5/6L's Amazing Olympic Facts

Did you know that the opening ceremony procession of athletes is always led by the Greek team, followed by all the other teams in alphabetical order? Except for the hosting team who comes last in the ceremony but most likely not in the medal tally! By Maddi D

Did you know that there are 1,469 days, 21 hours remaining until the 2016 Olympics? By Bailey

Did you know that the 1936 Berlin Games were the first to be televised? But we didn't have TV in Australia back then. By Caiden

Did you know that the first time women were allowed to participate in the Olympics was in 1900 at the second Modern Olympic Games which was held in Paris? By Jasmin

Did you know the last Olympic gold medals that were made entirely out of gold and were awarded in 1912? Since then the competitors have been ripped off! By Orion.

Did you know that the first opening ceremony was held at the 1908 Olympic Games in London and they just keep getting bigger but not necessarily better? By Ethan

Did you know it's getting harder and harder for athletes to get into the Olympic Games? This is because the competitors are getting better and better. By Jai

Did you know in the 21st Century the Olympics Games have been held 4 times including London? Sydney first held it in 2000, then Athens in 2004, Beijing in 2008 and London 2012 which starts this Friday night. In 2016 Rio de Janeiro will hold the Olympic Games. By Lachie

Did you know the process to be a host city of the Olympic Games takes 9 years? The IOC which stands for the (International Olympic Committee) chooses some cities' to go into the final phase. In this part, the IOC votes to select the host of the Olympic Games. This time London won the vote to host the 2012 Games. Rio was the lucky winner for 2016. 2020 is still a question mark. By Madeleine

Did you know the Olympic Games have been held in London three times first in 1908, second in 1948 and the third in 2012? By Dayna
Did you know Australia has won 131 gold, 137 silver and 164 bronze medals in the Olympic Games?

By Jarrod

DID YOU KNOW THREE CONTINENTS HAVE NEVER HOSTED THE OLYMPIC GAMES. THEY ARE AFRICA, SOUTH AMERICA AND ANTARCTIA? I THINK I KNOW WHICH CONTINENT NEVER WILL .................... ANTARCTIA BECAUSE IT DOESN’T HAVE A CITY TO HOST THE GAMES! AND IT’S A BIT CHILLY DOWN THERE. By Kay

Did you know that London has hosted 2 Olympic Games and today they are about to host their 3rd Games? By Jordan

Did you know the Olympic flag contains five interconnected rings on a white background? The five rings symbolize the five significant continents and friendship. The Olympic rings are blue, yellow, black, green and red. The colours were chosen because at least one of them appears on the flag of every country in the world. By Mikayla.

Did you know that the Olympic Games have only been held in the Southern Hemisphere twice, both times in Australia? They were in Melbourne 1956 and Sydney 2000. The 2016 games will held in Rio making it 3 games downunder. By Hannah

Did you know the London 2012 Olympic game mascots have been deemed too creepy for kids? By Holly

DID YOU KNOW THE OLYMPIC GAMES WERE HELD IN MELBOURNE IN 1956? THE MAIN STADIUM WAS THE MCG. BY JAMES

Did you know that the Olympic medals are designed especially for each individual Olympic Games? Each medal must be at least 3 millimetres thick and sixty millimetres in diameter. Also, the gold and silver Olympic medals must be made out of 92.5 percent silver, with the gold medal covered with 6 grams of gold. The bronze medal is made out of 100 percent bronze because bronze is cheap. By Kayla

Did you know the Olympic Motto is: Citius, Altius, Fortius? And for the those people who don’t speak Latin like I do it means Swifter, Higher, Stronger. By Maddie.

Did you know that a record 202 countries participated in the 2004 Olympic summer games in Athens? By Stephanie

Did you know that Australia has won 439 Olympic medals in total? By Zac