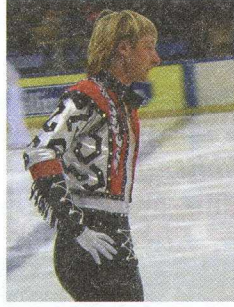




4) IN YOUR CULTURE Which Russian figure skaters are worthy of being included in the Halls of Fame? Why? (expressing personal opinions)



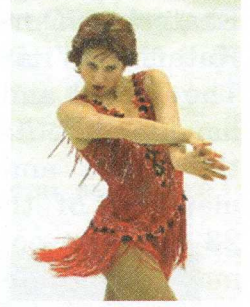
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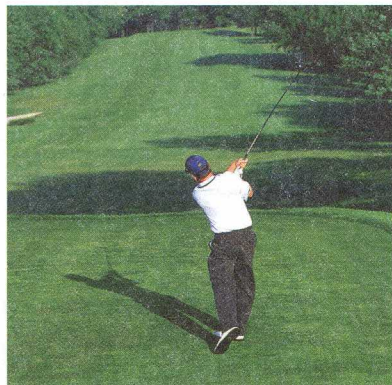


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3. The programme of the Olympic Games is changing. New sports appear in the programme and some sports disappeared from it.



1) Read about the sports that are no longer practiced at the Olympics. Match the names of the sports with the texts and the pictures. (reading for the main idea)



A. It is a contest between two teams at opposite ends of a rope, each team trying to pull the other across a centre line. It was always contested as a part of the track and field athletics programme, although it is now considered a separate sport. It was on the Olympic programme in 1900, 1904, 1908, 1912 and 1920. The Olympic champions were as follows:

- 1900: a combined Swedish/Danish team;
- 1904: an American club team representing the Milwaukee Athletic Club;
- 1906: Germany/Switzerland;
- 1908: a British team from the City of London Police Club;
- 1912: Sweden;
- 1920: Great Britain.

- B. _____ has been on the Olympic programme twice, in 1900 and 1904. There were two events in 1900 — one for gentlemen and one for ladies. It is one of the world's most popular sports, being played by well over 100 nations world-wide. It also has a long history; its origins can be traced back several centuries, international competitions have been organized since the mid-19th century. In recent years this sport apparently intends to return to the Olympic programme.
- C. It is one of the earliest forms of football in which the players may use their hands and catch, throw, or run with the ball in addition to kicking it with their feet, as in football. It developed in Great Britain in the mid-19th century. Competitions were held at the Olympics in 1900, 1908, 1920 and 1924.
- D. The game of _____, in which players on horseback try to drive a ball into the opponents' goal, is one of the most thrilling sports. Only the rich played it because it was very expensive. Today polo is played chiefly by army, professional, and university teams. It was on the Olympic programme in 1900, 1908, 1920, 1924 and 1936.

 2) Complete the sentences with the names of the sports according to the text. (*reading for specific information*)

- A. A Great Britain team became the Olympic champion in _____.
- B. In 1900 _____, _____, _____, _____ were in the Olympic programme.
- C. In 1904 _____, _____ were in the Olympic Programme.
- D. In 1908 _____, _____, _____ were in the Olympic programme.
- E. _____ may appear in the programme of future Olympic Games.
- F. _____ requires the most expensive equipment.
- G. _____ was the part of athletics.
- H. Both men and women teams played _____ at the Olympics.
- I. _____, _____, _____ are played with a ball.