

THE WINTER OLYMPICS

Read the text and then check Right, Wrong or Doesn't Say next to the sentences below.

In 1924 both the summer and the first winter Olympic Games were held in Chamonix. The new winter games were very small compared to the winter Olympics we know today. There were only six competitions, including skiing races, ice skating and ice hockey.

At Chamonix there were 300 athletes, but only thirteen of these were women. At the first games of the 21st century in Salt Lake City in 2002 there were over two thousand sportsmen and women in seventy-eight competitions but still only around a quarter of these were women. The number of countries taking part has not grown very much because there are not as many countries that have the right weather to do winter sports.

Norway won the most gold medals at Chamonix but their most famous sports star didn't win anything. In fact, she came last! However, this was because Sonja Henie was only 11 years old at the time. She went on to win three gold medals for skating in the next three Winter Olympic Games.

Both the winter and summer games were in France in 1924 but that soon changed. Since 1929 the summer and winter games have always been in different countries and since 1994 they have not even been in the same year.

	Right	Wrong	Doesn't Say
1. The first winter Olympics were in France.	X	X	X
2. There were fewer competitions at the first winter Olympic games than there are today.	X	X	X
3. At Salt Lake City there were many more countries that sent teams to the winter Olympics than at Chamonix.	X	X	X
4. Today, there are the same number of men and women in the winter Olympics.	X	X	X
5. Norway has won more competitions than any other country in the history of the winter Olympics.	X	X	X
6. Sonja Henie didn't do well at Chamonix because she was too young.	X	X	X
7. Sonja Henie was the youngest person to win a gold medal for skating	X	X	X
8. The winter and summer games were in the same year until 1986.	X	X	X

