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Winter 2009



Vancouver hosting Winter Olympics

The Olympic Games originated in Ancient Greece as a simple footrace, but since the revival of the Games in modern times, they have grown to include a variety of sports from archery to wrestling.

The Winter Olympic Games will be held in Vancouver, BC, in February 2010. This is the second time Canada has hosted the Winter Games, the last being in Calgary, AB, in 1988.

Figure skating and ice hockey were originally part of the Summer Games, but the International Olympic Committee decided in 1924 that the winter competitions would be held separately, and the Winter Olympics were born in Chamoix, France.

The Winter Games are not as big as the Summer Games, but they still draw com-

petitors from all over the world, who train for years in hopes of winning the gold, silver and bronze medals that are awarded to the world's best athletes. While the Olympic Games does not involve politics, the athletes represent their countries in the competitions, and taking home an Olympic medal is considered a mark of national honour.

Unlike most of the summer events, held in stadiums and gymnasiums, many of the Winter Games are held outdoors. In 1964, Innsbruck, Austria, faced a near catastrophe when the weather refused to co-operate. Although Innsbruck is a traditional winter sports resort area, the weather stayed too warm for snow. With national pride at stake, Austria mobilized its army to truck in snow and the Games went on as scheduled.

FAT CAT® JOKES

Q. What do a hockey player and a magician have in common?

A. They both do hat tricks!

Q. Why are basketball players not invited to dinner?

A. Because they always dribble!

Q. What flavour of tea do hockey players hate?

A. Penal-tea!

Q. What is a runner's favourite subject in school?

A. Jog-graphy!

Q. Which Olympic judge can jump higher than a crossbar?

A. All of them, crossbars can't jump!



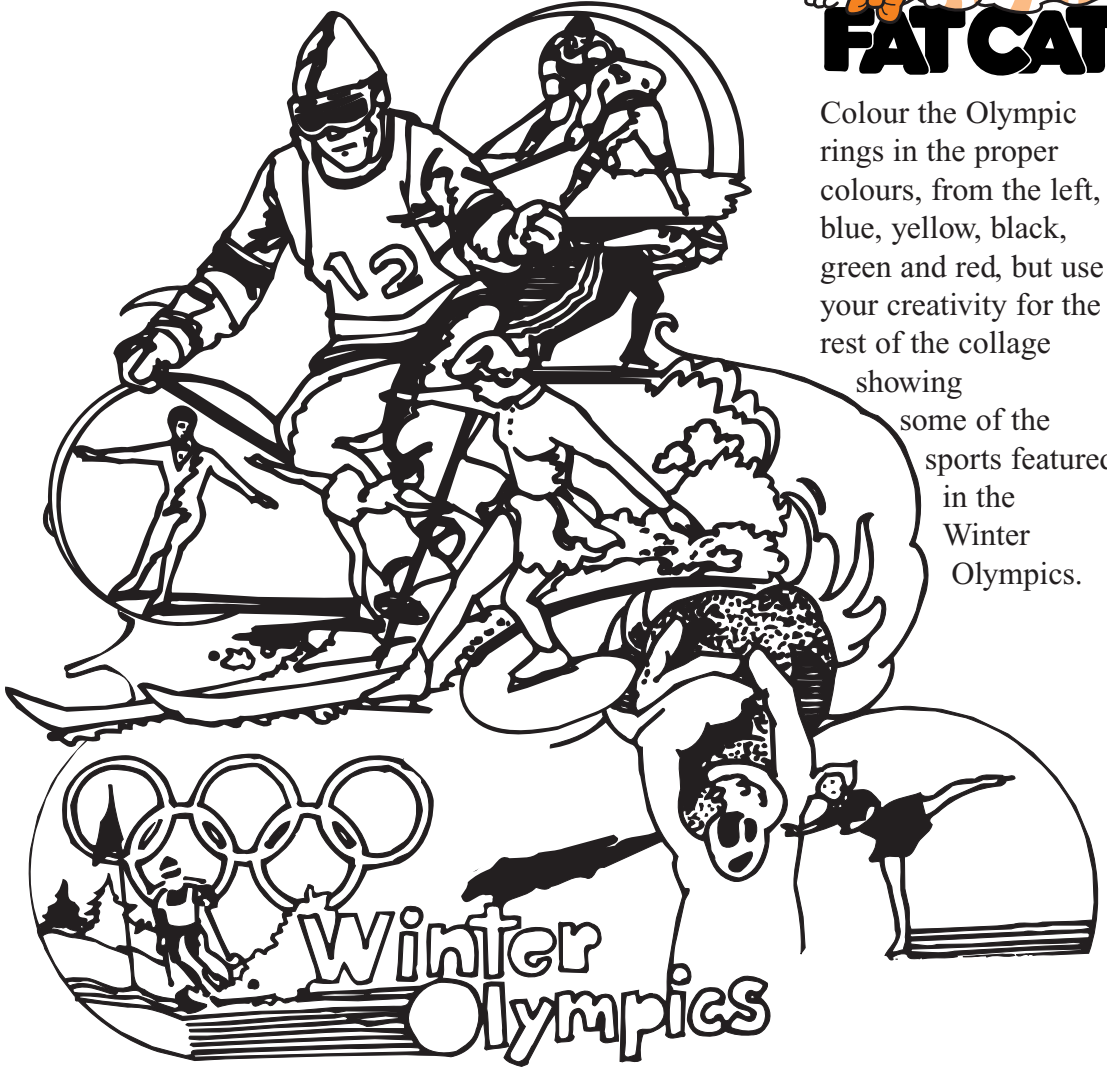
Olympic symbols

- The Olympic motto is *Swifter, Higher, Stronger* and was introduced at the Olympic Games in Paris in 1924.
- The most recognizable symbol of the Olympic Games is five interlocking rings, coloured blue, yellow, black, green and red on a white background. It was designed in 1912 by Pierre de Coubertin, the founder of the modern Olympic Games. The rings represent the five areas of the world – the Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa and Oceania – which participate in the Olympic Games.
- The Olympic torch is lit at the site of the Ancient Olympics in Olympia, Greece, a few months before the modern Games are to be held. It is carried by athletes, celebrities, political leaders and ordinary people to the site of the modern Games.

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Colour the Olympic rings in the proper colours, from the left, blue, yellow, black, green and red, but use your creativity for the rest of the collage showing some of the sports featured in the Winter Olympics.



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