

Want to keep your mind healthy and your body fit? Visit the....

# ANCIENT GREEK OLYMPIC FESTIVAL

## Where and when:

**Time** – Midsummer  
**Where** – Olympia Valley near the Temple of Zeus,  
 9 miles East of Pyrgos, Greece  
**Duration** – 5 days  
**Following Event** – 4 years time

## Attractions include:

Athletics  
 Art and sculpture exhibitions  
 Poetry recitals  
 Merchants selling food and other wares  
 Men only event

## You will see:

The athletes take the Olympic oath  
 Grand processions, prize-giving and feasting  
 Winners awarded their 'wreaths of olive leaves'

## Athletic events include:

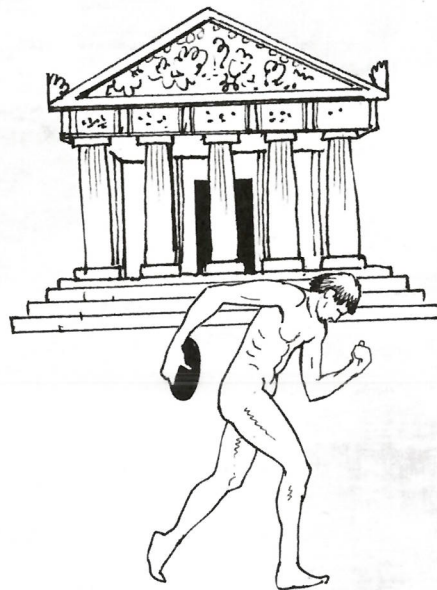
Running races, wrestling, boxing, horse racing, the pentathlon and chariot racing  
 Contests for boys and men  
 No slaves allowed

## Accommodation:

Purpose built hotel  
 Camping outside the stadium

**Guaranteed  
Safe Travel  
to and from  
the Event**

**Entry Fee:  
One Silver  
Coin**



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### Section A

Choose the best word or group of words to fit the passage and put a ring around your choice.

This poster advertising the Ancient Greek Olympic Festival contains lots of information. The games take place in

1 **early spring**      **midsummer**      **late autumn**      **winter**

near the Temple of Zeus,

2 **seven**      **eight**      **nine**      **ten**

miles east of Pyrgos, Greece. The attractions include art, poetry, food as well as

3 **swimming.**      **football.**      **tennis.**      **athletics.**

You will see the winners awarded

4 **gold medals.**      **wreaths of olive leaves.**  
**wreaths of holly leaves.**      **silver cups.**

There are contests for men and

5 **boys.**      **slaves.**      **girls.**      **women.**

You can camp outside the

6 **Temple of Zeus.**      **east of Pyrgos.**      **hotel.**      **stadium.**

The entry fee is

7 **one silver coin.**      **two silver coins.**      **three silver coins.**

### Section B

1 Where did the Olympic Festival take place?

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2 How long did the event last for?

\_\_\_\_\_

3 What does a 'merchant' do?

\_\_\_\_\_

4 Name four different athletic events at the festival.

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5 How would visiting this event help to keep your 'body fit'?

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6 How would visiting this event help to keep your 'mind healthy'?

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7 Only 'boys and men' were allowed to enter the athletics competitions. Why do you think this was the case?

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### Section C

Design a poster encouraging people to visit your school sports day or another event organised by your school.

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### Section A

- 1) midsummer
- 2) nine
- 3) athletics.
- 4) wreaths of olive leaves.
- 5) boys.
- 6) stadium.
- 7) one silver coin.

### Section B

- 1) Olympia Valley near the Temple of Zeus. 9 miles east of Pyrgos, Greece.
  - 2) 5 days.
  - 3) Sells things.
  - 4) Accept 4 events from the six listed.
  - 5) It would involve a lot of exercise / could be inspired.
  - 6) You could visit art and sculpture exhibitions.
  - 7) Open ended. Accept an answer with supporting statement that indicates an understanding of the place of women in society.
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