The first marathon

1. What's the word?
Write the word under the pictures.

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2. What's the order?
Watch the story and put the sentences in order.

The Greeks could not wait and attacked the Persian army.

Pheidippides ran 40 kilometres to Athens to tell them that the Persians were coming.

In 490 BC there was a big war between the Persians and the Greeks.

The Persians tried to go to Athens to capture the Greek women, children and old people.

From this great event, the first marathon of the modern Olympic Games was run in 1896.

But the Spartans would not fight until there was a full moon.

The Greeks sent a messenger, Pheidippides, to Sparta to get help.

The Greeks won; 6,400 Persians were killed but only 192 Greeks died.
3. Fill it in!

Watch the story. Write the missing words in the sentences.

a. The Greek soldiers waited on top of the _________ hill _______.

b. The Persian ____________________ waited on the plain of Marathon below.

c. Pheidippides ran for two days over the ________________.

d. Pheidippides returned to ____________________ alone.

e. The Persians ran to their ________________ and tried to escape.

f. He arrived at the city gates very ____________________.

g. The first marathon race was won by a ____________________ runner, Spiridon Louis.

h. He was a ________________.

4. Write and draw!

The marathon is an Olympic sport. What's your favourite Olympic sport? Do you like watching it or playing it? Write about it and draw a picture!