

What's Your OQ*?

(*Olympics Quotient)

Have you ever heard of IQ? IQ stands for **intelligence quotient**. It's a measurement of a person's intelligence.

With the XXIV Winter Olympics officially beginning on Feb. 4 in Beijing, China, The Mini Page will help you improve your OQ, or Olympics quotient, with some facts about the centuries-old games. Let's get started!



Q: What does XXIV mean?
A: The games are numbered using Roman numerals.

M = 1,000	X = 10
D = 500	V = 5
C = 100	I = 1
L = 50	

The Olympics in Beijing are the 24th Winter Games.

If a number is smaller than the number that comes after it, it is subtracted from the total, not added, so IV is $5 - 1 = 4$.



Q: Have the Olympics ever been canceled?

A: Yes! Three were canceled during World War I and World War II, and in 1908, an eruption of Mount Vesuvius forced the games to relocate from Rome to London.



Q: How will the time change between my house and Beijing affect watching on TV?

A: Beijing is 13 hours ahead of New York (Eastern Standard Time) and 16 hours ahead



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of Los Angeles (Pacific Standard Time). When an athlete wins a medal at 10 a.m. on Wednesday in China, a kid in Chicago (Central Standard Time) might just be going to bed at 8 p.m. on Tuesday!



Q: Why are there mascots?
A: Each host of the Olympics creates mascots to represent their city, their nation and the Olympic spirit. This **spirit**, or feeling, is that the Olympic athletes come together to compete in peace, friendship and fairness.

The mascot for Beijing 2022 is Bing Dwen Dwen, a panda. "Bing" means "ice," and "Dwen Dwen" represents children.



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Bing Dwen Dwen



Q: What's with the torch?
A: The modern torch relay began with the 1936 Games. During the relay, the torch is handed from person to person as it makes its way toward the host city.

Today, every torch relay begins at Olympia, Greece, the site of the first Olympics.








Q: When do the Games close?
A: The closing ceremony will be on Feb. 20. The mayor of Beijing will turn over the Olympic flag to the mayors of the host cities for 2026.



A pictogram quiz

During the Olympics, you'll see **pictograms** that represent each sport. They work well for this international event because they don't depend on any particular language to be understood.

Can you match each of these 10 Olympic events with its official Beijing 2022 pictogram?

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| 1. |  | Alpine Skiing | — |  | 6. |
| | | Biathlon | — | | |
| 2. |  | Bobsleigh | — |  | 7. |
| | | Cross-country Skiing | — | | |
| 3. |  | Curling | — |  | 8. |
| | | Freestyle Skiing Big Air | — | | |
| 4. |  | Freestyle Skiing Slopestyle | — |  | 9. |
| | | Skeleton | — | | |
| 5. |  | Snowboard Parallel Giant Slalom | — |  | 10. |
| | | Speed Skating | — | | |

Answers: 1. Curling; 2. Freestyle Skiing Big Air; 3. Skeleton; 4. Snowboard Parallel Giant Slalom; 5. Speed Skating; 6. Alpine Skiing; 7. Bobsleigh; 8. Freestyle Skiing Slopestyle; 9. Cross-country Skiing; 10. Biathlon.

Resources



On the Web:

- olympics.com

At the library:

- "The Story of the Olympic Games" by the Olympic Museum

Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of the Winter Olympics are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

ATHENS, BEIJING, BIATHLON, BOBSLEIGH, CANCELED, CEREMONY, CHINA, EVENTS, INTELLIGENCE, MAYOR, OLYMPICS, PICTOGRAM, QUOTIENT, SKELETON, SPIRIT, TIME, TORCH, WINTER.

S E S M L Z D E L E C N A C Z
T C N I N T E L L I G E N C E
N E E A T C N O T E L E K S N
E R H T N E I T O U Q Q E T O
V E T G P H A N I H C R K I L
E M A G N I J I E B N O B R H
T O R C H R E T N I W Y C I T
A N N C P I C T O G R A M P A
C Y Y S C I P M Y L O M W S I
E M I T M R H G I E L S B O B



Cook's Corner

Orange and Red Salad

You'll need:

- 2 cups cantaloupe, cut in small chunks
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, quartered
- 1/2 cup red bell pepper, chopped
- 2 tablespoons orange juice

- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1/4 teaspoon salt



What to do:

- Combine cantaloupe, tomatoes and chopped red pepper in a medium bowl.
- Mix the two juices and honey in a smaller bowl.
- Pour juice mixture over fruit and vegetables. Sprinkle with salt and stir well to mix flavors.
- Refrigerate or serve immediately. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

1. To teach, practice or work hard at (5-letter verb)

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2. A record of points lost or made in a competition (5-letter noun)

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3. A piece of metal given to contest winners (5-letter noun)

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4. The nation or state someone lives in (7-letter noun)

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- Roberto will _____ every day to be the best ice skater.
- At the end, the _____ between the teams was a tie.
- All athletes hope to win a _____ of gold, silver or bronze.
- In Elena's _____, most people speak Spanish.

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Study the definition. When you know the missing word, fill in the letter boxes and the sentence blanks.

Answers: Train, Score, Medal, Country.

Mini Jokes



Ollie: What can be plowed but not planted?

Olivia: Snow!

Eco Note



A new species of millipede was unearthed 200 feet beneath the surface in a mining region of Australia's Eastern Goldfields province, sporting a total of 1,306 legs. While all but one of the 7,000 known species of millipedes worldwide don't come close to having 1,000 legs, **Eumillipes persephone** has far more. Writing in Scientific Reports, scientists say its body has up to 330 segments and can measure 3.8 inches in length. Its new scientific name translates into "true-thousand-foot," while "persephone" references the Greek goddess of the underworld.

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