



Winter Olympics Quiz Bowl

1. The upcoming Olympic Games in Sochi will be the _____ time the Winter Olympics were held in Russia.
 - a. first
 - b. second
 - c. third
 - d. fourth
2. On what date will the 2014 Winter Olympics begin?
 - a. December 20
 - b. January 10
 - c. February 7
 - d. March 1
3. Which country has hosted the Winter Olympics the most?
 - a. France
 - b. United States
 - c. Switzerland
 - d. Norway
4. The Sochi Olympic Park was built along which sea coast?
 - a. Black Sea
 - b. Caspian Sea
 - c. Ural Sea
 - d. Barents Sea

5. The Winter Olympics and the Summer Olympics are held _____ year(s) apart.
- 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
6. What was the year of the first official Winter Olympic Games?
- 1880
 - 1900
 - 1924
 - 1934
7. There will be _____ different sports in the Sochi Winter Olympics.
- 5
 - 7
 - 11
 - 14
8. Sochi is also home to the 2014 Paralympic Games, which includes _____ different sports.
- 5
 - 7
 - 11
 - 14
9. Which of the following is not an event in the Winter Olympics?
- curling
 - skeleton
 - luge
 - snowshoeing
10. For the first time at the Winter Olympics, figure skating will add a(n) _____ event.
- singles
 - pairs
 - team
 - ice dancing

11. Biathlon has its origins in the ancient _____ practices of northern Europeans.
- a. hunting
 - b. fishing
 - c. medicinal
 - d. combat
12. _____ is the oldest competitive event in the Winter Olympic Games, having previously been part of the Summer Games in both 1908 and 1920.
- a. alpine skiing
 - b. biathlon
 - c. figure skating
 - d. curling
13. Luge is one of the different sports in the Sochi Winter Olympics. Luge is the French word for _____.
- a. ski
 - b. sled
 - c. blade
 - d. snow
14. When did snowboarding make its Olympic debut?
- a. 1992
 - b. 1994
 - c. 1998
 - d. 2002
15. The Olympic torch for the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi will visit all of the following places except:
- a. International Space Station
 - b. The North Pole
 - c. The Great Wall of China
 - d. Lake Baikal
16. Norwegian cross-country skier Bjorn Daehlie holds the Winter Olympic record for the most medals won. How many medals did he win?
- a. 5
 - b. 7
 - c. 12
 - d. 15

17. Which American woman holds the Winter Olympic record for the most gold medals won?
- a. Dorothy Hamel
 - b. Bonnie Blair
 - c. Peekaboo Street
 - d. Lindsey Vonn
18. Which American man has won the most gold medals in a single Winter Olympics?
- a. Eric Heiden
 - b. Shaun White
 - c. Bode Miller
 - d. Apolo Anton
19. In what event did both Bonnie Blair and Eric Heiden compete?
- a. figure skating
 - b. alpine skiing
 - c. speed skating
 - d. ice hockey
20. Scott Allen of the United States was the youngest American to win a medal in a Winter Olympics, winning a bronze in figure skating. How old was Allen when he won?
- a. 12 years old
 - b. 13 years old
 - c. 14 years old
 - d. 15 years old
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Answers

1. **(a) first** — This will be the Russian Federation's first time hosting the Winter Olympic Games, though it has previously hosted the 1980 Summer Games in Moscow (when it was part of the Soviet Union).
2. **(c) 17 days** — The 2014 Winter Olympics will be held Friday, Feb. 7 through Sunday, Feb. 23 in Sochi, Russia. Please note this is Moscow Standard Time.
3. **(b) United States** — The United States has hosted the Winter Olympics four times, followed by France, which has hosted three Winter Games.
4. **(a) Black Sea** — The Games will be organized in two clusters: a coastal cluster for ice events in Sochi, and a mountain cluster located in the Krasnaya Polyana Mountains.
5. **(b) 2** — The Summer and Winter Olympics originally took place in the same year, but since 1992 the Winter Olympics have been held two years from the Summer Olympics.
6. **(c) 1924** — The first Winter Olympic Games were originally known as "Winter Sports Week."
7. **(b) 7** — The Winter Olympics will include biathlon, bobsleigh, curling, ice hockey, luge, skating and skiing.
8. **(a) 5** — The Paralympics will include alpine skiing, biathlon, cross-country skiing, ice sledge hockey and wheelchair curling.
9. **(d) snowshoeing**
10. **(c) team** — The figure skating teams will be made up of six skaters: one male, one female, one pair and one ice dance couple. The team with the highest number of total points will be named the winner.
11. **(a) hunting** — Biathlon has been an Olympic event since the 1960 Games and combines cross-country skiing and rifle marksmanship.
12. **(c) figure skating** — Figure skating debuted at the 1924 Winter Olympic Games in Paris, France with singles and pairs skating competitions.
13. **(b) sled** — Luge involves one or two people on a sled sliding down a frozen track, reaching speeds over 80 mph.

14. **(c) 1998** — Snowboarding made its Olympic debut at the 1998 Winter Games in Nagano, Japan.
15. **(c) The Great Wall of China** — On Oct. 19, the torch traveled to the North Pole; on Nov. 9 the torch arrived at the Space Station and was taken on a spacewalk; and before February the torch will travel to Lake Baikal.
16. **(c) 12** — Bjorn Daehlie, a cross-country skier, won 12 medals in the 1992, 1994 and 1998 Winter Olympic Games.
17. **(b) Bonnie Blair** — Bonnie Blair won five gold medals during the 1988, 1992 and 1994 Winter Olympics Games, as well as a bronze medal at the 1988 Olympic Games.
18. **(a) Eric Heiden** — Eric Heiden won five gold medals during the 1980 Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid, USA.
19. **(c) speed skating** — Both Blair and Heiden each won five medals for speed skating.
20. **(c) 14 years old** — Scott Allen was 14 years and 363 days old when he won bronze in figure skating at the 1964 Winter Olympic Games in Innsbruck, Austria.