



# Winter

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 American English

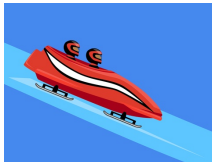
## 1 Warm-up

Do you like winter? Why/why not?

## 2 Winter sports

Match the words with the pictures.

bobsleigh  
skiing



1. \_\_\_\_\_

cross-country skiing  
ski jumping



2. \_\_\_\_\_

figure skating  
snowboarding



3. \_\_\_\_\_

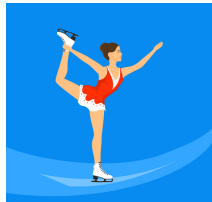
ice hockey  
speed skating



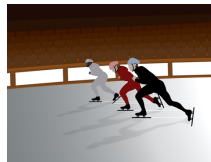
4. \_\_\_\_\_



5. \_\_\_\_\_



6. \_\_\_\_\_



7. \_\_\_\_\_



8. \_\_\_\_\_



### 3 Winter objects

Match the winter object nouns with their definitions.

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|--------------|---|
| 1. a shovel  | a. an object used for sliding over snow and ice                           |
| 2. a sweater | b. a pair of pieces of material worn over the ears connected with a strap |
| 3. earmuffs  | c. a tool with a metal end used for moving loose material                 |
| 4. goggles   | d. a warm piece of clothing worn on the upper part of the body            |
| 5. a sled    | e. gloves that have separate parts for the thumb and fingers              |
| 6. mittens   | f. special glasses that fit close to the face                             |

### 4 Winter weather

Match the words below with the descriptions of winter weather conditions.

a blizzard  
icy

foggy  
sleet

freezing  
snowy

frosty  
stormy

- When I looked out the window, everything was white. Flakes were falling from the sky. \_\_\_\_\_
- It was very hard to see anything, the air seemed white and we used the brightest setting for the car headlights. \_\_\_\_\_
- It's getting very windy and those big black clouds seem to be moving very quickly. \_\_\_\_\_
- It was dangerous to drive because the roads were very slippery. \_\_\_\_\_
- A lot of the plants were covered with ice this morning. I think many of them will die. \_\_\_\_\_
- The wind got stronger in the evening and large amounts of snow continued to fall. \_\_\_\_\_
- It wasn't snow and it wasn't rain, it was a mixture of both. It fell for a long time. \_\_\_\_\_
- It was very cold this morning. I had to put extra layers of clothing on. \_\_\_\_\_

### 5 Collocations

Match the verbs on the left with the words on the right to form winter collocations.

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|--------------|------------------|
| 1. slip      | a. in            |
| 2. throw     | b. in the winter |
| 3. bundle    | c. on the ice    |
| 4. shovel    | d. snowballs     |
| 5. hibernate | e. the snow      |
| 6. stay      | f. up            |
| 7. snowed    | g. warm          |



**6 Idioms**

**Match the underlined expressions with their correct meaning below.**

1. I've been smoking since I can remember. I'm not sure I could go cold turkey. It seems like a very difficult thing to do.
  2. The fight about the trip was just the tip of the iceberg. We've been arguing a lot lately.
  3. She always starts the meeting with a few jokes to break the ice. It works because everyone is more comfortable during the meeting.
  4. I'm walking on thin ice at school. I never hand in my homework on time.
  5. If you freeze someone out of these important negotiations, they might do something bad in return.
  6. Stuart is starting to get cold feet. He doesn't know if he wants to get married.
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- a. a small part which shows that a much bigger problem exists
  - b. in a risky or dangerous situation
  - c. make people feel less nervous
  - d. prevent someone from being involved in a situation
  - e. suddenly and completely stop doing something
  - f. suddenly become too scared to complete an action

**Now, discuss the following questions in pairs or small groups.**

Have you ever gone cold turkey? If so, did it work for you?

Did you ever get cold feet before an important event? What did you end up doing?

Were you ever on thin ice? What was the situation?

