

The Olympics

Discuss or debate the questions below. Remember to support your answers!

- Are you interested in the Olympics?
- Have you ever been to the Olympics? Would you want to go (again) someday? Why/not?
- Has your country ever hosted the Olympics? If yes, when?

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- What do you know about the Olympics? Do you know how they began?
 - Which do you find more interesting, the Summer or the Winter Olympics? Why?
 - How do you feel about some of the more unusual sports, like curling or synchronized swimming? Why/not?
 - How do you feel about sports in which the winner is chosen subjectively? In other words, the person wins on the artistic interpretation of the judges, not because he/she is the fastest or strongest competitor. Please explain.
 - Imagine you are a member of the Olympic Committee. Which event would you wanted included, but presently isn't? Why?
 - Let's continue the scenario in the previous question. Which event would you want removed from the Olympic Games? Why?
 - Who do you think should get to host the next Olympic Games? Why do you think so?
 - Imagine you want the next Olympic Games hosted in your hometown. Present an argument to your partner, who is a member of the Olympic Committee.

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- Should professional athletes like NBA or FIFA players be allowed to participate in Olympic events? Why/not?
 - Should team sports be included, such as basketball or volleyball, in the Olympics?
 - Should politics and international disagreements affect the Olympics? Why/not?
 - Are Olympic athletes good role models for children? Why/not?



- Doping in the Olympics has become quite prevalent. What do you think about making it legal, and thereby leveling the playing field? Please explain.
 - Do you agree or disagree?: Hosting the Olympics constitutes a waste of the tax payers money. Why?
 - Do you agree or disagree?: Synchronized swimming isn't a real sport. Why?
 - Which Olympic event would you like to compete in? Why?
- If you were an Olympic athlete, what would you do: a) the night before the event? b) after the event... assuming you won? c) after the event... assuming you lost? Please explain.