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Fun Facts About Marathons

An activity of "The pain and satisfaction of running a marathon".

Marathons today are very popular with runners. Thousands sign up for these gruelling races and many more come to cheer them on. Did you know that marathons have a history that goes back more than 2,000 years? Read "The pain and satisfaction of running a marathon" (page 25, *What's Up* April 2025).

A. Based on the *What's Up* story, fill in the blanks with the numbers given below.

2019	42.195	50,000	1896	40
2023	2500	1908	2	50,000

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1. The distance of a marathon is _____ km.	2. The Olympic Games began in the year _____.	3. The marathon has been around for _____ years.
4. The number of participants in big marathons is over _____.	5. The standard distance for all marathons was set in year _____.	6. Winners of major marathons earn over \$_____.
7. The women's world record has been broken since the year _____.	8. The men's world record stands at just over _____ hours.	9. The year the men's record was last broken is _____.

- B. Read up on the history and facts of a local marathon. Highlight interesting information that is expressed in numbers such as the distance of the marathon or the year it started. Create a table similar to the one above.
- C. Using your table, present fun facts of the marathon in a poster and display it in the classroom.
- D. Conduct a quiz and get your classmates to recall the fun facts!