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The Paris Games



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Thousands of athletes are coming together in Paris, France, to compete in the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad. The opening ceremony will take place on July 26. Will you be watching the festivities?

Most of the events will take place in the city or nearby; there are 35 **venues**, or sites, for the games.

The medals

For the Olympic and Paralympic Games, designers included iron that had been removed and preserved from the Eiffel Tower over the years. The iron is marked with the emblem of the Games and set in the middle of gold, silver and bronze disks. On the reverse of the Olympic disks are images of Nike, the goddess of victory.



The mascots

The **Phryges** (FREEZH) are the mascots of the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

During the time of the French Revolution, the red Phrygian cap was a symbol of freedom. Olympic officials said the design was chosen because it is a "strong symbol for the French Republic."



Pictogram puzzle

A **pictogram** (PIC-toe-gram) is a symbol that represents something. For example, in ancient times, people drew pictograms (or pictographs) on rock walls to tell stories about their lives.

With each Olympics, pictograms are used to identify the events. The 2024 pictograms identify each of the Olympic sports as a coat of arms that includes a tool used in the event and the field of play.

The Mini Page challenges you to a matching game! Try to match these pictograms to the following Olympic events: 3x3 basketball, beach volleyball, breaking, canoe slalom, cycling BMX freestyle, diving, equestrian jumping, hockey, skateboarding and surfing.



1. _____



2. _____



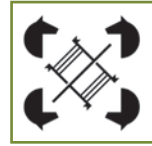
3. _____

Mini Fact:

Rugby player Antoine Dupont lighted the cauldron in Toulouse, France, along the torch relay route.



4. _____



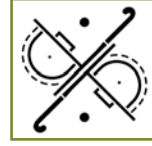
5. _____



6. _____



7. _____



8. _____



9. _____



10. _____

Answers: 1. cycling BMX freestyle; 2. skateboarding; 3. 3x3 basketball; 4. canoe slalom; 5. equestrian jumping; 6. beach volleyball; 7. surfing; 8. hockey; 9. diving; 10. breaking.

Resources



On the Web:

- bit.ly/MPmascot
- olympics.com/en/paris-2024
- bit.ly/MPtorch

Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of the Summer Olympics are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:



- ATHLETES, BREAKING,
- CAP, CEREMONY,
- EIFFEL, EVENTS, GAMES,
- MASCOTS, MEDALS,
- OLYMPICS, PARALYMPIC,
- PARIS, PHRYGES,
- PICTOGRAM, RELAY,
- SPORTS, TORCH, VENUE.

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

Cook's Corner

Hot and Cold Potato Salad

You'll need:

- 4 cups cubed boiled potatoes
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 3 hard-boiled eggs, chopped
- 1 cup chopped shredded carrots
- 1/4 cup vinegar

- 2 tablespoons mustard
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon dried dill
- salt and pepper to taste



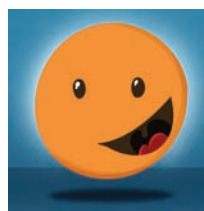
* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

What to do:

1. Combine potatoes, onion, eggs and carrots in a medium bowl.
2. In a small saucepan, heat the vinegar, mustard, mayonnaise and sour cream.
3. Pour the dressing over the potato mixture.
4. Add the dill, salt and pepper. Serve hot or cold. Serves 6 to 8.

7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.



1. hippo or mouse, for example (6) _____
2. learning about (8) _____
3. 12 months (4) _____
4. not valuable (7) _____
5. what a college graduate has (6) _____
6. necessary (9) _____
7. not dead (5) _____

AR	IMP	AL	IM
LESS	STUD	ANT	DEG
REE	AN	YE	ORT
AL	YING	IVE	USE

Answers: animal, studying, year, useless, degree, important, alive.

Mini Jokes



Gina: Why is it so hot in an Olympic stadium after the games are over?
Gavin: Because all the fans have gone home!

Eco Note



Residents of northern Nevada and parts of neighboring Idaho are being plagued by millions of Mormon crickets, which blanketed at least one highway so heavily that a tractor was needed to clear them. Social media video showed countless crickets crawling over a house, a church and other properties in Spring Creek, Nevada. The insects can inflict significant damage to crops and rangeland and are notorious for having destroyed the fields of early Mormon settlers.

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For later:

Look in your newspaper for articles about Paris Olympics coverage.

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