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Olympic **GOLD MEDALS** are actually more than **90 PERCENT SILVER**.

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A Chinese man built a **BICYCLE THAT LOOKS LIKE THE OLYMPIC RINGS**.

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The Olympics were first written about in **776 B.C.**, when the games were held at the sacred site of **OLYMPIA, IN GREECE**.

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In ancient Greece, Olympic athletes **COVERED THEIR BODIES IN OLIVE OIL AND FINE SAND**, in part to protect their skin from the sun.

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**CHEATERS** in early Olympic Games had to **PAY A FINE** that was used to erect a statue of Zeus, called a *Zane*, with the cheater's name inscribed on the base.



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The symbol of the Olympics, **FIVE INTERLOCKED RINGS**, represents the **FIVE CONTINENTS** in competition. North America and South America are considered one continent.

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The **FIRST OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES** weren't held until **1924**.

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**WOMEN** first took part in the **1900 OLYMPICS**, held in Paris, France, competing in tennis, sailing, croquet, horse-back riding, and golf.

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**OLYMPIC TORCHES LIT** in Olympia have made their way to host stadiums on five continents through snow, over water, by air-plane, and **ATOP A HORSE AND A CAMEL**.

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In the 2010 Winter Olympics, **WOMEN PARTICIPATED** in nearly **50 PERCENT** of the events.

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The Summer Olympics scheduled for **2016** in **RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL**, will be the first time the games—winter or summer—have ever been held in South America.

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There were **NO OLYMPIC GAMES** from 1940 to 1944 because of **WORLD WAR II**.

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In **SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING**, teams of two or eight athletes perform in unison routines set to music played on loudspeakers both above and below water.

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The first competition for **WHEELCHAIR ATHLETES** was held on the day of the opening ceremony of the 1948 Olympics, in London, England.

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The first **EIGHT FINISHERS** in an Olympic event have their names read aloud and **RECEIVE A DIPLOMA**.

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When the ancient Greeks were at war with each other, they **CALLED A TRUCE** to hold the Olympics.

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The Olympics began as a way to honor **ZEUS, KING OF THE GREEK GODS**.

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In 1958, an old Olympic running track was **UNEARTHED** that measured 232 yards (212 m). Ancient Greek legend says that **HERCULES** paced it out, exactly 600 steps.

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The youngest individual gold-medal winner is **MARJORIE GESTRING**, who won the springboard diving title at the 1936 Olympics when she was **13 YEARS** and 268 days old.

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Between 1956 and 1964, Soviet gymnast **LARISA LATYNINA** collected 18 Olympic medals—the most of any athlete to this day.





**23**  
Swimmer **MICHAEL PHELPS** has **WON MORE MEDALS, 16**, than any other man, and **MORE GOLD MEDALS, 14**, than any other man or woman.

**24**  
The **OLYMPIC SHOT**, a metal ball thrown in the shot put event, weighs **16 POUNDS (7.26 kg)** for male competitors, **8.8 POUNDS (4 kg)** for female competitors.

**25**  
Only men compete in the ten events that make up **THE DECATHLON**; women compete in the seven events that make up **THE HEPTATHLON**.



**26**  
**JACKIE JOYNER-KERSEE** set the Olympic women's record for **FARTHEST LONG JUMP—24.28 FEET (7.4 m)** in a single leap—in 1988.



**27**  
The **YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES**, for athletes ages **14–18**, were held for the first time in 2010, in Singapore.

**28**  
Competitors in **OLYMPIC WALKING RACES** must have **ONE FOOT TOUCHING THE GROUND** at all times.



**29**  
At the 2016 Summer Olympics, athletes will compete **IN GOLF FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1904**.



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At **64 YEARS AND 257 DAYS OLD**, **OSCAR SWAHN** became the oldest Olympic gold medalist when he won a 1908 shooting event.

**31**  
At the 1936 Berlin Games, African-American track and fielder **JESSE OWENS** won four gold medals, broke or equaled nine Olympic records, and set three new world records.

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Although **WEIGHTLIFTING** has been part of the Olympics since ancient times, **WOMEN DIDN'T COMPETE** in the sport until 2000.



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WINNING facts ABOUT THE **OLYMPICS**

