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Quick Questions



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Answer



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A combination of boxing and wrestling



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Accept 'power' and 'strength'



3. Why does the author include a sentence in the subjunctive mood following the initial question?

Accept a reasonable explanation focusing on the effect of this being to give advice to the reader to apply for the Olympics / to persuade.



4. Why do you think the advert ends with the phrase 'Women need not apply'?

Accept a reasonable explanation that focuses on the fact that 'men' are mentioned at the beginning of the advert, so these Olympics must be only for men/ women were not allowed to compete.