Winter Olympics

Fill in the blanks with words from the box below:

compete	four	parade
silver	determined	train
represent	podium	fastest
bronze	national anthems	gold
opening	judges	honor
speed	bobsled	events
alpine	luge	cross country
ice hockey	snowboarding	figure

The Winter Games:
Every four years, athletes from around the world gather to compete in the Winter Games of the Olympics. The athletes, who train extremely hard, are chosen to represent their countries. The games begin with the opening ceremony, where the athletes parade in front of an audience.

The Events:
The Winter Games comprises many different events. There are sledding events such as luge and the bobsled. There are skiing events such as alpine and cross country. There are also team sports such as ice hockey. Every Olympics some new events are added such as snowboarding, which was added in the 1998 Nagano Olympic Games.

Winning:
The dream of every athlete is to make it to the podium, which is where the medals are handed out. The first place winners receive the gold medal and have the honor of hearing their countries' national anthems played. The second place winners receive the silver medal and the third place winners receive the bronze medal. Often, the winners are determined by who has the fastest time. Events such as the figure skating are decided this way. Other events such as speed skating are determined by a panel of judges, who give marks according to artistic and technical ability.





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