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Ready, Set, Skate! Olympic Speed Skating

Many Winter Olympic sports take place on ice skates. The fastest of them all is speed skating. Both men and women participate in this speedy sport. Let's learn about Olympic speed skating.

ice skate! The races are different lengths. Some skaters race in long

Speed skating is a lot like a foot race. Rather than run, these racers



track events. During these races, two skaters race at the same time. They each skate around the oval ice rink, each in their own lane. One lane is white. The other is red. During each lap the skaters must switch lanes. They do this so that both athletes skate the same distance.

Short track speed skating is a little different. These events take place on a smaller oval. In short track skating four to six skaters race each other at a time. The first two skaters to cross the finish line in each heat move on to the next round. The rest are eliminated. Finally, the four remaining skaters race in the finals.

Some speed skating races are team events. One event is the relay race. In the relay each skater on the team skates for one leg of the race. Then the next team member skates. The next skater has to wait to begin his part of the race. He can't start until he has been . . . pushed! Skaters preparing to race their leg in the event will crouch down. Then they get a push from their teammate. This helps the next skater get his momentum going. It also helps to give him a great start!

The team pursuit is another team event. This event is fairly new to the Olympics. It debuted in 2006. Two teams compete in this event at the same time. Each team has three skaters. The two teams begin the race on different sides of the track. Each team skates very close together. One member leads. The others follow behind. The team members take turns leading. The first team that has all of its skaters cross the finish line wins.

Speed skating has always been a part of the Winter Olympics. It will be this year as well. Who will win these fast ice skating races? The world will have to watch and see.

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Questions

- 1. Which two speed skating events are team competitions?
- ____ 2. The author probably wrote this article to _____.
 - A. persuade you to speed skate
 - B. demonstrate how to win the team events
 - C. describe the sport of speed skating
 - D. inform you about famous speed skaters
 - 3. Which of the following is true about speed skating?
 - A. It is new to the Olympics.
 - B. It is only for men.
 - C. It is in every Summer Olympics.
 - D. Olympic speed skaters compete in individual events or as a team.
 - 4. Choose the best title.
 - A. Speed Skating Is Summer Fun
 - B. Speedy, Speedy Speed Skating
 - C. Roll Around the Roller Rink
 - D. Some Sports are So Silly

Unscramble the letters.



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Write how much to add.



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Start with 3.

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Add _____. Repeat.

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Each row, column, and box must have the numbers 1 through 4. The first box is done.

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Each row, column, and box must have 4 different pictures.



Bored in the Snow?

Seth Wescott has never been bored in the snow. He was an Olympic snowboarder. Seth started skiing when he was 8. Then he started snowboarding when he was 10. Seth had a paper route. He used the money he got to buy his first board.

Seth's dad was a track coach. He helped a runner in the 1984 Olympics. Seth watched it on TV. When Seth saw that, he knew he wanted to go to the Olympics, too. He worked hard to get there.



Seth trained on snowboards on big mountains in Alaska. Sometimes he was dropped from a helicopter. He landed on the snow. Then he snowboarded down the mountain. Seth sometimes got hurt. He kept on snowboarding.

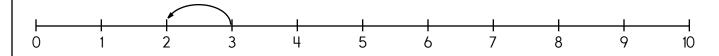
Seth won a gold medal at the 2006 Olympics in Italy. He won medals in the X Games, too. Seth used his board in the snow, but he was never boring!

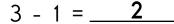
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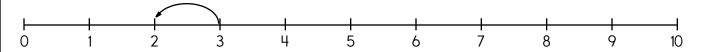
Questions

- 1. Seth Wescott was a _____ in the 2006 Olympics.
 - A. skier
 - B. skater
 - C. snowboarder
 - D. bobsledder
- ___ 2. How old was Seth when he started snowboarding?
 - A. 10 years old
 - B. 15 years old
 - C. 20 years old
 - D. 2 years old
 - 3. How did Seth buy his first board?

- 4. Seth knew he wanted to go to the Olympics after he watched it on TV.
 - A. True
 - B. False
- _____ 5. Where did Seth train for the Olympics?
 - A. Colorado
 - B. Utah
 - C. Alaska
 - D. Europe
 - 6. Do you think being dropped from a helicopter onto a mountain is a good way to practice?
 - A. yes
 - B. no
 - 7. Why do you feel that way?
 - 8. What is one word that tells about Seth?







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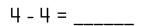
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What is the most daring thing that you have ever done? What makes it daring?	
Is there something that you really want? How could you earn money to get it?	

Football and Skiing?

Can you play football and be an Olympic skier? Jeremy Bloom did both. Jeremy was born in Colorado. His mom taught people to ski. His whole family loved to ski. They often took family ski trips in the Rocky Mountains.



Jeremy loved to ski. He loved football too. He used to watch the Denver Broncos when he was little. He wanted to be a football player more than anything. Jeremy went to college in Colorado. He played football. He also kept skiing. In fact, he went to the 2002 Olympics. They were in Salt Lake City, Utah. He placed ninth in his event. For a while, Jeremy tried to do it all. He played college football. He skied. In 2005, he won six World Cup races in a row. That's the most anyone has won in a row. He was ranked as the number one skier in the world!

Jeremy Bloom became famous as a two-sport star. He went to the Olympics again in 2006 in Italy. He finished sixth. Jeremy played pro football. He played one year for the Philadelphia Eagles. Then he played three years for the Pittsburg Steelers. He stopped playing football in 2008 due to injuries.

Jeremy wanted to try skiing again. He wanted to go to the 2010 Olympic Games. In late 2009, though, he had to stop skiing. In 2010, he started his own company named Integrate. Jeremy has worked on TV. You might see Jeremy on ESPN. He talks about college football. He also covers skiing. Jeremy is still a two-sport guy!

Football and Skiing?

Questions

- 1. Where is Jeremy Bloom from?
 - A. California
 - B. Utah
 - C. Colorado
 - D. Wyoming
- 2. Why do you think that Jeremy was a good skier?

- 3. What other sport does Jeremy Bloom love?
 - A. baseball
 - B. basketball
 - C. soccer
 - D. football
- 4. When Jeremy Bloom was in college, he played football and skied.
 - A. true
 - B. false
- 5. Jeremy Bloom went to the 2002 and the 2006 Winter Olympics.
 - A. true
 - B. false
 - 6. What place did Jeremy Bloom finish in the 2006 Winter Olympics?
 - A. 12th
 - B. 6th
 - C. 1st
 - D. 10th
 - 7. What two pro football teams did Jeremy Bloom play for?
 - A. Denver Broncos and Colorado Mounties
 - B. Dallas Cowboys and Ft. Worth Lions
 - C. Philadelphia Eagles and the Pittsburg Steelers
 - D. Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Miami Dolphins

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What is ten less than 65?

Circle the odd numbers.

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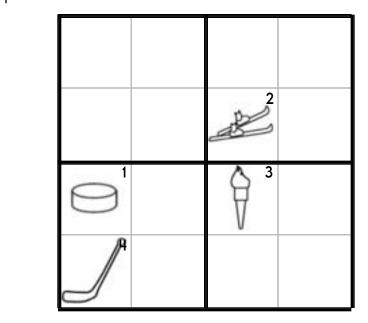
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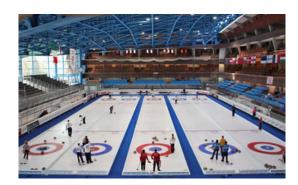
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Curling

Curling is played on ice. Curling is a game of accuracy. The goal is to be the team that scores the most points. Points are earned by getting your team's stones closest to the center of the target. The target is on the opposite side of the arena. The target looks like the center of a dart board. It is painted on the ice. In the centermost part of the target is a white circle. This white circle is also called the "button." There are



twenty curling teams in the Olympics. The teams are divided evenly. Half are men's teams. Half are women's teams. In each tournament two teams compete at a time. Each team has four players. Each player has two stones to throw. They don't really throw them. They slide them across the ice. The stones look like flattened balls. Each stone has a handle on its top. The curlers use the handle to push the stone across the ice. Two other players use brooms to sweep the ice in front of the stone as it moves toward the target. The direction of the stone is called the "curl." Sweeping the ice helps the stone get in a good position. Another teammate stands near the target to help guide the curlers. A good position means a good score for the team. The team with the highest score wins.

Curling

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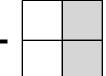
- B. 50
- C. 20
- 3. How many balls does each athlete get to throw in a tournament?
 - A. 20
 - B. 5
 - C. 40

- 4. Once the ball has been thrown, two other players _____ the ice with brooms.
 - A. scratch
 - B. sweep
 - C. shuffle
 - D. pad

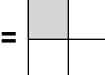
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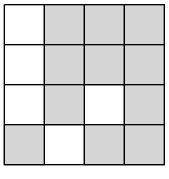




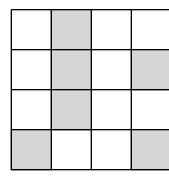


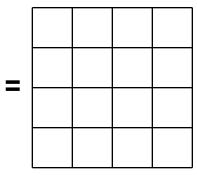
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Complete this shade box subtraction.

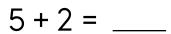


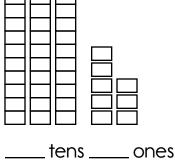






Hunter has five boxes. Robert has two boxes. How many boxes do the boys have in all?





Seven boas were hanging in the trees. Two fell out of the trees. How many were left?

The boys have _____ boxes.

Number = _____

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How much?

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How many of these can you write about? Think! Write! Check all the ones you answered.
Draw a picture of what you think the arena looks like. Place the players where you think they should stand. Reread the passage to help you remember the details. Then place a star next to the player whose job sounds the most interesting to you.
Curlers wear special shoes to help them stay balanced while on the ice. Think about the different types of shoes you may have. For example, my flip flops are great shoes for the pool. They keep me from slipping. They can be taken off easily. My flip flops are also water proof. Describe at least two pairs of shoes you have that serve different purposes.



