



Unit Objective:

To be able to describe an Olympian by their sporting title and say what particular sport they play using the verb practicar.

By the end of this unit we will be able to:

- Understand the key facts of the ancient and modern Olympics recounted in Spanish.
- Learn 10 nouns and articles for common Olympic sports.
- Explore the full present tense conjugation of the high frequency verb **PRACTICAR**.
- Look at the adjectival changes involved when you describe a male Olympian or female Olympian.

Skills we will develop:

To improve decoding longer unfamiliar texts in Spanish using key language learning strategies that will help long term memory retention and language learning going forward. Understanding that adjectives come in different forms and when you describe a person in terms of a profession (in this case their sporting title) adjectival agreement rules will apply and spelling may change in these words depending if you are talking about a male or female Olympian.

Activities we will complete:

Activities to help improve decoding skills of longer text. A range of story ordering, true/false and word category worksheets based on the ancient and modern Olympics. Followed by the 10 nouns and partitive articles for Olympic sports. The verb 'practicar' will be explored in full with listening, speaking, reading and written activities. Finally, the adjectival changes involved when describing a male/female Olympian for the final task - a presentation on sport played using **PRACTICAR** and professional title.

Phonics & pronunciation we will see:

Recommended phonics focus: GA GE GI GO GU

- **GO** sound in **juegos**.
- **Stress Placement.** Words that end in a consonant (apart from 'n' or 's') should be stressed on the last syllable like **prac-ti-car**. For words that end in a vowel or 'n' and 's' it is normally the second to last syllable like **es-grí-ma**., **ci-clis-mo** & **a-tle-tis-mo**.
- **Accents.** Accents can only be written over vowels in Spanish and indicate the vowel is stressed – regardless of the other rules! As seen in **o-lím-pi-cos**, **tram-po-lín**, **triat-lón**, **e-qui-ta-ción** & **na-ta-ción**.

Vocabulary we will learn & revisit:

The 10 nouns and articles for Olympic sports, the verb **PRACTICAR** and the sporting professions in both masculine and feminine form. All listed on the Vocabulary Sheet.

Grammar we will learn & revisit:

Adjectival agreement & regular verb practicar. To learn that when saying you play a sport in Spanish, the verb **PRACTICAR** is normally used. Conjugated according to who is doing the action and followed directly by the sport, often without the need for a definite article. Exploring the present tense conjugation of the verb **PRACTICAR** and understanding better the adjectival changes required in the sporting professions depending on whether they are male/female.

Year 5 – Summer 2 – The Olympics – Spanish – Knowledge Organiser



Spanish



Las Olimpiadas



el boxeo



el salto de trampolín



el atletismo



la equitación



el ciclismo



la esgrima



el tiro con arco



El remo



la natación

vocabulary

To understand adjectival agreement better and why adjectives often change spelling depending on the gender and plurality of what they are describing.

es boxeador

He is a boxer

es boxeadora

She is a boxer

Understanding better that the determiner is often dropped when the sport is used with the verb 'practicar' (to practise/do a sport).

practico esgrima

I do/practise fencing.

The conjugation of the high frequency irregular verbs 'ser' (to be) & regular verb 'practicar' (to do a sport).

es

He/she is

practica

He/she plays (a sport)

grammar

go

sound in:

• juegos



phonics

accents

Accents indicate the vowel is stressed. As seen in the words olímpicos, trampolín and natación.

stress placement

Words that end in a vowel, 'n' or 's' are normally stressed on the second to last syllable
Like es-gri-ma,
ci-clis-mo and
a-tle-tis-mo.

How to write a phrase describing an athlete by their performance sport.



Practica boxeo.

Es boxeador.

He does boxing. He is a boxer.

INTERCULTURAL KNOWLEDGE:

Spanish festivals: La tomatina

