# The First Marathon

1. Match the country with the nationality.

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| GreeceSpartaPersia | PersiansGreeksSpartans |
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2. Athens and Marathon are both cities in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. In 490 BC there was a big war between the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.



Persia

Marathon

Sparta

Greece

4. Although the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ army had more soldiers, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ army won the war.

5. In 490 BC there was a big (a) \_\_\_\_\_\_ between the Persians and the Greeks. Persia wanted to capture (b) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Persians arrived at Marathon in Greece. They had more (c) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than the Greeks. The Greeks sent a messenger to Sparta to get help. The messenger ran for (d) \_\_\_\_\_\_ days over the mountains of Marathon to Sparta. The Spartans couldn’t help and the messenger ran back to (e) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Greeks and Persians fought, and the Greeks won. The messenger ran to (f) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to tell everybody that the Greeks had won. He ran more than (g) \_\_\_\_ kilometres to Athens, and then he (h) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This was the first marathon.

