

1) Read the text. You have 4 minutes.

The History of the Olympic Games

Beginning in 776 **BC**, the Olympic Games were held in the Valley of Olympia in Greece. They were dedicated to the Olympian Gods and took place every four years. By about 650 **BC** the Games were held over five days. Sportsmen came to the Valley of Olympia from every corner (угол) of the Greek world. Sportsmen competed in running, wrestling and the pentathlon [pen'tæθlən]. The pentathlon was a five-event match which included running, wrestling, jumping, throwing the discus and throwing the javelin ['dʒav(ə)lɪn]. Later (позже) boxing, a chariot race and other events were included. Women could not take part in the Games and even couldn't watch them. The winners of these early Games were awarded with wreaths from an olive tree that was planted by **Hercules*** (Heracles), founder of the Games. In 394 AD the Olympic Games were abolished.

Thanks to **Baron Pierre de Coubertin** the first Modern Olympic Games took place in Greece in 1896. They were held over 10 days in April. About 300 athletes from 13 countries participated in 9 different sports. The largest delegation was from Greece. They won 10 gold medals and set Olympic records. Women could take part in the Games. At the Moscow 1980 Games more than 5,000 athletes from 80 countries competed in 21 different sports. The 2004 Olympic Games also took place in Greece. Athletes from 202 countries competed in 28 different sports some of which, for example, the track events in athletics, are very old, while others were added to the programme of the Games not long ago. For example, open water swimming events, over the distance of 10 kilometres, were included into the programme of the Olympic Games in 2008 (in China).

BC (before Christ) — до нашей эры

AD (anno Domini) — нашей эры

Baron Pierre de Coubertin - барон Пьер де Кубертен

Hercules ['hə:kjʊli:z] – Геркулес

2) Answer the questions. You have 2 minutes for preparing.

- 1) When were the first ancient Olympic Games organized?
- 2) When were the first Modern Olympic Games organized?
- 3) Which sports were the first Olympic sports?

3) Find the sentences with the following words and translate them. You have 2 minutes.

about - приблизительно, около, почти

over - за, в, в течение

with - указывает на орудие или способ совершения действия, передаётся творительным падежом

4) Complete (допишите) the fact file about the Olympics using the text. You have 4 minutes.

	Ancient	Modern
When appeared?		
Where appeared?		
Number of sports?		
Women's participation?		
Awards?		
When abolished?		

5) Tell about the first ancient Olympic games using the table.
Tell about the first modern Olympic games using the table.

6) Fill in the chart (таблица) with information about the Modern Olympic Games from the text. You have 4 minutes.

City/Country	Year	Number of sports	Number of Nations	Number of Athletes
Greece				
London, UK	1948	17	59	4099
	1980			
	2004			

7) In the text, find the sentences in the Passive Voice and transform them into the Active Voice. You have 5 minutes.

8) Write about yourself. You have 7 minutes.

- What sports do you go in for? And why?
- Would you like to take part in the Olympic Games?
- What sports would you like to take part in?