

Our First Olympians

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1. How many medals did New Zealand win at the 2016 Rio Olympics?
2. Where were the 1920 Olympic Games held?
3. How many athletes did New Zealand send to their first Olympics?
4. Who did New Zealand athletes represent before 1920?
5. List the four challenges the New Zealand athletes faced in 1920.
6. Why did Violet's father travel with the team?
7. Why do you think Violet's father only let her leave the hotel to compete or watch the other team members?
8. Who won New Zealand's first medal?
9. Do you think the 1920 New Zealand Olympic team were successful? Why or Why not?
10. Why did Violet retire from swimming when only 18 years old?
11. When was New Zealand's first Olympic Gold Medal won?
12. Who is Yvette Williams?

Extra:

- Design an Olympic medal for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games
- Find out more about either Ted Morgan or Yvette Williams sporting careers. Present your information in a clear and attractive way.
- Research New Zealand Olympic Gold medalists. Create a display of their achievements and where and when the medals were won (NZ has won 47 gold medals up until Tokyo 2021).