

Literature A Story

PRE-READING

A You are going to read a story about two young men who competed in the Olympics. Which of the following do you think are Olympic sports?



snowboarding



cricket



trampoline



baseball



figure skating



bobsledding



tennis



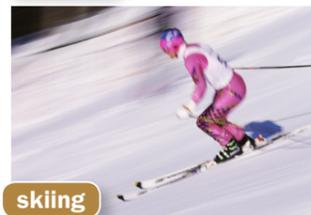
soccer



gymnastics



ice-hockey



skiing

B These are some of the goals of the Olympic Games. Choose the three goals that you think are the most important. Explain to your partner why you chose them.

- to meet athletes from other countries
- to win a medal
- to compete in the biggest sporting event in the world
- to represent (لّي صغ / تمثيل) your country
- to encourage (لعمود / تشجيع) friendship between countries
- to be famous

I think that it's important to win a medal to show that you are the best in the world.

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C 1 The New Words below appear in the story on pages 31-33. Look them up in the Glossary and write them in your vocabulary notebook.

New Words

battle	disappear	laugh	raise	tear (n, v)	in an instant
bow (v)	embarrassed	notice (v)	shoulder	thief	on their way
bright	fence	point (v)	sleeve	thread (n)	run off
coat	gather	probably	soldier	trust (v)	take off (v)
determined	joke	proud	steal	uneasy	try on

2 Which of the New Words are connected to clothes? Which are connected to feelings?

BASIC UNDERSTANDING

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D Read Part One and find out why Jack and his teammates were so excited. While you read, answer the questions in the margin.

THE BOBSLEDDER'S JACKET *by Tim Myers*

PART ONE

For as long as he could remember, Jack had dreamed of being in the Olympics. For years he'd worked hard to become a good bobsledder, training and practicing, always getting better. Now he and his partners were in Sapporo, Japan, for the Winter Olympics – as the American bobsled team!

They were on their way to the opening parade¹. Athletes from all over the world were gathering to march² into the Olympic stadium. Jack and his partners were laughing and joking, and their hearts were beating with joy. Everything was perfect – well, almost everything. The sleeve of Jack's Olympic jacket had been torn. He loved the red, white and blue jacket, with "USA" on the front and the Olympic rings on the back, but earlier that day he'd torn it climbing a fence.

"Too bad about your jacket," his friend Bill told him.
"Oh well," Jack said, "I don't think anyone will notice."

"They'll notice it," said Bill. "Japanese people notice things like that. They'll probably laugh at us."

Jack didn't answer. Bill's father had been killed by Japanese soldiers in the island battles of World War II. Jack knew Bill felt uneasy about being in Japan.

1 Who is Jack?

2 What was wrong with Jack's jacket?

3 Who is Bill?

¹parade عرض / عرض

²march يخطون، يسيرون / لآلؤ