

The Winter Olympics – Glossary

alter verb [transitive]

to make something or someone different

at a time phrase

used for saying how many things there are in each group or on each occasion

Deal with each question separately, one at a time.

clothing noun [uncountable]

clothes of a particular type

outdoor/protective/waterproof clothing

competitor noun [countable]

someone who takes part in a sports competition

Over 30,000 competitors will run in the New York marathon.

crash helmet noun [countable]

a hard round hat that you wear to protect your head while driving a motorcycle or racing car

fire verb [intransitive/transitive]

if a weapon fires or someone fires it, someone uses it to shoot

goal noun [countable]

an area or structure that a ball must go into or through to score points in some sports

goalkeeper noun [countable]

the player whose job is to stop the ball going into the goal in games such as soccer

ice rink noun [countable]

a large flat area of ice inside a building, where people can go to ice-skate and where ice hockey games are played

individual adjective

existing or considered separately from other people or things

kick verb [intransitive/transitive]

to hit something or someone with your foot

objective noun [countable]

something that you plan to achieve, especially in business or work

opponent noun [countable]

someone who is competing against you

You're facing a much more experienced opponent in tomorrow's game.

protective adjective [usually before noun]

providing protection against something harmful or dangerous

protective clothing/goggles

release noun [countable/uncountable]

the act of moving a piece of equipment from the position it is held in

rifle noun [countable]

a large gun with a long barrel that you hold against your shoulder to fire

skate noun [countable]

a type of shoe with a thin metal blade on the bottom, used for moving quickly on ice

slope noun [countable]

a surface for people to ski on
a new indoor ski slope

stick noun [countable]

a long thin piece of wood used for hitting or carrying something in a sport
a hockey/lacrosse stick

sweep verb [intransitive/transitive]

to clean a floor, the ground, or another surface using a broom (brush with a long handle)

target noun [countable]

an object that you have to hit in a game or sport
Few players managed to get their shots on target.

team noun [countable]

a group of people who play a sport or game against another group
a football/hockey/basketball team

throw verb [intransitive/transitive]

to use your hand to send an object through the air

track noun [countable]

a piece of ground used for racing