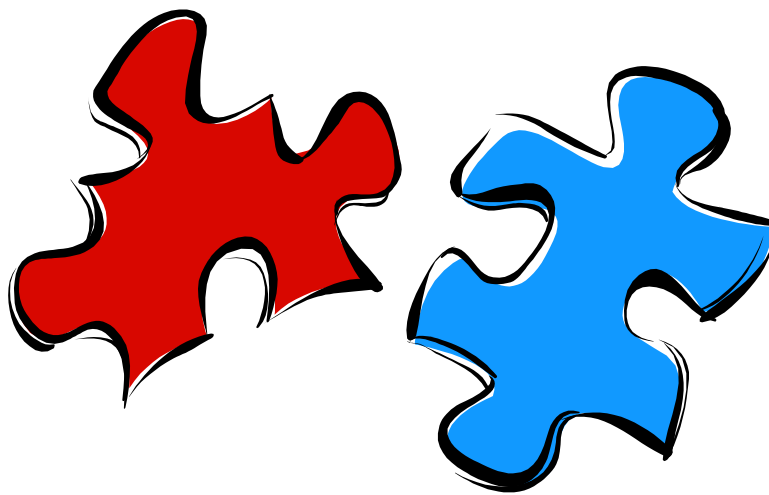


Olympics Games & Activities

Mystery Puzzle

ELSA Level 3, 4, 5



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Activity Overview:

This activity package includes an introduction, a vocabulary preparation and a large word puzzle using Olympic vocabulary and pictures. Students work in pairs going from station to station around the class and compete to finish the clues and solve the puzzle. The preparation activities will involve some of the vocabulary used in the puzzle.

Vocabulary you will see in these activities:

Olympics	Sports	Canada
Host	Sled	Aboriginal
Medals	Luge	Inuit
Inspire	Curling	Totem Poles
Torch	Figure skating	Inuksuk
Spectators	Alpine	
Lodging	Individual	
Ceremonies	Relay	
Olympian	Referee	
Victory	Competition	
Regulations	Event	
Achievement	Athletic	
	Energy	

Activity #1

Olympic/Paralympic Picture Warm-up Activity

Time: 20 minutes

Materials:

- one set of pictures from Activity #3

Learning Outcomes:

- review Olympic vocabulary

Suggested Approach:

- 1) Have students sit in groups of 3 or 4
- 2) Divide the pictures from Activity #3 among the groups
- 3) Have the groups discuss the pictures to generate vocabulary
- 4) Here are some variations:
 - a. students ask each other questions about the pictures
 - b. students make sentences from the pictures
 - c. students describe the pictures to each other
 - d. teacher writes questions on the board for students to discuss
 - e. teacher creates a category grid on the board (ex. sport)
 - f. students discuss pictures then regroup and share
 - g. teacher writes vocabulary generated on the board

Activity #2

Mystery Puzzle Vocabulary Prep & Vocabulary Fill-in Activity

Time: 45 minutes

Materials:

- one overhead transparency of the Mystery Puzzle Vocabulary Prep Activity
- one overhead transparency of the Mystery Puzzle Vocabulary Fill-in Activity
- one copy of Mystery Puzzle Vocabulary Prep Activity for each student
- one copy of Mystery Puzzle Vocabulary Fill-in Activity for each student

Learning Outcomes:

- familiarize students with Olympic-related vocabulary used in context
- practice pronunciation of Olympic-related vocabulary

Suggested Approach:

Here are some variations on how to use the **Mystery Puzzle Vocabulary Prep Activity**:

1. display the worksheet (transparency) on the overhead projector, have students call out the answers, write the correct answers on the board, students make sentences with these words
2. cut sentences into strips and give one to each student, do as a mingle
3. students complete the worksheet in pairs
4. complete the worksheet in small groups, regroup, compare and discuss

Here are some variations on how to use the **Mystery Puzzle Vocabulary Fill-in Activity**:

1. display the worksheet (transparency) on the overhead projector, do as a whole class
2. cut up and hand out the words at the top of the page (one word to each student), have students mingle and complete
3. complete the Fill-in in pairs, take up and discuss, cut up and hand out words at the top of the page (one word to each student), have students mingle, explain their word, and their partner guesses the word from the explanation, the 2 students then swap words and find a new partner

Activity #3

Mystery Puzzle Activity

Time: 60 minutes

Materials:

- one copy of the Student Puzzle Worksheet for each pair of students
- clipboards (if available)
- one copy of each of the 12 pages of the puzzle
- Masking tape or thumbtacks to hang the puzzle up around the room

Learning Outcomes:

- review Olympic-related vocabulary
- associating Olympic-related vocabulary to definitions (word clues)
- spelling (unscrambling words)

Demonstration:

On the board, demonstrate how to solve the puzzle using the following *example* (elicit the answers from the students):

Example Part 1

1. frozen water	___ ___ ___	<i>Answer:</i> <u>i</u> ce
2. the opposite of finish	___ ___ ___ ___ ___	<u>s</u> tart
3. he wears a crown	___ ___ ___ ___	<u>k</u> ing

Example Part 2

Make a word by unscrambling the first letters of the answers (i, s, k). This word is the Olympic Word, and it fits the Olympic Word Clue.

The Olympic Word Clue: to slide down a hill

The Olympic Word: ___ ___ ___ *Answer:* ski

Example Part 3

Once the students have solved all 11 pages of the puzzle, they take the first letter of each Olympic Word and unscramble them to find the solution to the Mystery Puzzle.

Suggested Approach:

- 1) Hang the first 11 pages of the puzzle randomly around the classroom (Puzzle #1 to Puzzle #11). Put up the last one (Puzzle #12) later.

- 2) Put the students in pairs, give each pair one copy of the Student Puzzle Worksheet and a clipboard.
- 3) Each pair goes around the room solving each part of the puzzle, writing down words and Olympic Words on the Student Puzzle Worksheet (for a faster version of this activity, half the students do the odd numbers of the puzzle, and half the even numbers).
- 4) Once the students have completed most of the puzzles, the teacher hangs up Puzzle #12 (which will lead to the answer of the Mystery Puzzle).
- 5) As pairs are finished, they can work with another pair to check answers and pool information.
- 6) To solve the last puzzle, #12, take the first letter of Olympic Words #1 to #11, unscramble them to make the solution.
- 7) The first pair to finish gets gold, second gets silver, third gets bronze.
- 8) You can take up all the words as a group if you have time.

Option:

Ts may choose to use the mystery puzzle as an Olympic Countdown activity in which Ss see only one puzzle at per day and work with a partner to figure out each day's answer. Ss keep Puzzle Worksheet in their notebook, and don't show other teams. After Ss have seen all of the puzzles, T puts up the final puzzle on the 12th day, and Ss try to complete the answer.

Activity #2

Mystery Puzzle Vocabulary Prep Activity

1. He's too tired to run. He doesn't have the (energy/freedom) to run the race.
2. Sliding down a hill on a small sled at high speeds is called (luge/Austria)
3. The country (Austria/Canada) is beside Hungary.
4. (Figure/Alpine) skiing is skiing downhill.
5. Figure skating is an example of an (event/individual) at the 2010 Olympics.
6. The (occupational/aboriginal) people were the first people in North America.
7. Four team-mates usually participate in a (host/relay).
8. John plays many sports. He's very (energy/athletic).
9. The Olympian won 3 gold (medals/cars).
10. The Olympics usually (inspire/parade) young people to join sports.
11. The Canucks won their hockey game. The players were happy about their (victory/torch)
12. A (referee/Inuit) is like a judge in sports.
13. Many spectators watched the (parade/energy) go by.
14. There are certain rules or (registrations/regulations) that sports teams must follow.
15. An example of a winter sport is (curling/lodging).
16. The native people in Northern Canada are called (Alpine/Inuit).
17. He needs a place to stay but the hotels are full. He can't find any (event/lodging).
18. The 2010 Olympics will be in Canada. The (parade/host) country for the 2010 Olympics is Canada.
19. During the Opening Ceremonies, the (torch/luge) will be lit.
20. He was happy about his (achievement/athletic).

Activity #2

Mystery Puzzle Vocabulary Fill-in Activity

event	regulations	torch	aboriginal	Inuit
lodging	achievement	medals	host	luge
relay	victory	energy	alpine	inspire
parade	Austria	curling	referee	athletic

1. Bob runs every day, so he needs a lot of _____.
2. I've tried many outdoor winter sports, but I've never tried _____.
3. Vienna is the capital of _____.
4. David went cross country skiing last weekend, but he didn't like it as much as _____ skiing.
5. Hockey is my favourite Winter Olympic _____.
6. These totem poles were carved by _____ people.
7. The Jamaican men's _____ team did very well in the 2008 Summer Olympics.
8. My son is very _____. He plays hockey, soccer and baseball.
9. The Olympians received gold, silver and bronze _____ at the end of the competition.
10. Who will inspire the athletes of tomorrow?
11. Team Canada won gold. They were thrilled with their _____.
12. The _____ blew his whistle to stop the game.
13. There were 200 floats and 7 marching bands in the _____.
14. It is against fire _____ to light candles near the curtains.
15. In high school, Barb was the star of the _____ team.
16. While driving through Northern BC, I saw a little pile of stones (an inuksuk) left there by the _____.
17. Bed and Breakfasts (B & B's) offer food and _____.
18. I'm planning to _____ a dinner party next week.
19. It was dark at the beach, so we lit a _____.
20. Completing all these sentences correctly is quite an _____.

Activity #3

Winter Olympics and Paralympics Mystery Puzzle Activity Answer Key

<p>Puzzle #1 <i>Clues and answers:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. you need this to be an athlete ~ <u>energy</u> 2. an Olympic Sport ~ <u>luge</u> 3. more than one person ~ <u>people</u> 4. a country bordering on Germany ~ <u>Austria</u> 5. countries ~ <u>nations</u> 6. you skate on this ~ <u>ice</u> <p><i>Olympic Word Clue:</i> Downhill Skiing ~ <u>alpine</u> skiing</p>	<p>Puzzle #2 <i>Clues and answers:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. skiing is a _____ ~ <u>sport</u> 2. An Olympic _____ ~ <u>event</u> 3. Vancouver International Airport ~ <u>YVR</u> 4. native people ~ <u>aboriginal</u> 5. a team race ~ <u>relay</u> <p><i>Olympic Word Clue:</i> How often are the Winter Olympics? ~ every four <u>years</u></p>
<p>Puzzle #3 <i>Clues and answers:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a person who is good at sports is ~ <u>athletic</u> 2. fast, quick ~ <u>rapid</u> 3. the world, our planet ~ <u>earth</u> 4. the host country for the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games ~ <u>Canada</u> <p><i>Olympic Word Clue:</i> A competition of speed ~ <u>race</u></p>	<p>Puzzle #4 <i>Clues and answers:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the opposite of west ~ <u>east</u> 2. _____ Ceremonies ~ <u>Opening</u> 3. Russian is spoken here ~ <u>Russia</u> 4. the athletes do this to prepare ~ <u>practice</u> 5. people who watch a sport ~ <u>fans</u> 6. a person who runs ~ <u>runner</u> 7. Gold, silver or bronze _____ ~ <u>medal</u> <p><i>Olympic Word Clue:</i> She is going to _____ on stage ~ <u>perform</u></p>
<p>Puzzle #5 <i>Clues and answers:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. including all nations ~ <u>international</u> 2. precise ~ <u>exact</u> 3. the opposite of 'finish' ~ <u>start</u> 4. the opposite of win ~ <u>lose</u> 5. athletes will stay at the Olympic _____ ~ <u>Village</u> 6. the Olympic Skating Oval is in this city ~ <u>Richmond</u> <p><i>Olympic Word Clue:</i> If you are in second place, you will get a _____ medal ~ <u>silver</u></p>	<p>Puzzle #6 <i>Clues and answers:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. join or _____ a competition ~ <u>enter</u> 2. the top Winter Olympic country ~ <u>Norway</u> 3. motivate ~ <u>inspire</u> 4. a win, or _____ ~ <u>victory</u> 5. a group of athletes ~ <u>team</u> 6. the opposite of team ~ <u>individual</u> <p><i>Olympic Word Clue:</i> Vancouver wants to _____ the world to the 2010 Winter and Paralympic Games ~ <u>invite</u></p>

<p>Puzzle #7 <i>Clues and answers:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. go to or _____ the ceremony ~ <u>attend</u> 2. the opposite of uphill ~ <u>downhill</u> 3. two people in figure skating ~ <u>pairs</u> 4. better than good ~ <u>excellent</u> 5. incredible ~ <u>amazing</u> 6. a judge in sports ~ <u>referee</u> <p><i>Olympic Word Clue:</i> In the Opening Ceremonies, when all the athletes from all the countries enter the stadium ~ <u>Parade</u> of Nations</p>	<p>Puzzle #8 <i>Clues and answers:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. everyone who comes to rainy Vancouver needs one ~ <u>umbrella</u> 2. rules ~ <u>regulations</u> 3. International Olympic Committee ~ <u>IOC</u> 4. not following the rules ~ <u>cheating</u> 5. first place wins a _____ medal ~ <u>gold</u> 6. place ~ <u>location</u> 7. the 2010 Olympics are in _____ America ~ <u>North</u> <p><i>Olympic Word Clue:</i> A winter Olympic team sport ~ <u>curling</u></p>
<p>Puzzle #9 <i>Clues and answers:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. native people who live in the north ~ <u>Inuit</u> 2. practicing before a competition ~ <u>training</u> 3. at the Opening Ceremonies, BC will _____ the torch ~ <u>light</u> 4. an Olympic Sport: _____ skating ~ <u>figure</u> <p><i>Olympic Word Clue:</i> To go up a mountain, you can take a chair _____ ~ <u>lift</u></p>	<p>Puzzle #10 <i>Clues and answers:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. enjoyable to watch ~ <u>entertaining</u> 2. someone who creates art ~ <u>artist</u> 3. you ski down this ~ <u>mountain</u> 4. a place to stay ~ <u>lodging</u> 5. the opposite of safe ~ <u>dangerous</u> <p><i>Olympic Word Clue:</i> The ceremony for first, second and third place winners to receive their awards ~ <u>Medal</u> Ceremony</p>
<p>Puzzle #11 <i>Clues and answers:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the Olympic Flame ~ <u>torch</u> 2. the Winter Olympics events will take place in Whistler and the _____ Mainland ~ <u>Lower</u> 3. awesome ~ <u>extraordinary</u> 4. accomplishment ~ <u>achievement</u> 5. people who travel ~ <u>travellers</u> 6. Vancouver and Whistler are the _____ cities ~ <u>host</u> 7. the 'tools' you need for sports ~ <u>equipment</u> <p><i>Olympic Word Clue:</i> An Olympian ~ <u>athlete</u></p>	<p>Puzzle #12 <i>Clue and solution to the mystery puzzle:</i></p> <p>Sports events at the Olympics for athletes with physical and visual disabilities ~ Paralympics</p>

Student Puzzle Worksheet

<p style="text-align: center;">Puzzle #1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____ <p>Olympic Word: _____ skiing</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Puzzle #2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ <p>Olympic Word: Every four _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Puzzle #3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ <p>Olympic Word: _____</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Puzzle #4</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ <p>Olympic Word: _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Puzzle #5</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____ <p>Olympic Word: _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Puzzle #6</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____ <p>Olympic Word: _____</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Puzzle #7</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____ <p>Olympic Word: _____ of Nations</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Puzzle #8</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ <p>Olympic Word: _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Puzzle #9</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ <p>Olympic Word: _____</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Puzzle #10</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ <p>Olympic Word: _____ Ceremony</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Puzzle #11</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ <p>Olympic Word: _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Puzzle #12</p> <p>Solution to the Mystery Puzzle: _____</p>

Mystery Puzzle - Teacher's Copy

Puzzle #1

Clues:

1. you need this to be an athlete
2. an Olympic Sport
3. more than one person
4. a country bordering on Germany
5. countries
6. you skate on this

Olympic Word Clue:

Downhill Skiing

Puzzle #2

Clues:

1. skiing is a _____
2. An Olympic _____
3. Vancouver International Airport
4. native people
5. a team race

Olympic Word Clue:

How often are the Winter Olympics?

Puzzle #3

Clues:

1. a person who is good at sports is
2. fast, quick
3. the world, our planet
4. the host country for the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games

Olympic Word Clue:

A competition of speed

Puzzle #4

Clues:

1. the opposite of west
2. _____ Ceremonies
3. Russian is spoken here
4. the athletes do this to prepare
5. people who watch a sport
6. a person who runs
7. Gold, silver or bronze _____

Olympic Word Clue:

She is going to _____ on stage

Puzzle #5

Clues:

1. including all nations
2. precise
3. the opposite of 'finish'
4. the opposite of win
5. athletes will stay at the Olympic _____
6. the Olympic Skating Oval is in this city

Olympic Word Clue:

If you are in second place, you will get a _____ medal

Puzzle #6

Clues:

1. join or _____ a competition
2. the top Winter Olympic country
3. motivate
4. a win, or _____
5. a group of athletes
6. the opposite of team

Olympic Word Clue:

Vancouver wants to _____ the world to the 2010 Winter and Paralympic Games

Puzzle #7

Clues:

1. go to or _____ the ceremony
2. the opposite of uphill
3. two people in figure skating
4. better than good
5. incredible
6. a judge in sports

Olympic Word Clue:

In the Opening Ceremonies, when all the athletes from all the countries enter the stadium

Puzzle #8

Clues:

1. everyone who comes to rainy Vancouver needs one
2. rules
3. International Olympic Committee
4. not following the rules
5. first place wins a _____ medal
6. place
7. the 2010 Olympics are in _____ America

Olympic Word Clue:

A winter Olympic team sport

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Clues:

1. native people who live in the north
2. practicing before a competition
3. at the Opening Ceremonies, BC will _____ the torch
4. an Olympic Sport: _____ skating

Olympic Word Clue:

To go up a mountain, you can take a chair _____

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Clues:

1. enjoyable to watch
2. someone who creates art
3. you ski down this
4. a place to stay
5. the opposite of safe

Olympic Word Clue:

The ceremony for first, second and third place winners to receive their awards

Puzzle #11

Clues:

1. the Olympic Flame
2. the Winter Olympics events will take place in Whistler and the _____ Mainland
3. awesome
4. accomplishment
5. people who travel
6. Vancouver and Whistler are the _____ cities
7. the 'tools' you need for sports

Olympic Word Clue:

An Olympian

Puzzle #12

Clue for the solution to the mystery puzzle:

Sports events at the Olympics for athletes with physical and visual disabilities