

# “The Olympic Games”



**The Olympic Games are known as the world's greatest international sports games.**

**The Olympic idea means friendship, fraternity and cooperation among the people of the world.**



The Original Olympic Games  
began in ancient Greece in 776  
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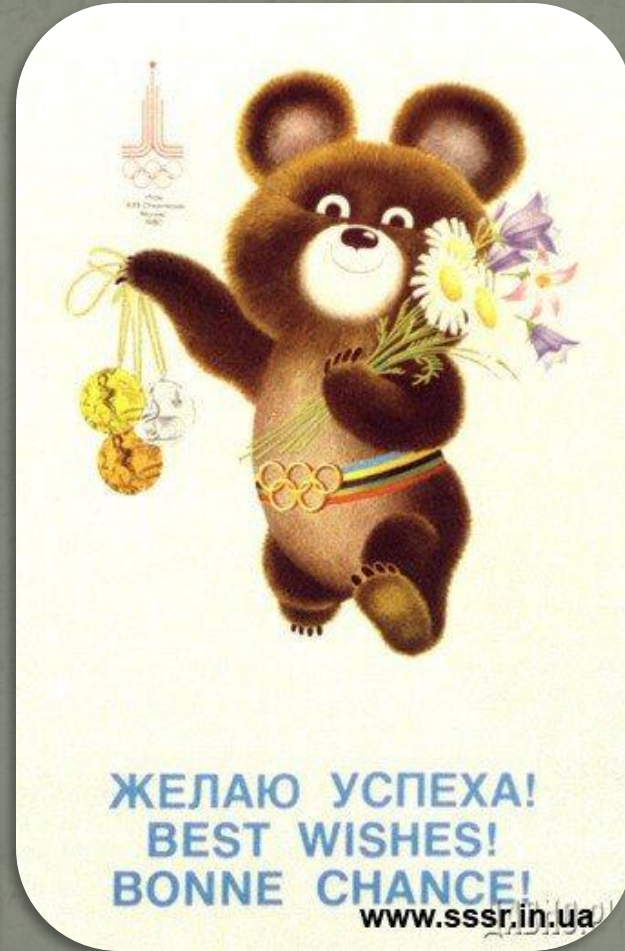
**The first modern Olympic Games were held in Athens in 1896. Since then the Olympics are held every fourth year in different countries.**



**The Olympic emblem is five interlinked rings: blue, yellow, black, green and red. Any national flag contains at least one of these colours.**



Many years the symbol of the Olympic games was a bear.



Now there are three symbols of the Olympic games 2014. They are a leopard, a polar bear and a bunny.



The Olympic games includes many different kinds of sports: running, boxing, wrestling, gymnastics, cycling, figure-skating, etc.





**Russia** joined the Olympic movement in 1952. Since then it has won a lot of gold, silver, and bronze medals.



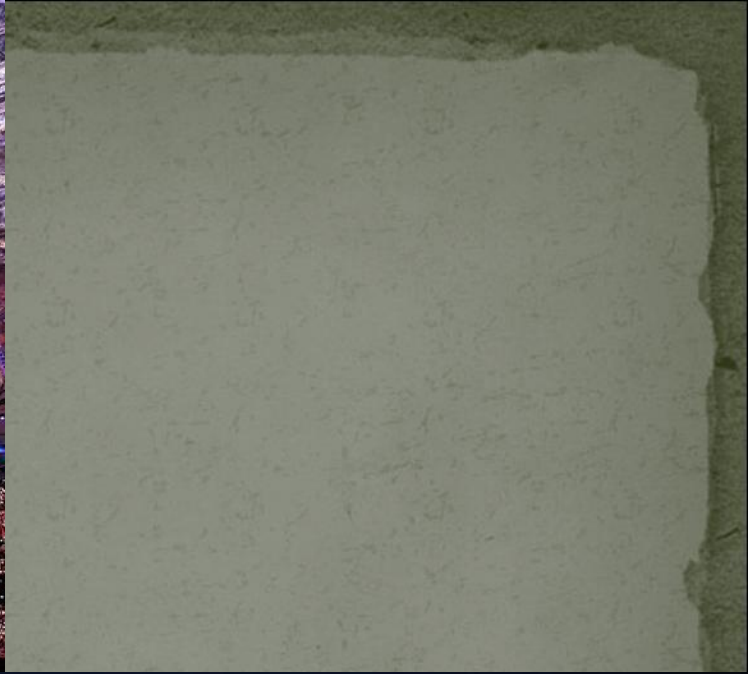
The Olympic Games have been held in many countries, and Russia is no exception. In 1980 the 22nd Olympic Games took place in Moscow, and in 2014 they are going to be held in **Sochi**.





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**London 2012**





Beijing 2008™



**Олимпиада 2008**