

**THINK!** When and where are the next Olympic Games?  
Which sport in the box is NOT in the Olympics?

cricket sailing rugby golf football

## OLYMPICS TIMELINE

1896

The first modern Olympic Games were in Greece. There were silver medals for winners and bronze medals for second place. There weren't any gold medals.

1916

In 1916, 1940 and 1944, there weren't any games because of war.

1920

There wasn't an Olympic flag until 1920. The flag of every country in the world has got one of the five Olympic colours in it.

1936

Twelve-year-old swimmer Inge Sorensen from Denmark was the youngest medallist in Olympic history.

1960

Abebe Bikila from Ethiopia was the first African to win a gold medal after running a marathon without shoes.

2016

There were two new events in Rio in 2016 – golf and rugby were the first new events in nearly 100 years.

2020

In 2020, there was a global problem and they moved the games to 2021.



1 Read the text. What sports does it mention?

2 2.14 Read and listen to the text and write *True* or *False*.

- 1 There were gold medals in the first Olympic Games.
- 2 There weren't any games in 1916.
- 3 Inge Sorensen was a swimmer from Ethiopia.
- 4 Abebe Bikila was a marathon runner.
- 5 Golf and rugby were Olympic sports for the first time in 2012.

3 **VOCABULARY PLUS** Use a dictionary to check the meanings of the words in blue in the text.

4 **USE IT!** Work in pairs. Which piece of information in the text do you think is the most interesting? What sports do you like watching in the Olympics?