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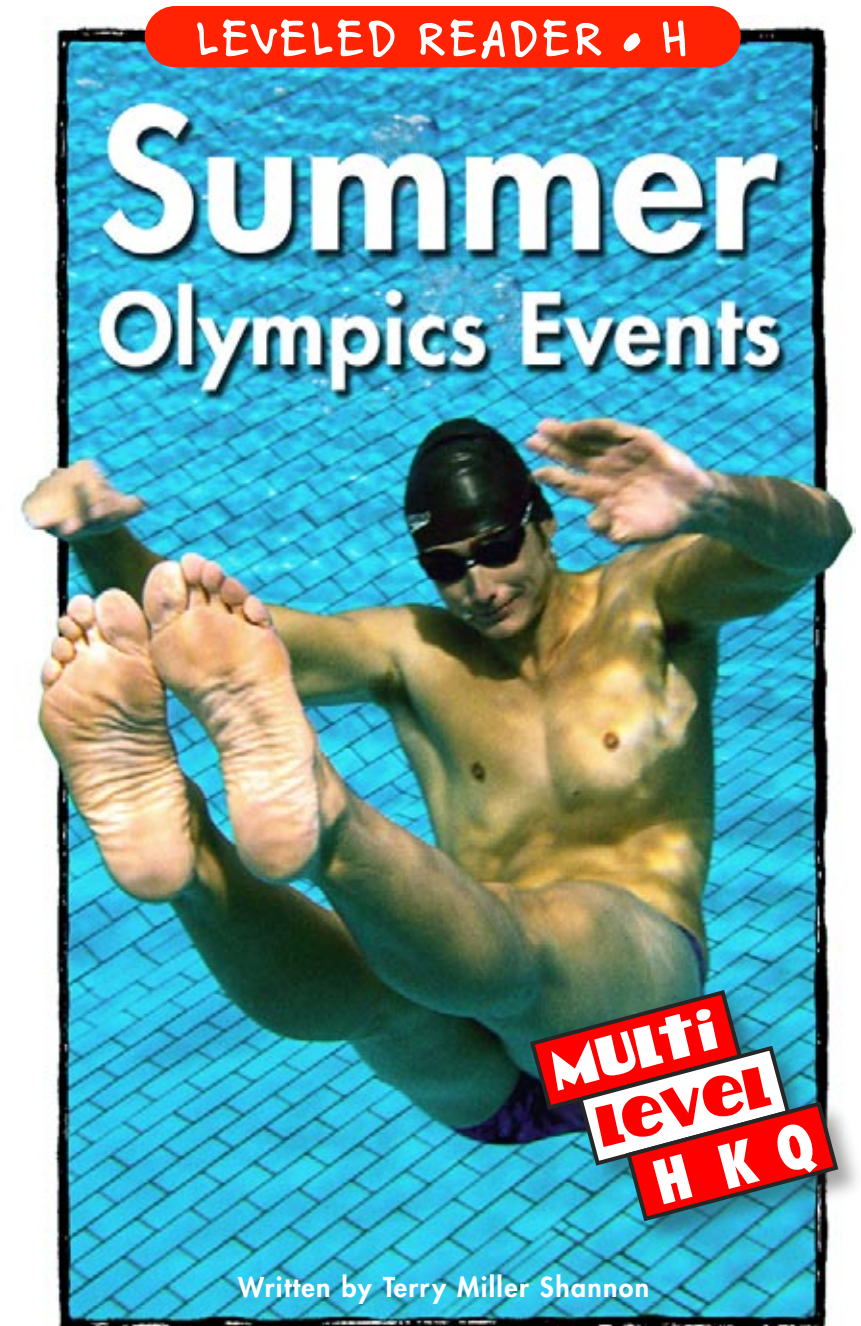
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Places where past games have been held:

Munich	1972	Barcelona	1992
Montreal	1976	Atlanta	1996
Moscow	1980	Sydney	2000
Los Angeles	1984	Athens	2004
Seoul	1988	Beijing	2008

The Summer Olympic Games

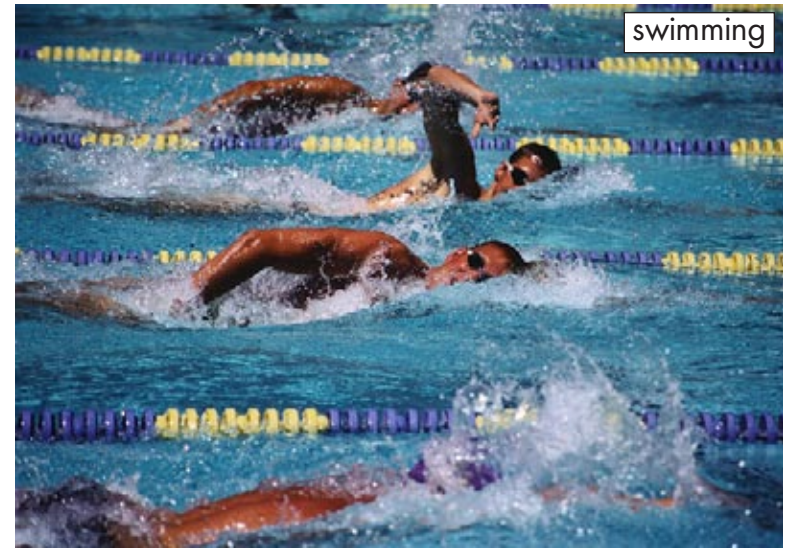
The Summer Olympics are held every four years.

They are held in cities around the world.



Athletes walk in a parade at the start of the Games.

Let's look at some of the games.



swimming



water polo

Water Sports

There are many water sports.

One water sport is swimming.



relay race



breaststroke



backstroke



butterfly stroke



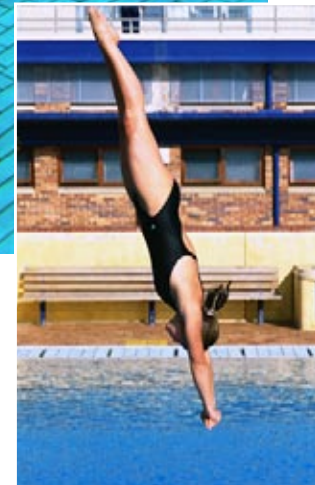
freestyle

Some swimming races use only one kind of stroke.
Other races use many strokes.



diving

Divers twist and flip before hitting the water.



Another water sport is diving.
Divers jump from high above the water.



Many Olympic events take place on the track and field.

Track and Field

Track and field events are games of running, throwing, and jumping. Races can be short or long.



hammer throw



discus



shot put



javelin

In throwing games, people win by throwing objects the farthest.



high jump

In the high jump, people leap over a bar.

In the long jump, people leap as far as they can.



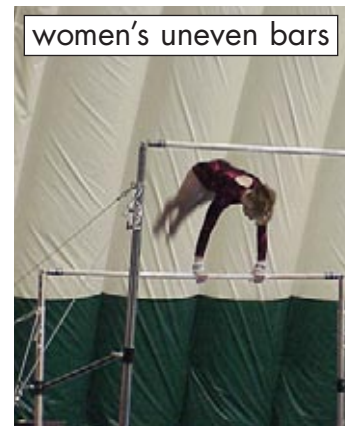
long jump



men's rings



women's balance beam



women's uneven bars



men's pommel horse

Gymnasts

Gymnasts leap, flip, and twirl. They need strength, skill, and good timing.



Only women **compete** on the balance beam. They must balance on the beam while they turn and flip.



A gymnast's arms and shoulders need to be strong to do the rings.

Only men compete on the rings. They hold onto the rings and flip their bodies in circles.

Summer Olympic Sports



Archery	Modern Pentathlon
Badminton	Rowing
Baseball	Sailing
Basketball	Shooting
Boxing	Softball
Canoe/Kayak	Table Tennis
Cycling	Taekwondo
Equestrian	Tennis
Fencing	Track and Field
Football	Triathlon
Gymnastics	Volleyball
Handball	Water sports
Hockey	Weightlifting
Judo	Wrestling

The Summer Olympics include many sports.

Which sports do you like?

Glossary

compete (v.) to do something for the purpose of winning (p. 13)

gymnasts (n.) people who leap, flip, and twirl through the air (p. 12)

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