

Winter Trivia

Read each question aloud and let the group call out the answer, or circle A, B or C on your own. The answers are on the last page.

1. The first Winter Olympics were held in 1924 in Chamonix. In which country?
A) France **B)** Norway **C)** Canada
2. Chester Greenwood, who patented earmuffs as a young man, was from which state?
A) Maine **B)** Minnesota **C)** Alaska
3. The machine that smooths the ice at a skating rink is named for its inventor, Frank...
A) Zamboni **B)** Ferrari **C)** Marconi
4. In the 1980 "Miracle on Ice," the U.S. hockey team beat which country?
A) Canada **B)** Sweden **C)** Soviet Union
5. Which skater won Olympic gold in 1976 and started a craze for her short wedge haircut?
A) Peggy Fleming **B)** Dorothy Hamill **C)** Sonja Henie
6. "Winter Wonderland" was written in which year?
A) 1934 **B)** 1954 **C)** 1974

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7. The Ski-Doo snowmobile went on sale in 1959. Which country was its maker from?
- A)** Canada **B)** Sweden **C)** United States
8. The Great Blizzard of 1888 buried which part of the country?
- A)** The Northeast **B)** Texas **C)** California
9. In the song, what brings Frosty the Snowman to life?
- A)** A corncob pipe **B)** An old silk hat **C)** A button nose
10. Which Norwegian skater won three Olympic golds and then became a Hollywood movie star?
- A)** Sonja Henie **B)** Greta Garbo **C)** Ingrid Bergman
11. The Iditarod sled dog race starts near Anchorage, Alaska, and ends in which town?
- A)** Nome **B)** Juneau **C)** Fairbanks
12. The famous "Ice Bowl" football game of December 31, 1967, was played in which city?
- A)** Green Bay **B)** Chicago **C)** Buffalo
13. Hockey's Stanley Cup is named for Lord Stanley, a governor general of which country?
- A)** England **B)** Canada **C)** Scotland

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14. Which Minnesota town calls itself the "Icebox of the Nation"?

- A)** Duluth **B)** International Falls **C)** Bemidji

15. Who wrote the 1865 novel Hans Brinker, or The Silver Skates?

- A)** Mary Mapes Dodge **B)** Louisa May Alcott
C) Harriet Beecher Stowe

ANSWERS

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1. A) France
2. A) Maine
3. A) Zamboni
4. C) The Soviet Union
5. B) Dorothy Hamill
6. A) 1934
7. A) Canada
8. A) The Northeast
9. B) An old silk hat
10. A) Sonja Henie
11. A) Nome
12. A) Green Bay
13. B) Canada
14. B) International Falls
15. A) Mary Mapes Dodge

Every answer was checked against published sources before printing.

TRUE OR FALSE?

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Read each statement aloud. Is it true or false? Circle your answer.
The answers are on the next page.

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| 1. Under its white fur, a polar bear has black skin. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 2. Groundhog Day is February 2. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 3. Antarctica is the coldest continent on Earth. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 4. Any heavy snowfall counts as a blizzard. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 5. The Winter and Summer Olympics were held in the same year until 1992. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 6. Alaska became a state in 1959. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 7. Reindeer and caribou are the same species. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 8. Hockey pucks are frozen before a game so they bounce less. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 9. Penguins live at the North Pole. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 10. Lake Placid, New York, has hosted the Winter Olympics twice. | TRUE | FALSE |

ANSWERS

Winter: True or False

1. True.
2. True.
3. True.
4. False: a blizzard also needs strong winds and low visibility.
5. True: the Winter Games moved to 1994.
6. True: on January 3, 1959.
7. True.
8. True.
9. False: penguins live almost entirely in the Southern Hemisphere.
10. True: in 1932 and 1980.