

# The 2022 Winter Olympic Games

## What are the Winter Olympic Games?

The Winter Olympic Games are a contest of sports that take place on ice or snow, with athletes from countries all around the world taking part.

- They take place every four years.
- The first Winter Olympics took place in 1924, 98 years ago, in Chamonix, France, and only 16 nations took part.
- The last Winter Olympics was held in Pyeongchang, South Korea in 2018.

## The Host Country and City

The next Winter Olympics will be held in the city of Beijing in China in 2022. The event will begin on 4<sup>th</sup> February with an opening ceremony and will end on 20<sup>th</sup> February with a closing ceremony.

There will be 80 nations competing in 15 different winter sports. The events will be held in 26 different venues around the city of Beijing. Some events will also take place in the Hebei province, which is 140 miles from Beijing.

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## Fun Winter Olympics Facts

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- Women were allowed to compete in ski-jump for the first time at the Sochi Games in 2014. Before this, only men competed.
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# The Winter Sports

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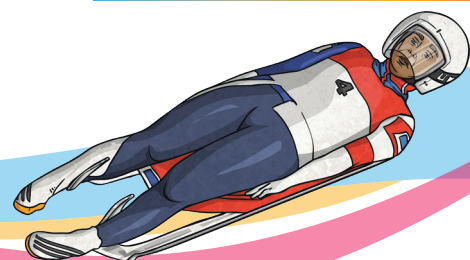
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Sixteen nations took part in the first Winter Olympics.		
The Winter Olympics is held every five years.		

2. When will the 2022 Winter Olympics begin? Tick one.

- 20<sup>th</sup> February
- 14<sup>th</sup> February
- 4<sup>th</sup> February
- 4<sup>th</sup> January

3. Draw four lines to match the numbers with the statements. The first one has been done for you.

90	nations taking part in the 2022 Winter Olympics
80	number of different winter sports
15	number of different venues the events will be held in
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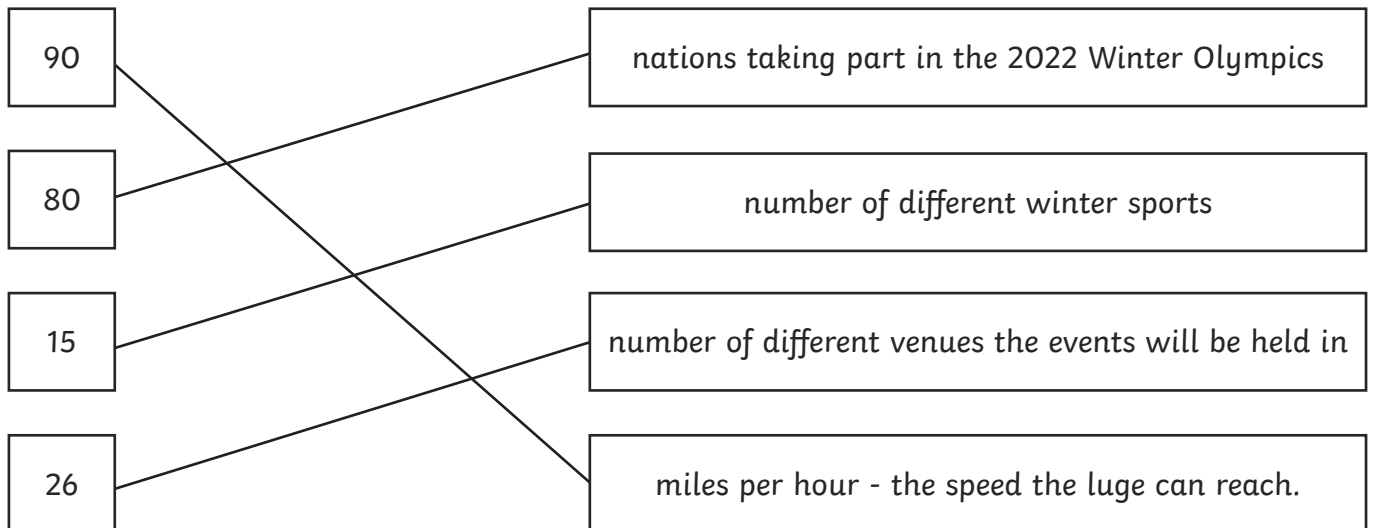
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## The Host Country and City

The Winter Olympic Games have been hosted by many cities in different countries around the world since 1924, including the United States, Austria, France and Japan.

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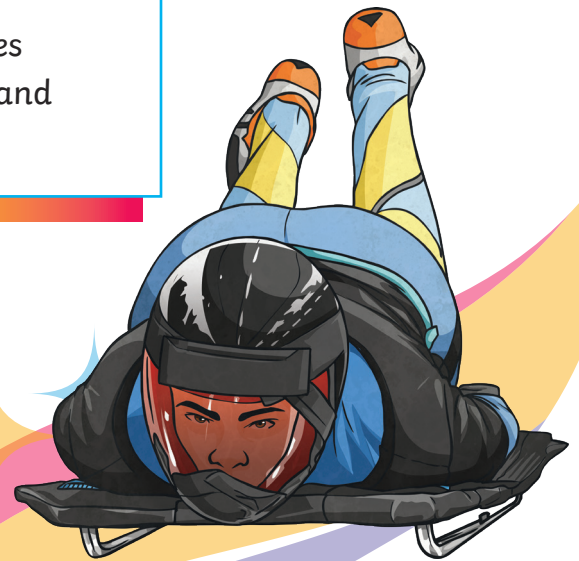
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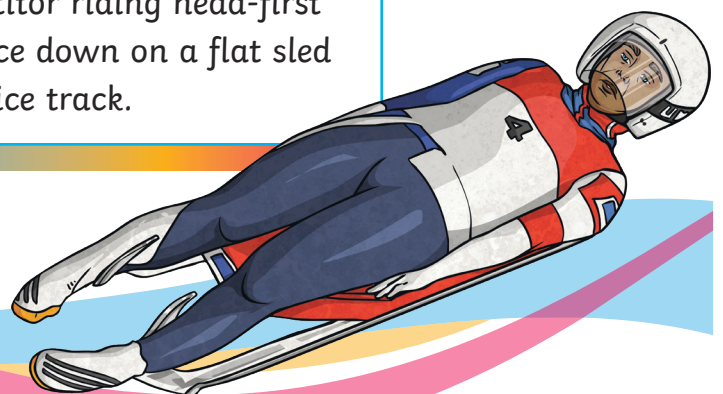
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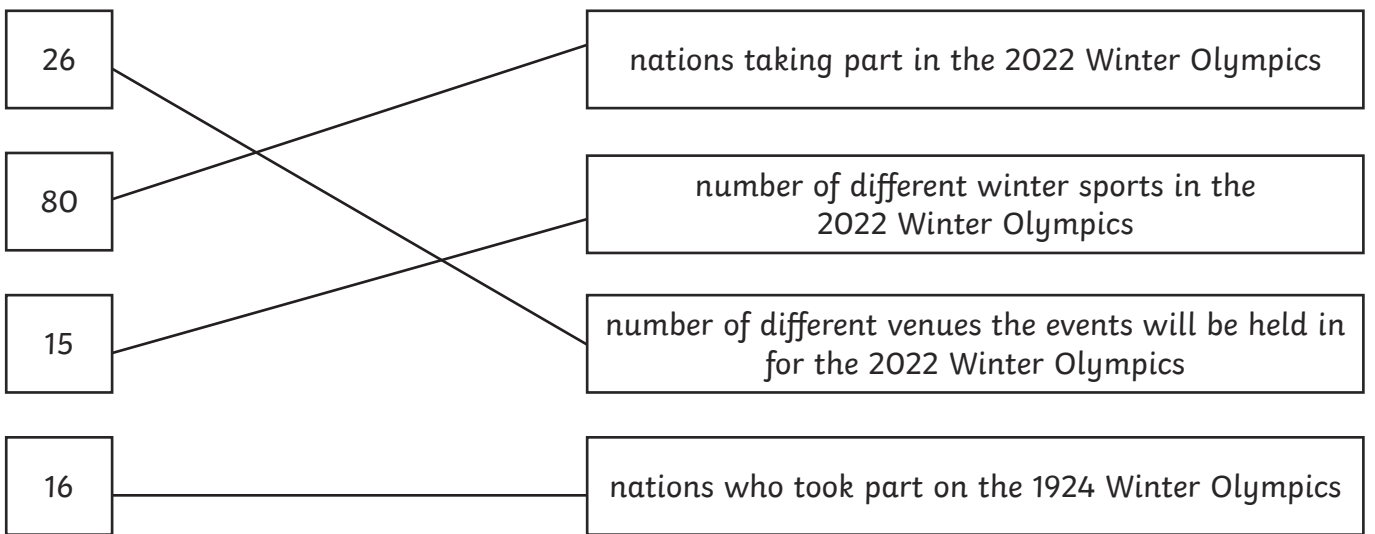
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## The Host Country and City

Since its establishment in 1924, the Winter Olympics has been hosted in a range of different cities in 12 different countries around the world. The countries are:

- four times in the United States.
- three times in France.
- twice in Austria, Canada, Japan, Italy, Norway and Switzerland.
- once in Germany, (former) Yugoslavia, Russia and South Korea.

The next Winter Olympics will be held in the city of Beijing in China in 2022. Beijing also hosted the 2008 Summer Olympic Games. This is the first time that the Winter Olympics will be hosted by a city that has also hosted the Summer Olympics. This means that four existing indoor venues, that were originally built for the 2008 Games, will be used.

The event will get underway on 4<sup>th</sup> February with an opening ceremony and will conclude on 20<sup>th</sup> February with a closing ceremony. Both ceremonies will take place in the Beijing National Stadium. During that time, there will be 80 nations competing in 15 different winter sports. The events will be held in 26 different venues around the city of Beijing. Some events will also take place in the towns of the neighbouring Hebei province - 140 miles from Beijing.

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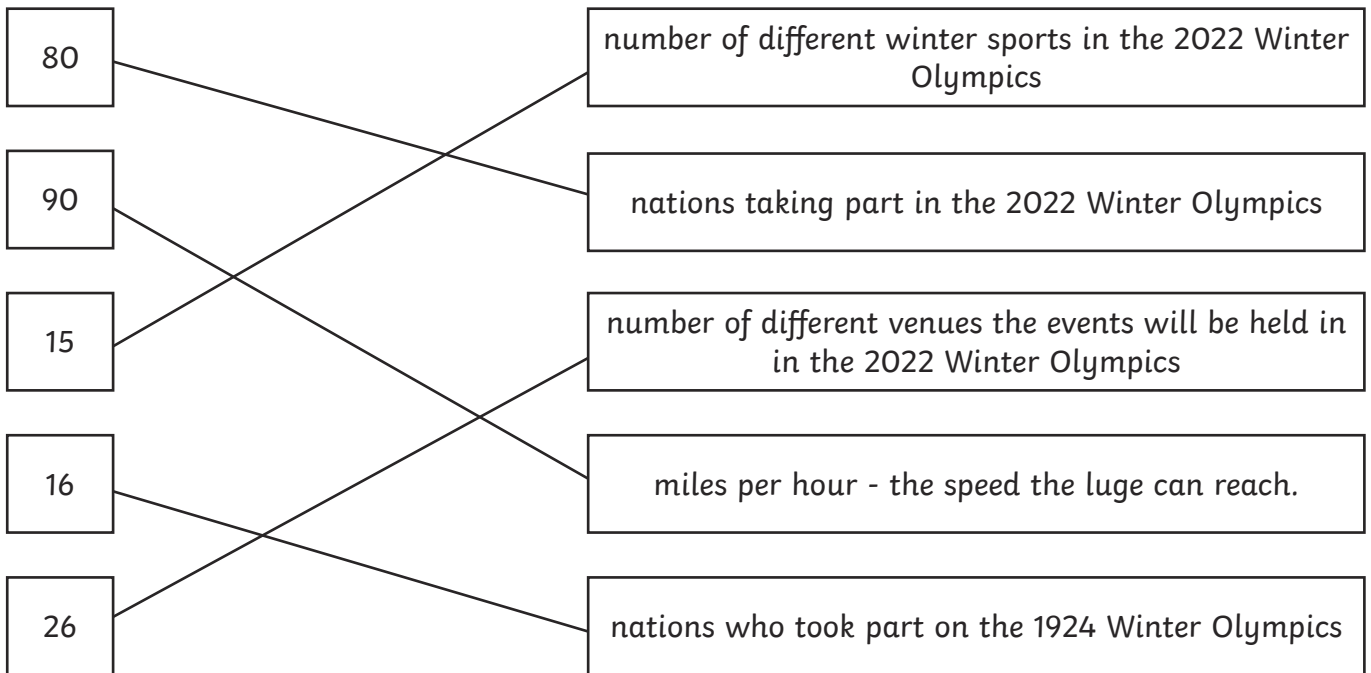


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