

For Advanced Kid Learners

Book 3

Time to Talk

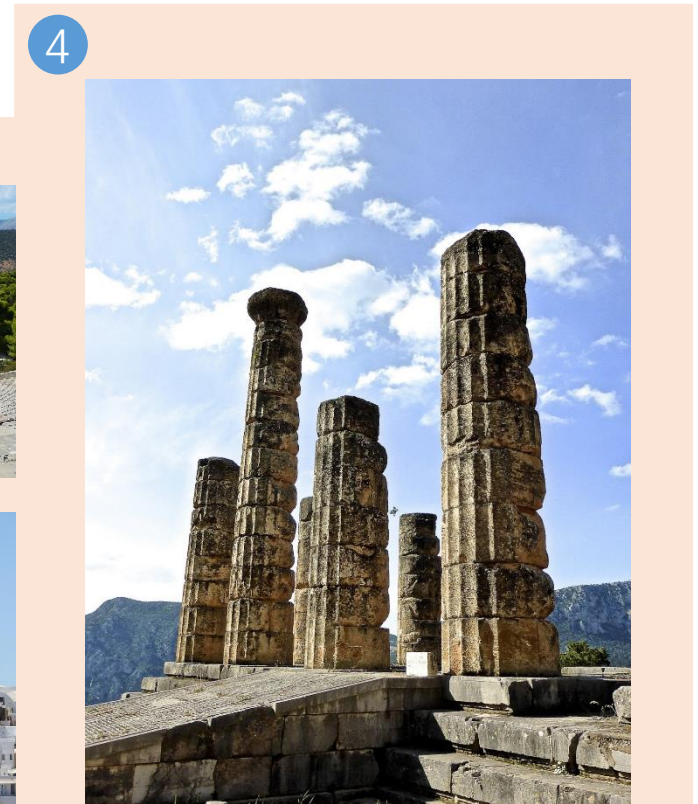
Lesson 25 Greece: Cradle of Western Culture



Warm-up questions.

1. What are these pictures about?

2. Where can we find them?



Read and learn.

Greece: Cradle of Western Culture

Greece is a beautiful country in the south of Europe. The **capital** city of Greece is Athens.

There are **thousands of** islands in Greece! The biggest island is Crete. It is famous for its beautiful beaches. Millions of people visit Greece every year. There are more tourists than **Greeks** during summer.



capital

= a city where the government of a country is found

Greek

= people who was born in Greece

Read and learn.

The tallest mountain in Greece is Mount Olympus. Ancient Greeks believed it was the home of the Greek gods.

Greece is the **cradle** of the western culture. The Greek language is one of the oldest languages in the world. **Thousands of words** in English come from it. The ancient Greeks also invented **theatre** and **the Olympic Games**.



cradle

= the place where an idea or event begins



theatre

= a building where plays, movies, or concerts are presented.

the Olympic Games

= the greatest games from Greece which is done every after four years

Read and learn.

One of the most famous Greeks is Homer. He was a **poet**. His long **poem**, *The Odyssey*, is one of the world's most famous books. Another famous Greek is Socrates. He is known as one of the best **philosophers** of all time.

In Greece, children often live with their parents, even after they get married. Greeks live long lives. Their food keeps them healthy. They eat olive oil, lamb, fish and lots of fruits and vegetables.



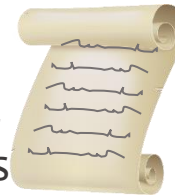
poet

= a person who writes poems



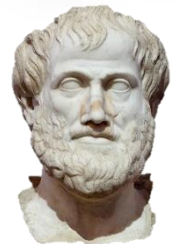
poem

= something written that rhymes and has meanings



philosopher

= a person who thinks deeply about things



Complete the puzzle using the hints.

DOWN

1 – the place where an idea or event begins

3 – something written that rhymes and has meanings

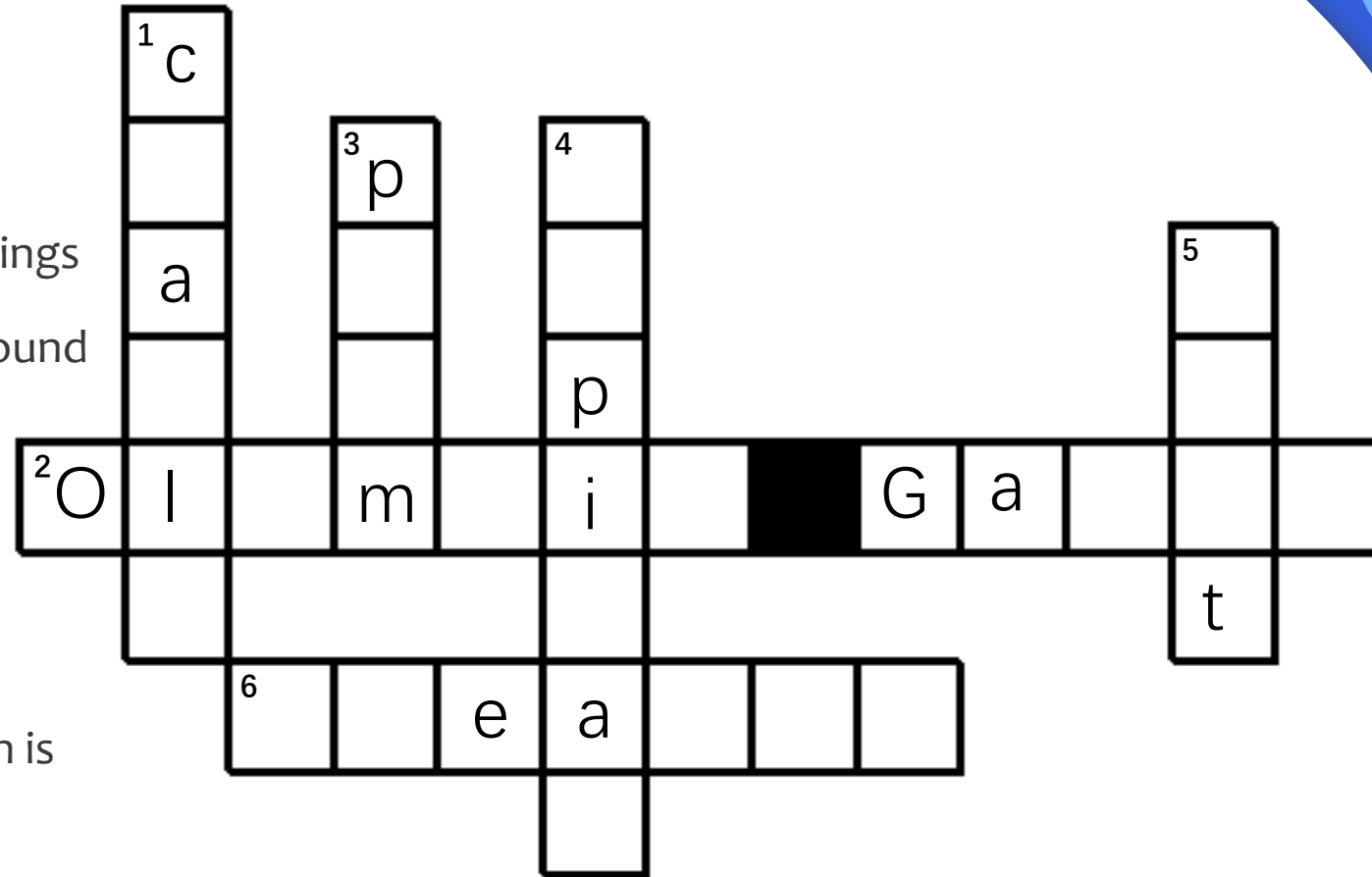
4 – a city where the government of a country is found

5 – a person who writes poems

ACROSS

2 – the greatest games from ancient Greece which is done every after four years

6 – a building where plays, movies, or concerts are presented



Grammar



thousands of + somebody/something

used to talk about a large number of people or things

Examples

There are **thousands of** islands in Greece.

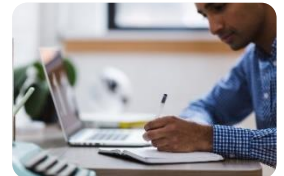
Thousands of words in English come from the Greek language.

I have **thousands of** things to do tonight.

+ Complete the sentences using “**thousands of sb/sth**”.

1. I have _____ in my garden.

2. They spent _____ for the new building.



True or false.

1. Athens is the capital city of Greece.
2. The biggest island in Greece is Paros.
3. Greece is the cradle of the western culture.
4. Socrates is known as one of the best philosophers of all time.
5. In Greece, children leave their parents when they get married.

Talk more.

Which fact about Greece amazes you?

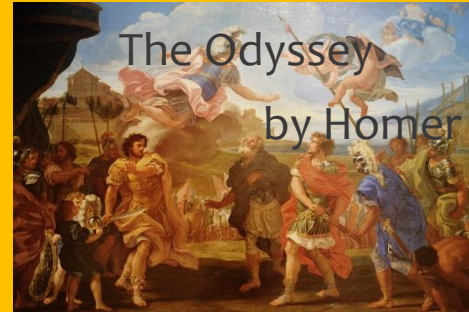
Which do you like the most? Why?



Theatres and the Olympic Games were invented.



Mt. Olympus is the home of the Greek gods.



The Odyssey is a famous long poem written by Homer.

Greek: calli (beautiful)
English: calligraphy
(beautiful writing)

Thousands of words in English come from the Greek language.