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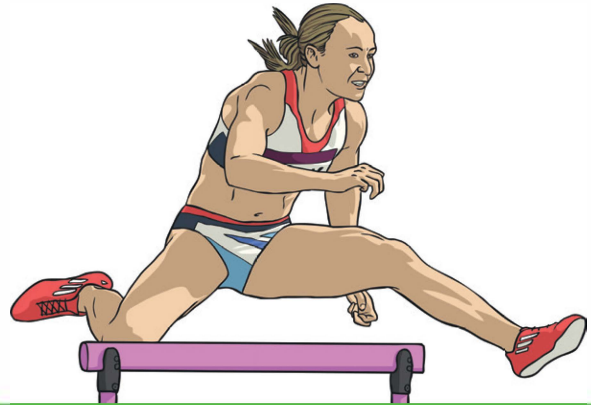
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Answer the questions below in full sentences.

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2. What is the official language of Brazil?

3. Name two things Brazil is known for.

4. What were the winners in the first Olympics awarded?

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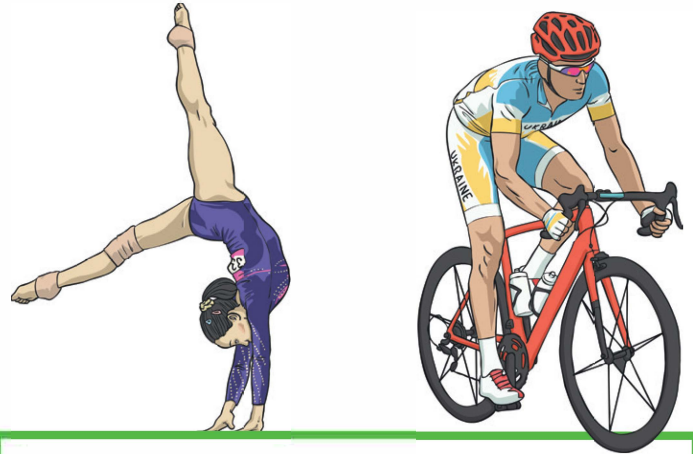
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A wide range of people and culture.
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9. Why did the volunteers need training?
So that they know what equipment to get, what the rules of games are and how/ where to lead groups of people.
10. What might be a problem if athletes do not have the chance to train in the country they will be competing in?
They might get ill if they are not used to training in such a hot country, or the conditions may affect their performance.

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Celebrations

Brazil is well known for its carnivals, rainforests and energy. Its landscape ranges from white, powdery beaches to very dangerous waterfalls. It has a diverse ecosystem and a wide range of native animals, including toucans, macaws, howler monkeys, dolphins and sea turtles.

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Any two of the following; beautiful, thunderous, white, powdery or dangerous.

4. Explain what was special about the laurel leaves in the winners' crowns during the Ancient Greek Olympics.

The leaves were picked from a sacred grove near the temple of Zeus.

5. When were the first medals awarded?

1896

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Pupil's own response.

7. Explain why you think the torch represents unity and friendship.

There are hundreds of athletes from all around the world, so everyone needs to be friendly, respectful, and teams need to work together to get the best results.

8. What does 'contagious energy' mean?

That the energetic feeling passes on from one person to another so that everyone feels strong, positive and capable of winning.

9. Which sport would you most like to see and why?

Pupil's own response.

10. Explain what you think the volunteers do.

They volunteer to help the events run smoothly. They make sure all the right equipment is ready and that if people are injured they get medical help for them.