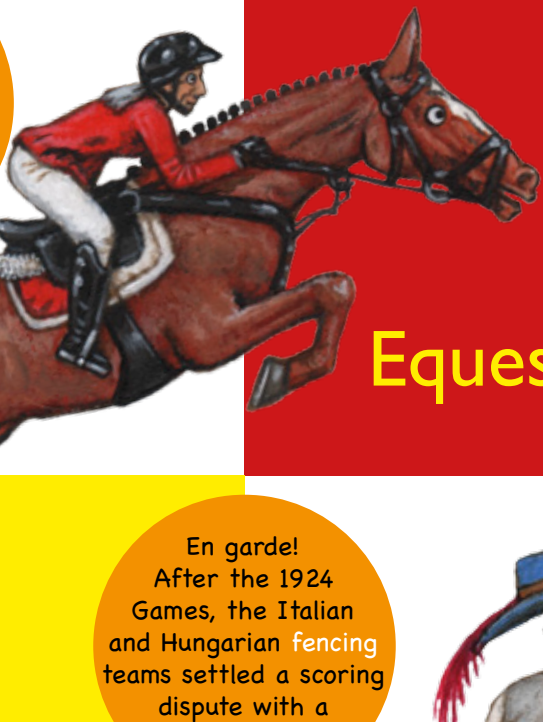


Old  
Nag? In 1972,  
70-year-old British  
rider Lorna Johnstone  
became the oldest  
woman to compete at  
the Olympic Games  
- 190 in horse  
years!



# E

is for  
Equestrian



From zero to hero  
- Emperor Nero fell  
from his chariot at the  
Games in AD 67, but  
was declared the  
winner anyway.

En garde!  
After the 1924  
Games, the Italian  
and Hungarian fencing  
teams settled a scoring  
dispute with a  
real-life duel.



# F

is for  
Flame



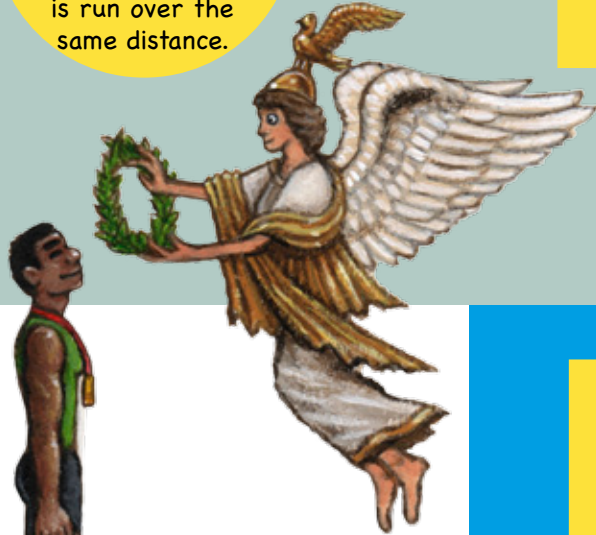
Pheidippides ran 42km from **Marathon** to Athens in 490 BC, with news of Greece's victory over Persia. The marathon is run over the same distance.

# M

is for

# Marathon

Lorz unto himself - in 1904, Fred Lorz was about to receive the gold medal when it was discovered that he'd travelled 17km of the **marathon** by car.



**Nike**, Greek goddess of victory, was sent by Zeus to crown the winners at the ancient games. She now appears on all Olympic medals.

# N

is for  
**Nike**

All athletes in **Olympia** competed in the nude. Only men took part and any married women caught watching were hurled from a cliff.



# O

is for  
**Olympia**



# S is for Stadium



King of the swimmers - Johnny Weissmuller, star of **Tarzan** films, won five Olympic gold medals in **swimming** and set 67 world records in the 1920s.



# T is for Trampoline



**Trampolines** were first used to train acrobats and athletes in the 1930s, and later astronauts.

The first **team** sport added to the Olympics was football in 1900.



A sport for men in the 1800s, **synchronised swimming** is now one of just two women-only Olympic events. The other is rhythmic gymnastics.



# U

is for



Pull the other one! Along with **underwater** swimming, other discontinued events include tug-of-war, rope climbing and pigeon shooting.



## Underwater Swimming

Underwater swimmers earned points for the time and distance swum underwater. It wasn't great fun to watch, so was dropped from later games.



# V

is for  
**Volleyball**



Pole vaulting originated in Holland and the east coast of England, where people used a pole to cross canals and marshy land.