

Ancient Olympic Games Cloze

Fill in the missing words using the words in the box below

The first known Olympic Games was recorded in around 776 BC in Olympia, _____. They were held every 4 years to honour _____, king of the gods. They were a religious festival and for the month before all the Greek states, who were often at war, declared a sacred _____ so competitors could travel safely.

The first Games consisted of only one _____, the "stade" race, which was the length of the _____. Over the years more running races and other events were added, including boxing, wrestling, _____, racing, long jump, javelin and _____ throwing.

Only young _____ could take part. They had to be free men, and speak Greek. They usually competed nude, and the prize was a crown of _____ leaves (a sign of hope and peace). Women were not allowed to take part, _____ women were not even allowed to watch!

Wordbank

discus	olive
Greece	married
stadium	Zeus
truce	chariot
race	men

