

# ICE HOCKEY

## A. Label the picture with the words 1-7.

1. puck    3. shoulder pads    5. skates    7. leg pads  
 2. stick    4. helmet    6. elbow pads



## B. Read the text about Ice hockey and choose one heading from a-d for each paragraph. There is one extra heading. Then listen, read and check your answers.

a. Rules    c. The game  
 b. History    d. Hockey in Canada

**1** Ice Hockey, or hockey, is a sport which is played on an ice rink. The modern game started in Montreal, Canada, in 1875. Men's ice hockey became an official Winter Olympic Game in 1924, while women's ice hockey joined the Olympics in 1998.

**2** There are six players in each team. Players skate on the ice and try to score a goal by shooting the puck into the other team's goal, using a stick, shaped like an 'L'. There are three twenty-minute periods. If both teams have the same score at the end, there is an overtime period or extra time. If the score is still the same after that period, there is a shootout. In a shootout, the players take turns trying to shoot the puck into the other team's goal.

**3** There are referees and officials on and near the ice to make sure no one breaks the rules. When players break the rules, they go to the 'penalty box' and sit there for two, four or five minutes until their penalty is over. One example of breaking the rules is moving the puck with your hands.

## C. Read again and write T for True or F for False.

1. Ice hockey became an Olympic sport in 1875.  
 2. You can score a goal by hitting the puck into the other team's goal.  
 3. A game is always an hour long.  
 4. There is always a shootout at the end of the game.  
 5. Players who break the rules sit in the 'penalty box' for the rest of the game.

## D. Discuss the following.