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Kaillie Humphries climbs into her bobsled.

Wanted: More female bobsledders



Canadian women win gold

Two women raced in the fastest bobsled. They won the gold cup in Whistler, BC.

Kaillie Humphries was the pilot of the sled. She comes from Calgary.

“It was a lot closer than I wanted it to be,” Humphries said.

Humphries raced against eight sleds to win the World Cup.

Humphries also won gold at the 2014 Olympics in Sochi. She has two world championship titles.

We need more women

Bobsledding for women started in the 1990's. Usually there are about 21 sleds.

In 2010 and 2014 thirteen countries entered the women's bobsled races. Only eleven entered last year's World Cup.

This year there were only nine sleds. They came from five countries. Only Canada, the USA, Austria, Belgium, and Germany entered.

We need more teams and countries to compete in the women's bobsled competitions.

“We definitely want to have more women in the race,” said the pilot of the US team.

Humphries wants more girls to join the sport

“I want to see that next generation of Olympic gold medallists for Canada... I want kids to grow up living active, healthy lifestyles.”



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Humphries wins the race.



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Kaillie Humphries is at the finish line.

Women to compete in four-man bobsleds

This is the first year women were allowed to race in the four-man sleds. Some people think that women aren't skilled enough or tough enough to handle the four-man sled.

Humphries will race in an exhibition in 2016 to promote women in the four-man sleds.

Humphries piloted one four-man sled with an all female crew.



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Some bobsleds have only one rider.

Story adapted from The Vancouver Sun



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A four-man bobsled starts a race.

Answers for the exercise

two	13
four	11
five	4
eleven	21
thirteen	5
twenty-one	2

The exercise and links are on the next page.



Exercise

Numbers and words

Match the word with the number. Draw a line from the word to the number.
The first one is done for you.

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Links

Watch a bobsled race:

<http://www.olympic.org/videos/a-canadian-one-two>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zJY5STAb1_0

See how they prepare for a race:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zbzocnQMySU>

Meet Kailie Humphries:

<http://bobteamhumphries.com/#page1>

<http://bobteamhumphries.com/#page0>