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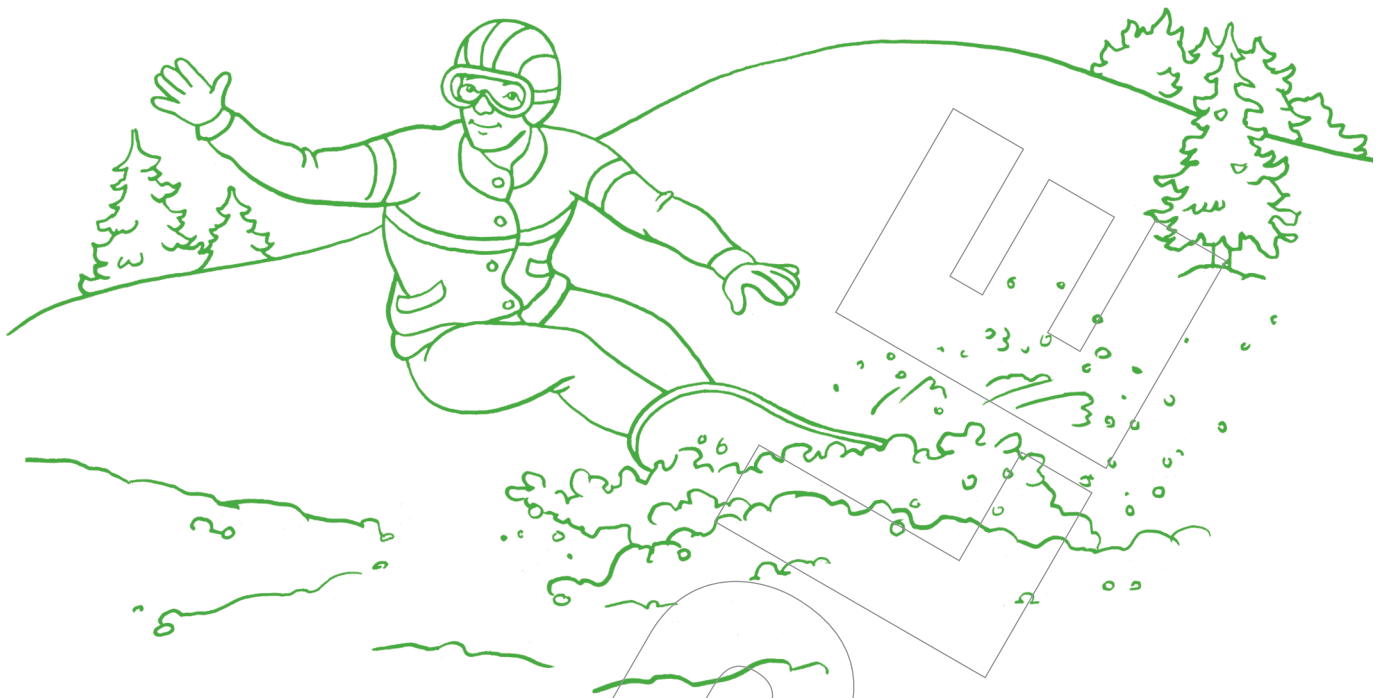
In this story, you will learn about a sport that combines skateboarding, surfing, and skiing.

## Snowboarding

Do you like to skateboard? Do you like to ski? How about surfing? If so, you just might like to snowboard. Snowboarding combines the sports of skateboarding, surfing, and skiing.

Snowboarding was invented in the United States about 40 years ago. It became part of the Winter Olympics in 1998. A snowboard is a flat board that is mostly made out of wood and fiberglass. There are straps to attach to your boots. Your boots stay connected to the board as you go down the hill. The base of the board is covered in plastic. This is the side that touches the snow.

Snowboarders use wax to make their boards slide along faster. They put the wax on the plastic. Friction slows the board down as it rubs against the snow.



Snowboarding is done in different ways. Some people ride down the slopes of mountains. Others use half-pipes. A half-pipe is a round ditch or ramp built down a slope. Some people jump and perform tricks while going from side to side.

Imagine rushing down a snowy mountain with your feet attached to a board. You speed down. Your heart beats fast. You slice through the cold air. Snow sprays into the air when you turn. Your path carves through the snow. Snowboarding is an exciting sport!



# Understanding the Story

Here are some questions about the story that you just read. Read each one. Then fill in the circle beside the best answer. If you are not sure, go back and look at the story again.

1. Snowboarding is like skateboarding because
- (A) snowboards have wheels
  - (B) snowboards are used on sidewalks
  - (C) you stand on snowboards and skateboards
  - (D) your feet are attached to skateboards and snowboards

Critical Reasoning

2. What is a half-pipe?
- (A) a type of mountain
  - (B) a kind of wax
  - (C) a snowboard
  - (D) a round ditch or ramp

Factual

3. Why might a skateboarder, surfer, and skier like to snowboard?

- (A) Snowboarding combines all three sports.
- (B) Snowboarding is an Olympic sport.
- (C) Snowboarding was invented in the United States.
- (D) Snowboarding makes your heart beat fast.

Inference

4. A snowboard is mostly made out of

- (A) metal and plastic
- (B) wood and fiberglass
- (C) plastic and wood
- (D) plastic and fiberglass

Factual

5. Snowboarding is done in

- (A) hot and flat places
- (B) cold and flat places
- (C) hot places with mountains
- (D) cold places with mountains

Critical Reasoning

6. Why do snowboarders use wax?

- (A) so they stick to their boards
- (B) so they slide more easily
- (C) so their boards become shiny
- (D) so they won't slide

Factual

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# Summing Up



The chart helps you sort information about snowboarding. Each part of the chart tells something special about snowboarding. Fill in the rest of the chart. Use the facts below and information from the story to help you.



wood  
skateboarders  
skiers

U.S.  
half-pipe  
slope

fiberglass  
plastic  
ramp

## Snowboarding

Different places to snowboard	Invention of the snowboard	Materials



# Write About It

Imagine you are a snowboarder. You are going down a mountain. On the lines below, write four sentences to tell about what you see. Use some of the words in the box or think of your own. Don't forget to begin each sentence with a capital letter and end it with a period.

trees   snow   mountain   fast   slope   rocks

1.

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4.

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