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Winter Sports Riddles



30 riddles from easy to tricky. Write your answer on the line. Answers are on the last page.

Easy riddles ★

1. We're two long, thin boards that you strap to your boots. We carry you down snowy mountains, and we always travel as a pair. What are we?

   ANSWER _____

2. I'm a ride with no engine, no pedals and no steering wheel, but give me a snowy hill and I'll zoom you to the bottom. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

3. I'm a boot with a thin metal blade on the bottom instead of a sole. Put me on, and you can glide across a frozen pond. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

4. I'm small, black, round and flat, made of hard rubber. Players chase me around the ice with sticks and try to smack me into a net. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

5. I'm one wide board, and you ride me sideways with both feet strapped on. I can carve down mountains and do tricks in a halfpipe. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

6. I carry skiers up the mountain while they sit with their legs dangling, so they don't have to climb. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

7. Strap me onto your boots and you can walk on deep snow without sinking, because I spread your weight out like a duck's foot. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

8. I protect your eyes from wind, bright sun and flying snow when you ski. I have a stretchy strap that goes around your helmet. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

9. I'm long with a flat, curved blade at the bottom. Hockey players use me to pass, shoot and steal the puck. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

10. How many rings are on the Olympic flag?

    ANSWER _____

Medium riddles ★★

11. In my sport, players slide heavy stones across the ice toward a target called the house, while teammates sweep the ice with brooms to help each stone travel farther. What sport am I?

ANSWER _____

12. I lie on my back and slide feet first down an icy, twisting track on a tiny sled, steering with my legs and shoulders. What sport am I?

ANSWER _____

13. I lie on my stomach and slide head first down the same icy track, with my chin just above the ice. My sport is named after something inside your body. What is it?

ANSWER _____

14. Teams of two or four push my sled as fast as they can, jump in, and race down an icy track with walls like a tube. What sport am I?

ANSWER _____

15. My athletes cross-country ski for miles, then stop to lie down or stand up and shoot at small targets. What sport am I?

ANSWER _____

16. I glide, spin and leap on the ice to music, and judges score how hard my jumps are and how well I perform. What sport am I?

ANSWER _____

17. I speed down a giant ramp, take off, and fly through the air with my skis spread in a V-shape to stay up longer. What sport am I?

ANSWER _____

18. In my ski race, you zigzag downhill as fast as you can, turning around flags called gates. What race am I?

ANSWER _____

19. I'm a ski run covered in big bumps of snow, and in my event, skiers bounce over them and do jumps along the way. What are the bumps called?

ANSWER _____

20. In hockey, what do you call it when one player scores three goals in a single game?

ANSWER _____

Tricky riddles ★★★

21. The 2026 Winter Olympics, held in February 2026, were shared by the big city of Milan and the mountain town of Cortina d'Ampezzo. Which country hosted them?

ANSWER _____

22. The very first Winter Olympics were held in 1924 in a town at the foot of Mont Blanc, the highest mountain in the Alps. Where were they?

ANSWER _____

23. In figure skating, only one kind of jump takes off while the skater is moving forward. It's named after the Norwegian skater who first did it. Which jump is it?

ANSWER _____

24. Hockey pucks are often kept in a freezer before a game. Why?

ANSWER _____

25. Many of the best curling stones are carved from one kind of hard rock, much of it from a tiny island off the coast of Scotland. What kind of rock?

ANSWER _____

26. Snowboarding became an Olympic sport at the Winter Games in Nagano, Japan. In what year?

ANSWER _____

27. In curling, each team has 4 players, and every player throws 2 stones in each end. How many stones slide down the ice in one end, counting both teams?

ANSWER _____

28. I'm a long, flat sled made of wooden boards curled up at the front, with no runners underneath. A whole family can pile on me. What am I?

ANSWER _____

29. Between hockey periods, I drive slowly around the rink, shaving the scratched ice and spreading a thin layer of water that freezes smooth. What am I?

ANSWER _____

30. This sport was added to the Winter Olympics for the first time in 2026. Athletes race up the mountain on skis with grippy strips stuck underneath, sometimes carry their skis on their backs, then ski back down. What is it called?

ANSWER _____

Answers

Winter Sports Riddles · answer key · print or fold this page away before you hand out the sheet

1. Skis
2. A sled
3. An ice skate
4. A hockey puck
5. A snowboard
6. A chairlift
7. Snowshoes
8. Goggles
9. A hockey stick
10. Five
11. Curling
12. Luge
13. Skeleton
14. Bobsled
15. Biathlon
16. Figure skating
17. Ski jumping
18. Slalom
19. Moguls
20. A hat trick
21. Italy
22. Chamonix, France
23. The axel
24. **So they don't bounce.** Frozen rubber stays flatter on the ice and glides better.
25. Granite
26. 1998
27. 16 stones. 4 × 2 = 8 per team, and 8 × 2 = 16.
28. A toboggan
29. An ice resurfacer
30. Ski mountaineering

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