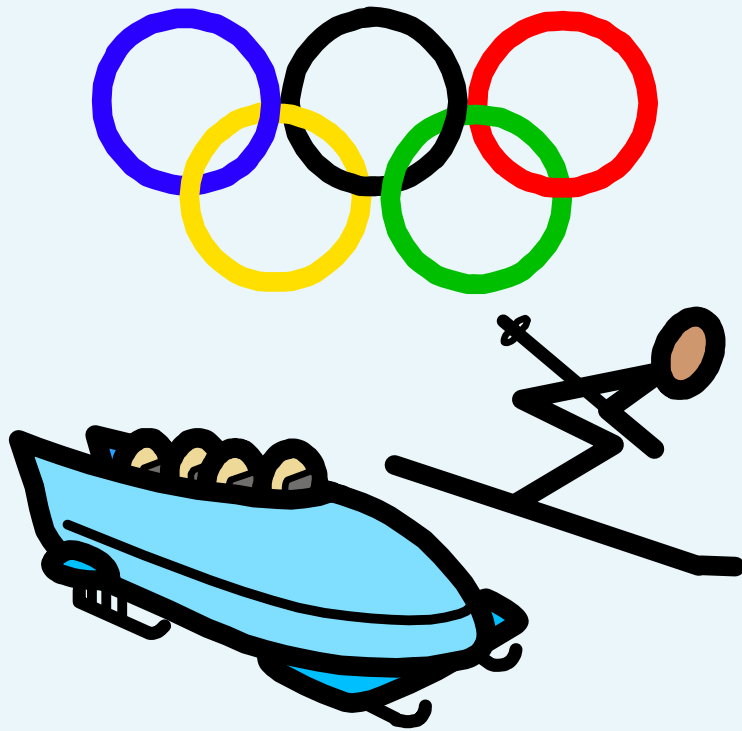


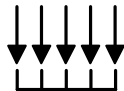
The Winter Olympics

Symbol Book





The Winter Olympics are an international sporting event.



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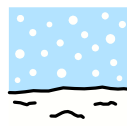
They take place every 4 years.



in



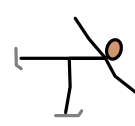
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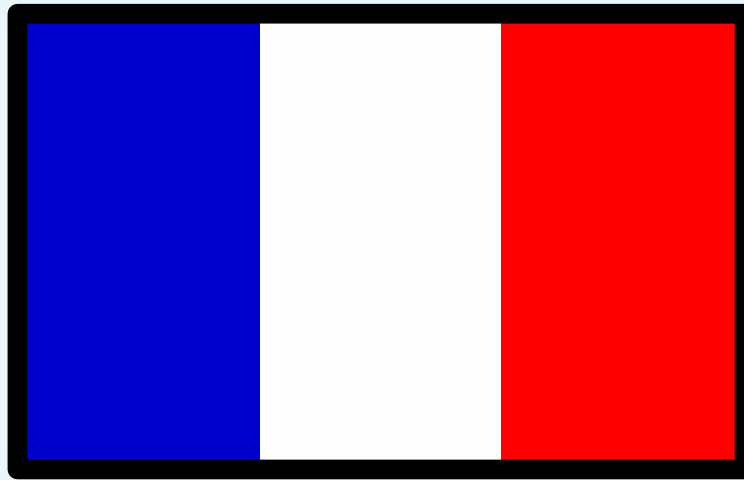
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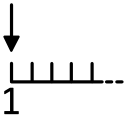

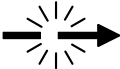






Athletes compete in sports on snow and ice.



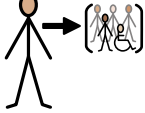






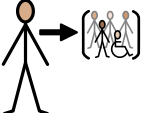
Events include snowboarding, ice hockey and figure skating.



   1924
The first Winter Olympics took place in 1924.

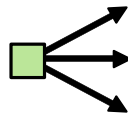
   
They were held in Chamonix, France.

1924  16  
In 1924 only 16 countries took part.

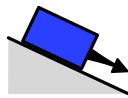
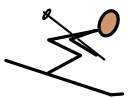
   90  
This year, athletes from over 90 countries will participate.



This year, the Winter Olympics will take place in Italy.



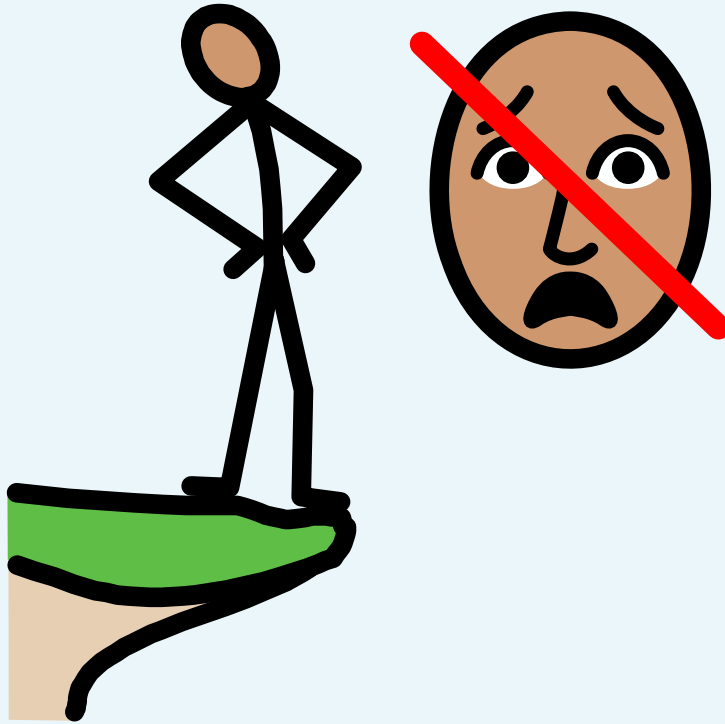
Events are shared between 2 places: Milan and Cortina.



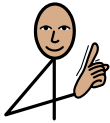
Skiing and sliding sports will take place in Cortina.



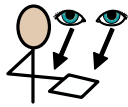
Indoor events like ice hockey will take place in Milan.



Athletes



must



demonstrate



speed,



skill



and strength.



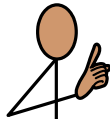
In some



events,

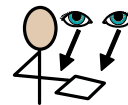


they



must

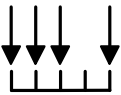
also



show



teamwork.



Many



of the events

are



dangerous.



Winter



athletes

also



need

to be



brave.

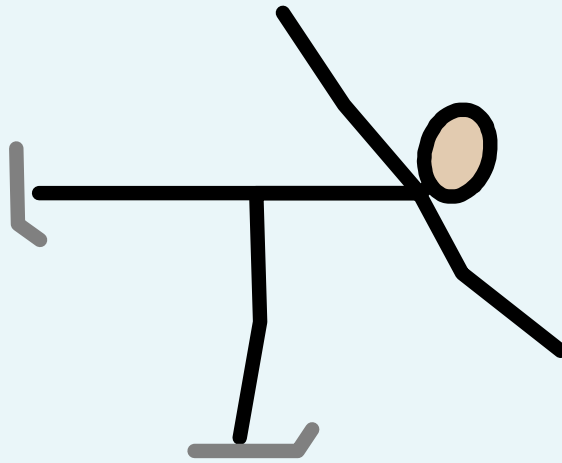


Figure Skating



Skaters



perform



jumps,



spins

and



dances.



Skaters



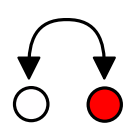
can



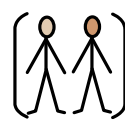
perform



on their own



or



in pairs.



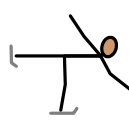
Skaters



are judged on



how well



they move and



the level of difficulty.

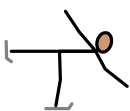


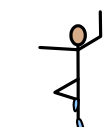
Figure skating

is a



beautiful

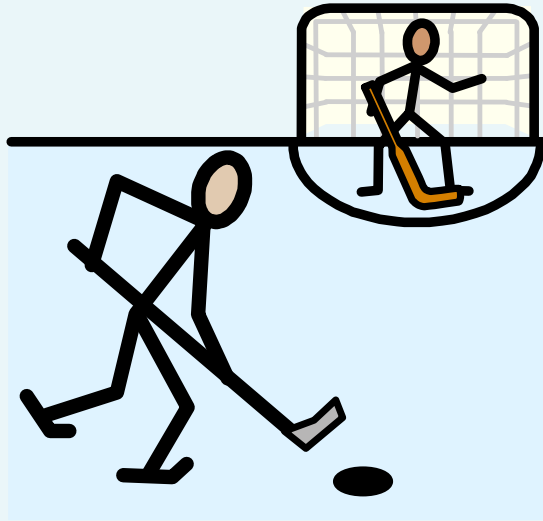
and



elegant



sport.



Ice Hockey



Ice hockey

is



played

by

2



teams.



Players skate



fast

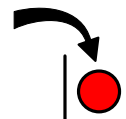
to



push



a puck



into



a goal.



The team

with



the most



goals



wins.



Ice hockey

is



a fast

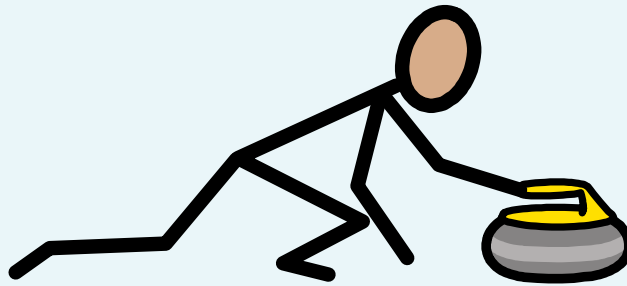
and



exciting



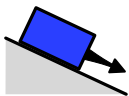
sport.



Curling



Players



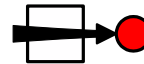
slide



heavy



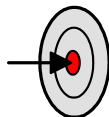
curling stones



across



the ice.



The stone must reach a target.



Players



sweep



the ice

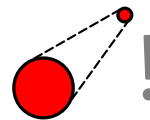
to make



the stone



travel



further.

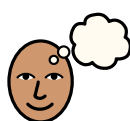


Curling

needs



careful



planning

and



teamwork.



Speed Skating



Speed skaters



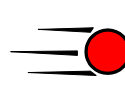
race



around



an ice rink



as quickly



as they can.



Speed skaters



wear

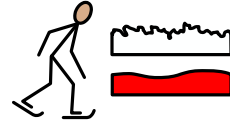


special



ice skates

to



skate smoothly.



Races

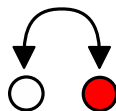


can

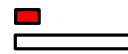
be



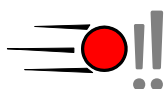
long



or



short.



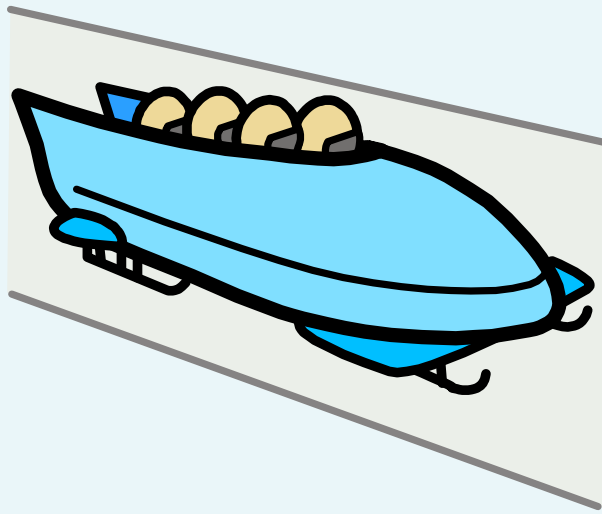
The fastest



skater



wins.



Bobsleigh



Teams



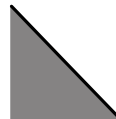
race



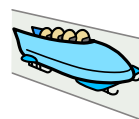
down



an icy



track



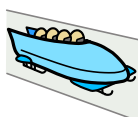
in a sled.



Teams

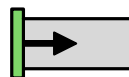


push



the sled

at

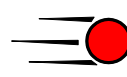


the start

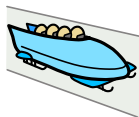
to



gain



speed.



The sled



moves

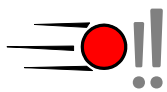


very fast

like



a rollercoaster.



The quickest



time



wins



the race.



Alpine Skiing



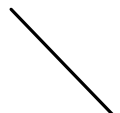
Skiers



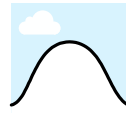
race quickly



down



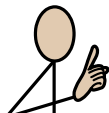
steep



snowy hills.



Skiers



must



weave around



flags



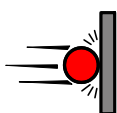
called



'gates'.



If skiers



hit



a gate

they



receive



a time penalty.



Alpine skiing



includes



slalom

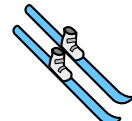
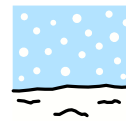
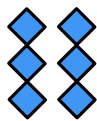
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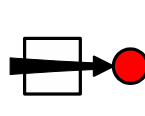
downhill skiing.



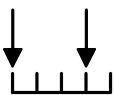
Cross Country Skiing



Cross country skiing is like running in the snow wearing skis.



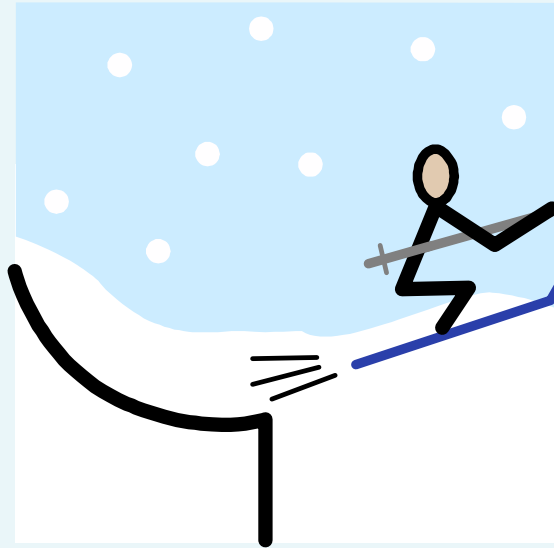
Skiers race long distances across the snow.



Some races include shooting too.



Cross country skiing and shooting is a sport called biathlon.



Ski Jumping



Ski jumpers



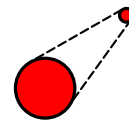
slide down



a ramp



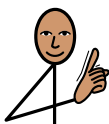
and jump



as far as they can.



They



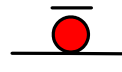
must

stay



balanced

and



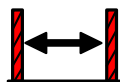
steady.



Ski jumpers



are judged on

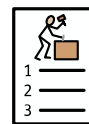


distance,



landing

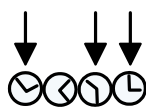
and



technique.



Ski jumpers

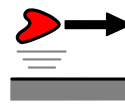


often



feel like

they are



flying.



Snowboarding



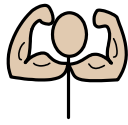
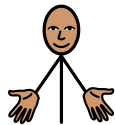
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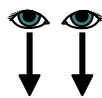
Snowboarders ride on a single snowboard.



They perform jumps, tricks or races.



Snowboarders need strength, balance and coordination.



Snowboarding is exciting to watch.

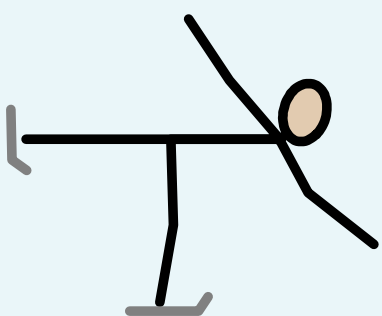
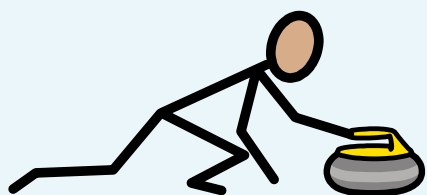


figure skating



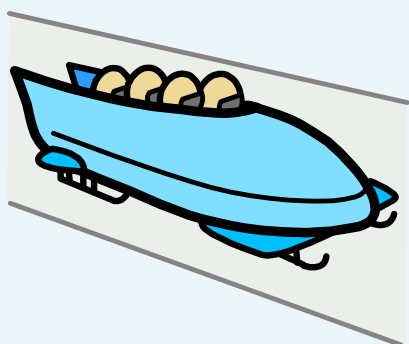
ice hockey



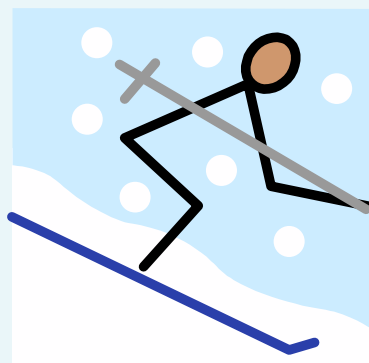
curling



speed skating



bobsleigh



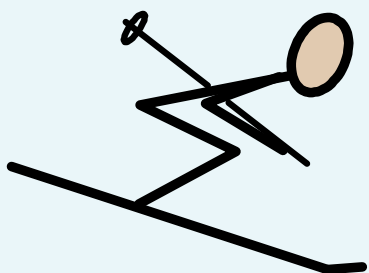
Alpine skiing



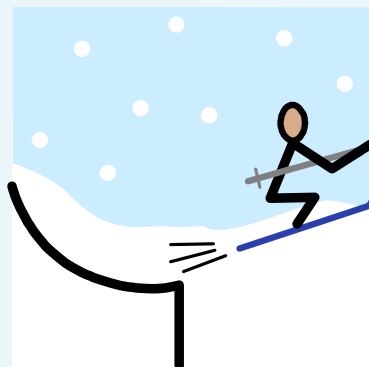
cross country
skiing



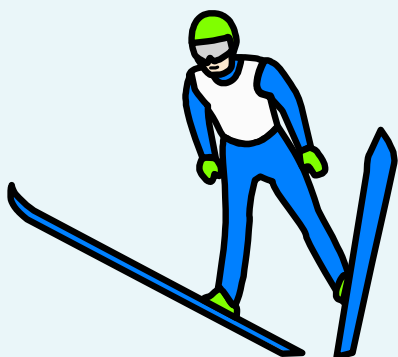
slalom



ski



ski jumping



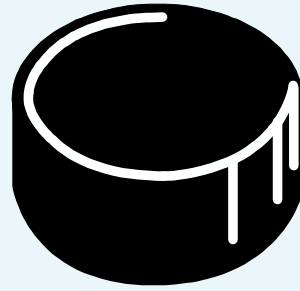
ski jumper



snowboarding



biathlon



puck



curling stone



Winter Olympics



compete



win