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3. If the statement is true about the first Olympics, write **F** on the line.

If it is true about today's Olympics write **T** on the line.

- _____ Women can't play.
- _____ They are held every two years.
- _____ Snowboarding is one of the sports.
- _____ They are held in the same city.

4. What does an athlete have to do in discus?

5. Why did the Greeks stop holding the Olympic Games?

ANSWER KEY

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