

# Olympic Athletes to Compete in Winter Games February 12-28



## Use the News: Reading for Detail

Draw a line from each number in the left column to the words in the right column that describe how that number relates to the Winter Olympic Games. You can use a copy of the news story to help you complete this matching activity.

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| 1. 6       | a. number of athletes who will compete this year                  |
| 2. 15      | b. number of Canadians who will carry the Olympic torch           |
| 3. 16      | c. average February temperature in Vancouver                      |
| 4. 20      | d. number of countries expected to compete for the first time     |
| 5. 41      | e. number of nations that competed in the very first Winter Games |
| 6. 86      | f. number of Olympic events that will take place this year        |
| 7. 1924    | g. the year in which the Winter Olympics were last held in Canada |
| 8. 1988    | h. number of Winter Olympics Games held <i>before</i> this year   |
| 9. 2,500   | i. year in which the Winter Olympics were first held              |
| 10. 12,000 | j. number of winter sports in this year's Olympic Games           |

## Language Practice: Find the Mistakes

Each sentence below includes a mistake. It might be a mistake of spelling, capitalization, punctuation, or word use. Can you find and mark the mistake in each sentence?

1. Norway has won more Olympic medals then any other country in the world.
2. The symbol of the Olympic Games has rings of five colors -- blue yellow, black, green and red.
3. Each ring represents a region of the world -- Africa, the Americas, asia, Europe and Oceana.
4. Did you know that no country south of the equator has ever hosted the Winter Games.
5. Three continents -- Africa, South America and Antarctica -- have never hosted the olympic Games.
6. A cross-country skier from Norway has one more medals than any other Olympic athlete.
7. Only four athletes has won medals at both the Summer *and* Winter Olympic Games.

## Critical Thinking: Do the Math

Color the circle next to the *one* statement below that is *not* true. You will need to do some math to help you complete this section.

- Winter Olympic events will take place on 17 days in February.
- This year's Winter Olympics will have 70 more events than the Winter Olympics of 1924.
- The last time the Winter Olympic Games were held in Canada was 24 years ago.
- The first Winter Olympic Games were held 86 years ago.