



Skills: Using reference works

Nations, the Olympics, and Stamps



More than 10,000 athletes from almost 200 nations of the world will participate in the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. A **nation** is an independent country that has boundaries and a government recognized by other countries. Nations may request admission to the United Nations (which is not a country or world government but rather an international organization dedicated to promoting peaceful relations among the nations of the world).



Participation in the Olympics is not limited strictly to nations. The international governing body of the Olympics—the International Olympic Committee (IOC)—issues invitations to nations and a selected number of “dependent areas” (such as territories) that have created National Olympic Committees (NOCs). The IOC extended invitations to 197 NOCs to participate in the 1996 Summer Olympics, with every NOC invited having agreed to send a delegation of one or more athletes to the Atlanta Games.

Atlanta 1996
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Although the Olympics began as a forum for athletic competition with arts and culture as well, in recent decades it has broadened to include a Cultural Olympiad—a formal program of various cultural events held in conjunction with the Summer Olympic Games. One part of the Cultural Olympiad is **OLYMPHILEX**, which you read about in Lesson 1.

In addition to sending their best athletes, at least 42 countries also are sending their postal administrations to Atlanta to participate in OLYMPHILEX '96. A **postal administration** is the government agency that issues stamps, operates post offices, and delivers mail within a country. The names of these agencies vary from country to country but usually have the word “post” or “postal” in their title (such as U.S. Postal Service, United Kingdom Post Office [Royal Mail] and Canada Post).

Postal administrations around the world commonly issue commemorative stamps to mark both the Summer and Winter Olympics. To use the Olympic Rings or the words “Olympic” on stamps, each country’s NOC enters into an agreement with the International Olympic Committee that spells out procedures (and fees). For example, a country has to submit all proposed stamp designs commemorating the Olympics to the I.O.C. for approval.



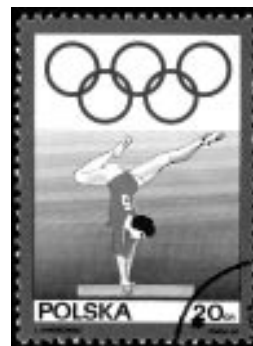
In addition to printing stamps, many countries mark the Atlanta Games by sending postal officials and staff to OLYMPHILEX '96. Visitors will be able to purchase stamps and obtain official postal cancellations as though they were actually in the different countries. Additionally, some countries plan to release new Olympic stamps with first day of issue ceremonies conducted at OLYMPHILEX '96.

To mark the 1996 Summer Olympics, the United Nations and the 42 countries listed below will have their postal administrations represented at OLYMPHILEX '96. **Handout B** contains the names of each country in a word search or jumble. See how many you can find.

Angola	DPR Korea	Mongolia	Slovak Republic
Argentina	Ethiopia	Morocco	Solomon Islands
Armenia	Fiji	New Zealand	Togo
Australia	Ghana	Nicaragua	Turkey
Austria	Greece	Palau	Uganda
Bulgaria	India	Papua New Guinea	Ukraine
Cameroon	Israel	Poland	United Kingdom
Canada	Italy	Portugal	United States
Chad	Kenya	Romania	Zambia
Czech Republic	Korea	Sierra Leone	
Dominica	Malaysia	Singapore	

Handout C shows a map of the world with national boundaries, plus stamps from nations sending postal administrations to OLYMPHILEX '96. Use an atlas or encyclopedia to identify the location of each country that has a stamp shown and draw a line from the stamp to its country on the map. Also, find the one stamp that shows a sport that will not be part of the Atlanta Olympic Games.

The three stamps shown here are from three of the nations that will be sending postal administrations to OLYMPHILEX '96. The names of the countries are shown in each country's alphabet and language. Using an encyclopedia or other reference source, see if you can identify each country. (Hint: All three are in Europe and each uses a different alphabet.)



Handout D shows a list of the nations of the world (plus some “dependent areas”) that are sending athletic teams to the 1996 Summer Olympics, while **Handout E** shows the ones that aren't. Look down each list and see how many of the countries you can locate without using an atlas or encyclopedia. What other ways could a stamp collector use these lists?

Postal Administrations at Olympihilex '96

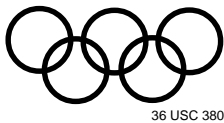
Instructions: The 42 nations listed here will have postal administrations at OLYMPHILEX '96. Each nation is listed in either the word search or the word jumbles below—but not both. See how many you can identify.

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AUSTRALIA
AUSTRIA
BULGARIA
CAMEROON
CANADA
CHAD
CZECH REPUBLIC
DOMINICA

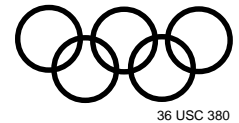
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MOROCCO
NEW ZEALAND
NICARAGUA
PALAU
PAPUA NEW GUINEA
POLAND
PORTUGAL
ROMANIA
SIERRA LEONE

SINGAPORE
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TOGO
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UGANDA
UKRAINE
UNITED KINGDOM
UNITED STATES
ZAMBIA



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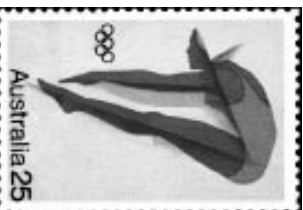
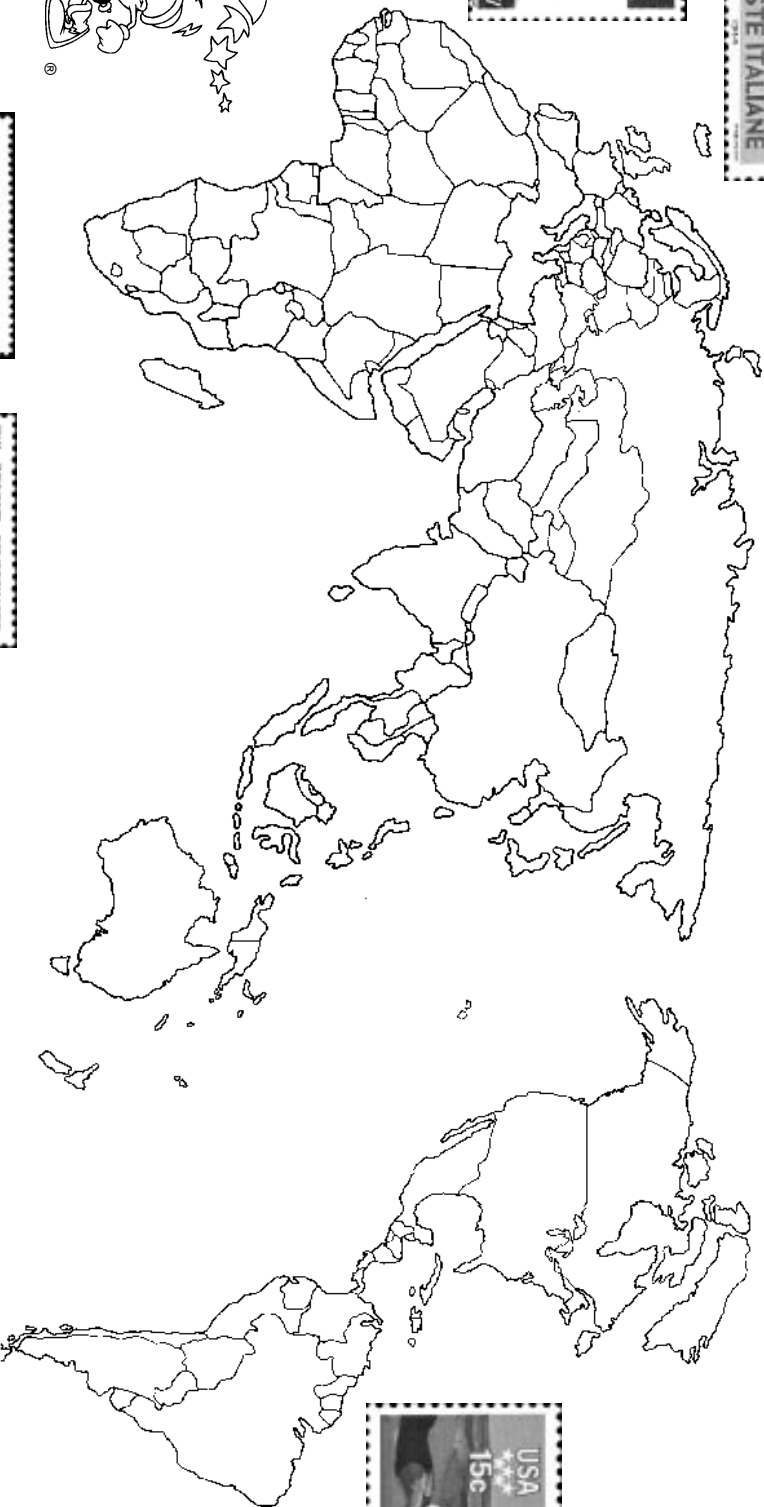


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Some of the Nations Represented at Olympiex '96



Nations of the World in the 1996 Summer Olympics

Note: Shortened country names are generally as identified in the 1995 CIA World Factbook.

Afghanistan	Cuba	Latvia	Saint Lucia
Albania	Cyprus	Lebanon	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Algeria	Czech Republic	Lesotho	San Marino
American Samoa (U.S.)*	Denmark	Liberia	Sao Tome and Principe
Andorra	Djibouti	Libya	Saudi Arabia
Angola	Dominica	Liechtenstein	Senegal
Antigua and Barbuda	Dominican Republic	Lithuania	Seychelles
Argentina	DPR Korea	Luxembourg	Sierra Leone
Armenia	Ecuador	Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of	Singapore
Aruba (Neth.)*	Egypt	Madagascar	Slovenia
Australia	El Salvador	Malawi	Solomon Islands
Austria	Equatorial Guinea	Malaysia	Somalia
Azerbaijan	Estonia	Maldives	South Africa
Bahamas	Ethiopia	Mali	Spain
Bahrain	Fiji	Malta	Sri Lanka
Bangladesh	Finland	Mauritania	Sudan
Barbados	France	Mauritius	Suriname
Belarus	Gabon	Mexico	Slovakia
Belgium	Gambia, The	Moldova	Swaziland
Belize	Georgia	Monaco	Sweden
Benin	Germany	Mongolia	Switzerland
Bermuda (U.K.)*	Ghana	Morocco	Syria
Bhutan	Greece	Mozambique	Tajikistan
Bolivia	Grenada	Namibia	Tanzania
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Guam (U.S.)*	Nauru	Thailand
Botswana	Guatemala	Nepal	Togo
Brazil	Guinea	Netherlands	Tonga
British Virgin Islands (U.K.)*	Guinea-Bissau	Netherlands Antilles (Neth.)*	Trinidad and Tobago
Brunei	Guyana	New Zealand	Tunisia
Bulgaria	Haiti	Nicaragua	Turkey
Burkina Faso	Honduras	Niger	Turkmenistan
Burma (Myanmar)	Hong Kong (U.K.)*	Nigeria	Uganda
Burundi	Hungary	Norway	Ukraine
Cambodia	Iceland	Oman	United Arab Emirates
Cameroon	India	Pakistan	United Kingdom
Canada	Indonesia	Palestine	United States
Cape Verde	Iran	Panama	Uruguay
Cayman Islands (U.K.)*	Iraq	Papua New Guinea	Uzbekistan
Central African Republic	Ireland	Paraguay	Vanuatu
Chad	Israel	Peru	Venezuela
Chile	Italy	Philippines	Vietnam
China (PRC)	Jamaica	Poland	Virgin Islands (U.S.)*
Chinese Taipei**	Japan	Portugal	Western Samoa
Colombia	Jordan	Puerto Rico (U.S.)*	Yemen
Comoros	Kazakhstan	Qatar	Yugoslavia
Congo	Kenya	Romania	Zaire
Cook Islands (N.Z.)*	Korea	Russia	Zambia
Costa Rica	Kuwait	Rwanda	Zimbabwe
Cote d'Ivoire	Kyrgyzstan	Saint Kitts and Nevis	
Croatia	Laos		

*Indicates a "dependent area" (such as territory, foreign department, colony, commonwealth association, etc.)

**Athletes from Taiwan are participating in the 1996 Olympics under this designation

Nations and Dependent Areas not participating in the 1996 Summer Olympics

“Dependent area” involves a broad category of terms (such as territory, foreign department, protectorate, colony, commonwealth association, etc.) to describe how a geographic or political area is associated with a nation. Often, a dependent area is a former colony or territory that has not evolved to full international recognition as an independent nation but has a special relationship with the nation that once controlled it.

To participate in the Olympics, a nation or dependent area has to have a National Olympic Committee and receive an invitation from the International Olympics Committee.

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| Anguilla (dependent territory of UK) | Montserrat (dependent territory of U.K.) |
| Christmas Island (territory of Australia) | New Caledonia (overseas territory of France) |
| Cocos Islands (territory of Australia) | Niue (free association with New Zealand) |
| Eritrea | Norfolk Island (territory of Australia) |
| Falkland Islands (dependent territory of UK) | Northern Mariana Islands (commonwealth with U.S.) |
| Faroe Islands (part of Danish realm) | Palau |
| French Guiana (overseas dept. of France) | Reunion (overseas dept. of France) |
| French Polynesia (overseas territory of France) | Saint Helena (dependent territory of U.K.) |
| Gaza Strip (transitional status) | Saint Pierre and Miquelon (territorial collectivity of France) |
| Gibraltar (dependent territory of UK) | Serbia and Montenegro |
| Greenland (part of Danish realm) | Svalbard (territory of Norway) |
| Guadaloupe (overseas dept. of France) | Togo |
| Guernsey (British crown dependency) | Tokelau (territory of New Zealand) |
| Vatican City (Holy See) | Turks and Caicos Islands (dependent territory of U.K.) |
| Jersey (British crown dependency) | Tuvalu |
| Johnston Atoll (territory of U.S.) | Wake Island (territory of U.S.) |
| Kiribati | Wallis and Futuna (overseas territory of France) |
| Macau (overseas territory of Portugal) | West Bank (transitional status) |
| Man, Isle of (British crown dependency) | Western Sahara |
| Marshall Islands | |
| Martinique (overseas dept. of France) | |
| Mayotte (territorial collectivity of France) | |
| Micronesia, Federated States of | |

Note: Uninhabited islands and other areas with no permanent residents have been excluded from this list. Names and dependency status are from the 1995 CIA World Factbook.