


## Short Olympic glossary

atleta	<i>athlete</i>
bandiera	<p><i>flag</i></p> <p><i>The flag of the Olympic Games has five interlocking rings (blue, yellow, black, green, and red) on a white ground. The rings represent the five parts of the world that were joined together in the Olympic movement: Africa, the Americas, Asia, Australia and Europe</i></p> 
braciere olimpico o tripode	<i>Olympic cauldron</i>
campione	<i>champion</i>
cerimonia di apertura/chiusura	<i>opening/closing ceremony</i>
CIO – Comitato Internazionale Olimpico	<i>IOC – International Olympic Committee</i>
comitato organizzatore	<i>organizing committee</i>
città ospitante	<i>host city</i>
classificarsi primi	<i>to rank first</i>
dilettante	<i>amateur</i>
disciplina olimpica, sport olimpico	<i>Olympic sport</i>
eliminatorie, semifinali, finali	<i>heats, semi-finals, finals</i>
fiamma o fuoco olimpico	<p><i>Olympic flame</i></p> <p><i>The tradition of the Olympic flame began during the ancient Olympic Games, over 2700 years ago in Greece. A flame was lit for each Olympics, every four years, and it burned throughout the games. The flame symbolized the death and rebirth of Greek heroes. There was no torch relay in the ancient Olympics. The first torch relay took place at the 1936 games in Berlin, Germany.</i></p>
gioco di squadra	<i>team game</i>
medaglia (oro, argento, bronzo)	<i>(gold, silver, bronze) medal</i>
medagliere olimpico	<i>total number of medals won by a team, Olympics medal tally, overall medal standing</i>
miglior tempo	<i>best time</i>
ordine di partenza	<i>starting order</i>
paesi partecipanti	<i>participating countries</i>
podio (salire sul podio)	<i>podium (to mount the podium)</i>

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premiazione	<i>prize-giving</i>
primatista	<i>record holder, record breaker</i>
record del mondo	<i>world record</i>
rappresentanza, squadra	<i>team</i>
ricevere una medaglia	<i>to be awarded a medal</i>
staffetta	<i>relay</i>
tedoforo	<i>torchbearer</i>
torcia o fiaccola olimpica	<p><i>Olympic flame or Olympic torch</i></p> <p><i>For each Olympics, a new flame is started in the ancient Olympic stadium in Olympia, Elis, Greece, using a parabolic mirror to focus the rays of the sun. This flame begins its Olympic Torch Relay by touring Greece. The flame is normally taken to the country where the games will be held and is then carried around the country where the games are to be held. The last runner uses a torch to light the large Olympic torch which burns throughout the games. The flame is extinguished during the closing ceremony.</i></p>
vincitore di medaglia (1°, 2°, 3° classificato)	<p><i>medalist (AE), medallist (BE)</i></p> <p><i>(gold/silver/bronze medallist)</i></p>