

## The Olympics



### ● Dialogue

A. Aren't you interested in watching the Olympics? There have been some excellent performances by athletes from all over the world.

B. I just don't find it very interesting.

A. I think it's wonderful to see people from all over the world taking part in such a great event.

B. I think that for a lot of people, it's just a way to try and show their country is better than other countries.

A. I think the Olympics help to promote world peace.

B. I'm not sure about that. We still have many wars in the world. I think that the idea behind the Olympics is a good one, but the reality is that during the Olympics countries compete. There's no real spirit of cooperation and people are usually not very friendly to each other.

A. You are so pessimistic! The Olympics is a great opportunity for athletes to demonstrate their speed, skill, agility and strength. Most people hope to see someone from their country win, but I think that they are just happy to see good performances by any athlete.

B. Well, I think that the most amazing performances are by athletes who participate in the Paralympics.

A. Now there we are in agreement!

## ● Useful Expressions

1. How many gold medals do you think we'll win?
2. I'm sure he'll win a gold medal at the Olympics.
3. I don't think we'll win many gold medals.
4. In the last Olympics, we did very well in swimming.
5. I think the Olympics help to promote world peace.
6. I think that the idea behind the Olympics is a good one.
7. What do you think our chances are in other events?

## ● Vocabularies

**Competitor-** The contestant you hope to defeat

**Example:** "he had respect for his competitors"

**Judge-** Officially declare a judgment on someone

**Example:** "They judged him unfit to work here"



**Time-** An instance or single occasion for some event  
**Example:** "this time he succeeded"; "he called four times"

**Event-** A special set of circumstances  
**Example:** "in that event, the first possibility is excluded"

**Sport-** A person known for the way she (or he) behaves when teased, defeated or subjected to trying circumstances  
**Example:** "a good sport"; "a poor sport"

### ● Phrases

- Take part in an event
- Win an event
- Attend the opening ceremony
- Perform well in
- Do one's best