympic Games. Someity is named after someiyoshino, a type of cherry blossom. Its name also sounds like the English phrase, *so mighty*. Someity is calm, quiet, and has enormous mental and physical strength. Someity represents the Paralympic athletes who overcome obstacles and achieve things once thought impossible.

What is Someity's superpower?

Circle every other letter to find out.

TCHUEVAKBMYLFIQTDYITPOA
TLACLJKXTNOHSWTEOINJEN
STAGNKDLTNHBDWGIYNPDS

T Y
T S TO
H W

Pictograms

It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words. At the Olympic Games, a picture is worth a thousand words in hundreds of languages.

Pictograms are simplified pictures or symbols. There is one for each sport to help people from all over the world understand what is happening. For example, this pictogram represents the Olympic sport of judo.

Can you read these pictograms? Do the math to match each pictogram to the name of the Olympic event it represents.

- 12 = Rowing
- 11 = Swimming
- 13 = Triathlon
- 18 = Artistic Gymnastics
- 7 = Table Tennis
- 33 = Surfing
- 28 = Archery
- 30 = Football (Soccer)
- 27 = Equestrian Jumping
- 10 = Athletics
- 32 = Fencing
- 15 = Diving



8 + 9 + 1 =



3 + 3 + 6 =



17 - 4 =



22 - 12 =

Explore more at olympics.com

Extra! Extra!

The Great Symbol Search

Look for five symbols in today's newspaper. Show them to a friend to see if they can tell what the symbol represents.

Standards Link: Connect artistic representations to meaning.

Hometown Mascot

Chosen by Children

The Tokyo Games organizing committee invited people to submit designs for the mascots. A total of 2,042 mascot designs were sent in. The committee selected three pairs of mascot designs.

Nearly 206,000 Japanese elementary school students voted for the ones they liked best!

Imagine that the Olympic Games will be held in your town. Draw a mascot to represent where you live.

ATHLETIC WORD SEARCH

- GYMNASTICS
- WATER POLO
- BASEBALL
- SWIMMING
- SURFING
- SAILING
- KARATE
- TENNIS
- SOCCER
- TRACK
- CANOE
- GOLF
- JUDO

Find the words in the puzzle by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

G N I M M I W S B O
O L O P R E T A W R
L E L S Y M S T J E
F O P I U E C E U C
O N S P B R O N D C
K A R A T E F N O O
R C L G N I L I A S
T L K C A R T S N S
S C I T S A N M Y G

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Sports Team Mascots

Sports team mascots give personality to their teams. Look through today's sports section. Select one team and make a list of characteristics you think that team wants to convey. Create a new mascot for that team.

Standards Link: Display meaning through a variety of artistic representations.



What is a banana's favorite gymnastics move?

ANSWER: The splits!

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