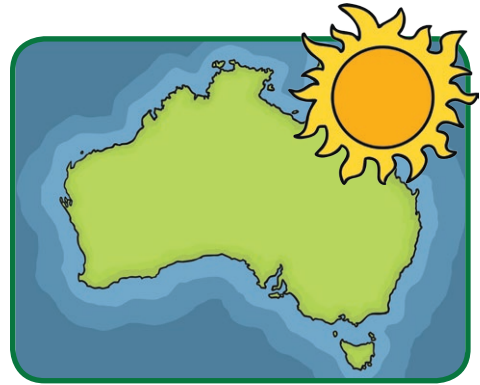


The Commonwealth Games

The Commonwealth Games are a sports event for athletes from different countries. Like the Olympics, a new country is chosen every four years to host the games.

This year, the games will happen from 4th to 15th April in sunny Australia.



What Are the Events?



swimming



diving

cycling



Did You Know...?

Our Queen is ruler of 16 of the countries taking part.

Questions

1. The Commonwealth Games are for athletes from different... Tick one.

- ☐ countries
- ☐ towns
- ☐ schools

2. When will the games happen this year? Tick one.

- ☐ March
- ☐ April
- ☐ May

3. Which of these events is **not** in the games? Tick one.

- ☐ swimming
- ☐ rugby
- ☐ skipping

4. Which word is used to describe Australia? Tick one.

- ☐ snowy
- ☐ rainy
- ☐ sunny

5. Who is the ruler of 16 of the countries? Tick one.

- ☐ our King
- ☐ our Queen
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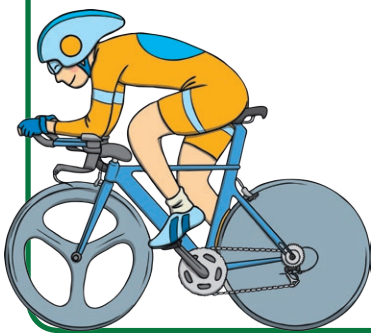
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The Commonwealth Games

What Are the Commonwealth Games?

The Commonwealth Games are a sporting event for athletes from countries that are part of the Commonwealth of Nations. It is the third largest multi-sport event.

Just like the Olympics, a different country is chosen to host the games every four years and many athletes from all over the world take part.



What Are the Events?

The events of the Commonwealth Games are very similar to those of the Olympics, along with a few extra sports, such as lawn bowls and netball. Events of the games include hockey, cycling, athletics and table tennis.

The Commonwealth Games 2018

The Commonwealth Games 2018 will take place from 4th to 15th April in Australia. Australia welcomes 6,600 athletes from 70 Commonwealth countries. This year there will be 18 sports and seven para-sports. Beach volleyball, para triathlon and women's rugby sevens will all be in the Commonwealth Games for the first time this year.



Did You Know...?

The Commonwealth Games used to be called the British Commonwealth Games.

Our queen is Queen of 16 of the 54 British Commonwealth countries.

Questions

1. What kind of event are the Commonwealth Games? Tick one.

- ☐ painting
- ☐ sporting
- ☐ dancing

2. Matching (drawing lines).

number of athletes

7

number of para-sports

6,600

number of
Commonwealth
countries taking part

70

3. When will the games happen this year? Tick one.

- ☐ 4th – 15th April
- ☐ 1st – 15th March
- ☐ 24th – 25th May

4. Fill in the missing word.

The Commonwealth Games used to be called the _____
Commonwealth Games.

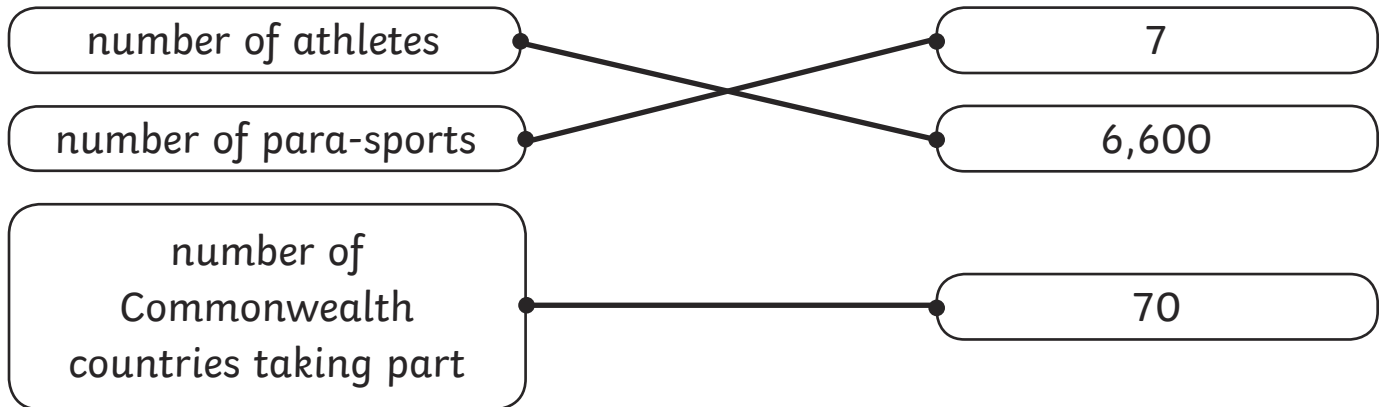
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5. Which event would you most like to take part in?

Accept any one of these events: lawn bowls, netball, triathlon, hockey, cycling, athletics, table tennis, beach volleyball, para triathlon or women's rugby sevens.

The Commonwealth Games

What Are the Commonwealth Games?

The Commonwealth Games are a sporting event held by the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF). Athletes from countries that are part of the Commonwealth of Nations can compete. These countries were once part of the British Empire. It is the third largest sporting in the world.

Just like the Olympics, a different country is chosen to host the games every four years and thousands of athletes from all over the world take part. In the past the games have been held in England, Wales, Scotland, India and Jamaica.

What Are the Events?

The events of the Commonwealth Games are very similar to those of the Olympics with a few additional sports, such as lawn bowls and netball. Events of the games include athletics, triathlon, basketball, hockey, diving, swimming, cycling, rugby sevens and table tennis.



The Commonwealth Games 2018

The Commonwealth Games 2018 will take place from 4th to 15th April in different places all over Australia. It will be called 'The Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games' and the main event cities will be Brisbane, Cairns and Townsville.



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Did You Know...?

- The Commonwealth Games used to be called the British Commonwealth Games. It changed its name in 1978.
- Our Queen is the Queen of 16 of the 54 British Commonwealth nations competing.
- The three countries to have hosted the games the most times are Australia (five times), Canada (four times) and New Zealand (three times).



Questions

1. What does CGF stand for? Tick one.

- ☐ Common Games Forum
- ☐ Commonwealth Games Federation
- ☐ Curling Game Family

2. Matching (drawing lines).

equal

additional

compete

take part

extra

the same

3. Find and copy one word that shows that the Commonwealth Games are very like the Olympics.

4. Fill in the missing word.

The Commonwealth Games were once called the _____
Commonwealth Games.

5. Which country has hosted the games the most times?

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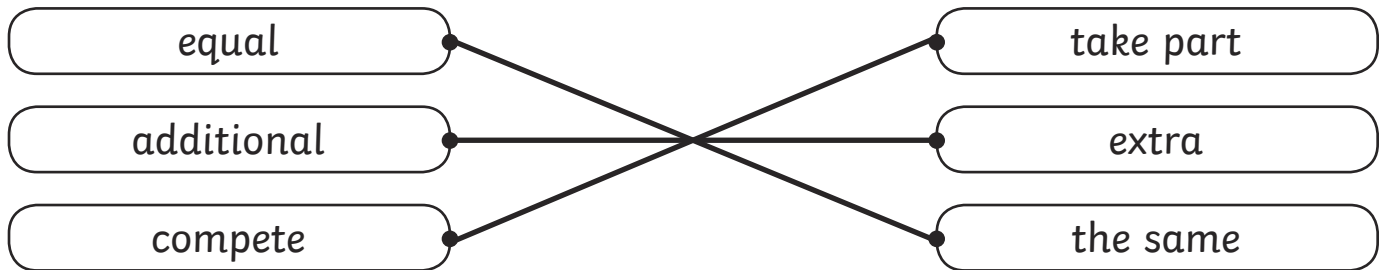
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Accept similar or just like

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