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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.

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

_____ 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.

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

_____ T _____ Y
_____ T O _____
_____ T S _____
_____ 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.



18 - 3 = _____



11 + 11 + 11 = _____



24 + 6 = _____



41 - 9 = _____



14 + 14 = _____



3 + 6 + 2 = _____



9 + 9 + 9 = _____



5 + 2 = _____



8 + 9 + 1 = _____



3 + 3 + 6 = _____



17 - 4 = _____



22 - 12 = _____

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.

Explore more at olympics.com

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

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

GYMNASTICS

WATER POLO

BASEBALL

SWIMMING

SURFING

SAILING

KARATE

TENNIS

SOCCER

TRACK

CANOE

GOLF

JUDO

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.



Kid Scoop Together: Olympic Quiz

Read these questions to a family member. How many did they get right?

- What do the five rings of the Olympics mean?
 - ☐ Five Cities
 - ☐ Five Countries
 - ☐ Five Continents
- What does the Olympic Motto "Citius, Altius, Fortius" mean?
 - ☐ Smarter, Stronger, Faster
 - ☐ Swifter, Higher, Stronger
 - ☐ Better, Bigger, Bolder
- According to the Olympic Creed, the most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but ...
 - ☐ to play fair.
 - ☐ to win big.
 - ☐ to take part.
- Where is the Olympic torch first lit?
 - ☐ Athens
 - ☐ Greece
 - ☐ Olympia
- Women were first allowed to compete in the Olympics in what year?
 - ☐ 1800
 - ☐ 1900
 - ☐ 2000
- The 2022, Winter Olympic Games will be held in:
 - ☐ Paris
 - ☐ Beijing
 - ☐ Los Angeles
- Which of the following is NOT a color of one of the Olympic rings?
 - ☐ Blue
 - ☐ Purple
 - ☐ Black
- All the participating countries sent female athletes for the first time in which Olympics?
 - ☐ 1976 Montreal
 - ☐ 1984 Los Angeles
 - ☐ 2012 London

1. Five continents
2. Swifter, Higher, Stronger
3. To take part
4. Olympia
5. 1900
6. Beijing
7. Purple
8. 2012 London

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VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: ETERNITY

The noun **eternity** means a period of time that seems to be endless, often used when exaggerating.

It took an **eternity** to reach the front of the line.

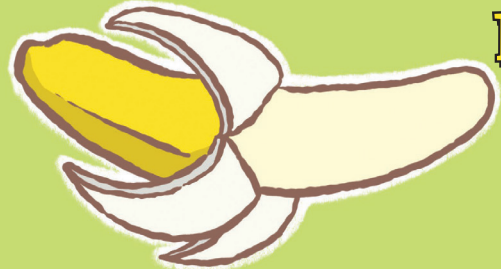
Try to use the word **eternity** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

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!

Write On!

My Favorite Olympic Event

What is your favorite event in the Summer Olympics and why?



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