**Fascinating Facts Bingo**

Learning is more fun when it is tied to a game! Fascinating Facts Bingo can be used as a pre- and post-test during an Olympic Winter Games unit. You may wish to create your own questions after students have gained more information.

**Objectives:** **STUDENTS WILL**
- Learn Olympic vocabulary and facts by playing Bingo.

**Introduction:**
Explain that Fascinating Facts Bingo is a game using questions relating to the Olympic Games of the past and present. Some students may know the answers where others might need to guess. Play the game several times to help students become familiar with the information. Most of the questions and answers found in Fascinating Facts Bingo can be found in REACH.

**Activity:**
1. Give each student a game card.
2. Ask students to write the words listed below in a random order on the bingo game card.
3. Ask random trivia questions while students place their markers over the answer.
4. The first student to cover five squares in a row will call “Fascinating Facts Bingo.”
5. Read the correct answers to the questions.

**Questions:**
1. What is the name of the machine that smooths out the ice in the rink? **ZAMBONI**
2. What is the object called that is pushed down the ice in Curling? **STONE**
3. Name the Paralympic mascot. **OTTO**
4. What sport is like skateboarding only on snow? **SNOWBOARDING**
5. The colors of the Olympic rings are white, black, blue, red, and which other color? **GREEN**
6. What does a hockey player hit? **A PUCK**
7. Where is the flame for the Olympic torch lit? **GREECE**
8. What is the event called in which the athletes ride headfirst on a small sled? **SKELETON**
9. An Olympiad is a period of how many years? **FOUR**
10. What are the names of the three Olympic mascots? **COPPER, COAL, POWDER**
11. What animals do the three Olympic mascots represent? **RABBIT, COYOTE, BEAR**
12. The 2002 Olympic emblem looks like a **SNOWFLAKE, MOUNTAIN, TORCH**
13. The 2002 Olympic torch will pass through how many U.S. states? **46**
14. What is the name of the ski resort that will host aerial freestyle competition? (Clue: It has an animal as part of its name.) **DEER VALLEY**
15. What is the name of the sport in which people race around an ice rink? **SPEED SKATING**
16. What are the drawings which represent the sports and venues called? **PICTOGRAMS**
17. What do people carry from Greece to the Olympic host city? **OLYMPIC TORCH**
18. What is special about the Utah Olympic Oval skating rink? **WORLD’S HIGHEST**
19. What is the Paralympic version of ice hockey called? **SLEDGE HOCKEY**
20. What Greek word is used to mean the Olympic Truce? **EKECHERIA**
21. Who was responsible for starting the Games in 1896? **PIERRE DE COUBERTIN**
22. What equipment does a Paralympian use to downhill ski? **MONOSKI**
23. In what year was Salt Lake City awarded the 2002 Games? **1995**
24. The Salt Lake City Olympic and Paralympic Games will be held in which months? **FEBRUARY AND MARCH**
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Answers
Coal, Copper, Powder
Zamboni
Ekecheria
Puck
Skeleton
46
Otto
Speed Skating
Olympic Torch
4
World’s Highest Pictograms
Green
Greece
Deer Valley
Monoski
Rabbit, Coyote, Bear
Sledge Hockey
Snowboarding
February and March
1995
Pierre De Coubertin
Stone
Snowflake, mountain, torch