



Chris is reading a webpage about the Olympic mascots.

<https://www.theolympics.com>



## Mascots of the Olympics



Do you know any mascots in the Olympic Games? They do not only bring the athletes good luck but also represent the players' strength and courage.

### 5 The Origin

When talking about the Olympic Games, we may think of the different mascots. They first appeared in the 1972 Munich Olympic Games. Later on, these **adorable figures** were also found in schools. Students liked to put different kinds of mascots, such as wild animals and puppets, on their uniforms.

### 10 How a Mascot is Created

The most important factor is its 'character'. A mascot must reflect the characteristics of the host country. Furthermore, it must look friendly to the audience. A successful mascot makes people want to get close to it. Besides, the name of a mascot is also important. It may not be very special, but it must represent the host country.

### 15 Examples of Mascots



They are Fuwa, the mascots of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. There are altogether five dolls in different colours. Each of them has its own name and bears a wish from the traditional Chinese culture.

20 This is Wenlock, the mascot of the 2012 London Olympic Games. He takes his name from a place in England. He was made from the steel used for building the Olympic Stadium in London.



25 This is Vinicius, the mascot of the 2016 Rio Olympic Games. His name is chosen to remember Vinicius de Moraes, a great Brazilian musician. It mixes different Brazilian animals and wears the colours of the national flag to represent the Brazilian culture.



Sources from the Olympics official website:  
<https://www.olympic.org/mascots>

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## A Choose the best answers by blackening the circles.

- What does an Olympic mascot represent?
 

<input type="radio"/> A. An animal	<input type="radio"/> B. An athlete's spirit
<input type="radio"/> C. A kind of sport	<input type="radio"/> D. Good luck to the audience
- In line 7, the phrase 'adorable figures' refers to \_\_\_\_\_.
 

<input type="radio"/> A. the mascots	<input type="radio"/> B. the children
<input type="radio"/> C. children's uniforms	<input type="radio"/> D. the Olympic Games
- According to lines 10 to 14, a good mascot must \_\_\_\_\_.
 

(1) be lovely and friendly	(2) have a long and special name
(3) have many different colours	(4) have its own 'character'

<input type="radio"/> A. (1) and (2)	<input type="radio"/> B. (1) and (4)
<input type="radio"/> C. (2) and (3)	<input type="radio"/> D. (1), (3) and (4)
- How are the mascots created and named?
 

<input type="radio"/> A. In a way that reflects the characteristics of the audience
<input type="radio"/> B. In a way that reflects the characteristics of the host country
<input type="radio"/> C. By referring to the athletes who have won the games before
<input type="radio"/> D. By referring to the most popular kind of animals in the country
- ★ Which of the following about the mascots is TRUE?
 

<input type="radio"/> A. 'Wenlock' is the name of a place.
<input type="radio"/> B. There are four mascots of 'Fuwa'.
<input type="radio"/> C. There was a Brazilian athlete called 'Vinicius'.
<input type="radio"/> D. Each 'Fuwa' represents a famous person in China.

### Q5

Read the content under the last subheading and each option carefully.

## B Answer the questions in complete sentences.

- ★ Where does the mascot Vinicius come from?

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- What material was Wenlock made from?

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### Q6

Write the name of the country.