



The 2022 Winter Paralympic Games

The Winter Paralympics take place every four years, straight after the Winter Olympics. In 2022, the Winter Paralympics will take place in Beijing, China, beginning on 4th March and ending on 13th March with a closing ceremony.

Paralympic History

The Paralympic Games began in 1948 for injured soldiers from the Second World War. The purpose of the Paralympic Games was to create a sports competition for people with physical injuries which would be equal to the Olympic Games. Now, the Paralympics is open to people with physical and mental impairments.

The Paralympic Sports

There are six sports in the Winter Paralympics. They are alpine skiing, biathlon, cross-country skiing, ice sledge hockey, snowboarding and wheelchair curling.



The Athletes

Athletes who take part in the Winter Paralympics have a physical disability. This means that some athletes will need to use different equipment or have support from others, so that they can take part.

A blind skier will have a guide telling them information about the slope.

The Medals

There will be gold, silver and bronze medals to be won. They are designed with the Paralympic logo on one side and the front has a design involving a centre circle with 5 rings around it. Inside the rings are patterns of clouds, ice and snow.

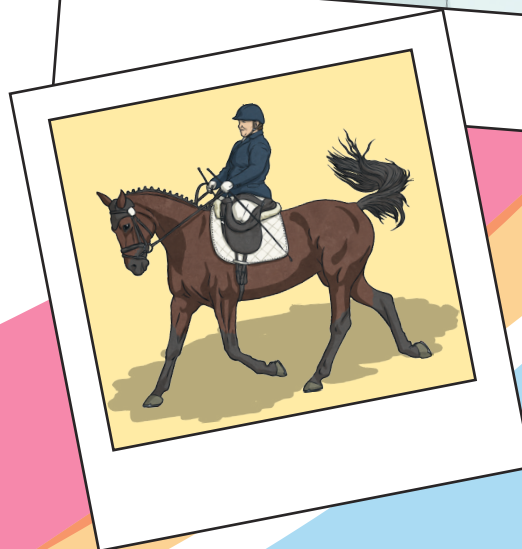
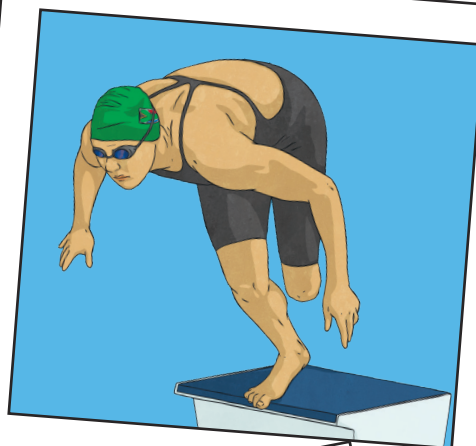
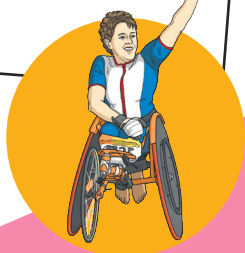
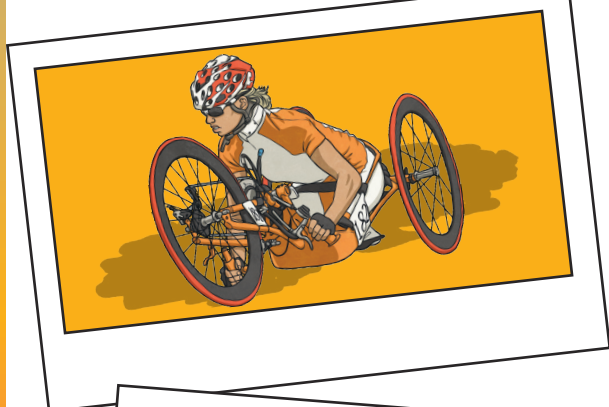
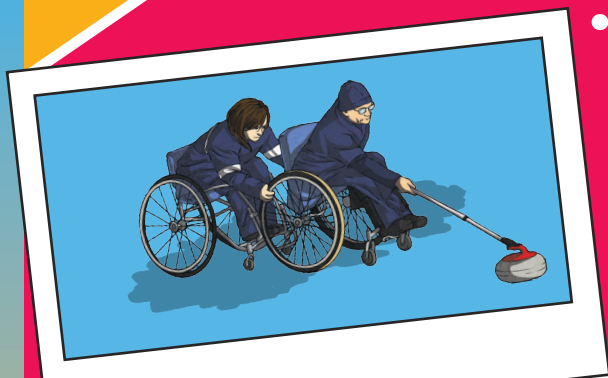
Did You Know...?

The 2022 Winter Paralympics mascot is called Shuey Rhon Rhon.

It is based on a glowing Chinese lantern.

Chinese lanterns have been a symbol of prosperity and celebration for thousands of years in China, while the paper doves and snow on his face represent peace and happiness.

It is hoped he will ignite warmth, courage and friendship among the para-athletes.



Questions

1. What year did the Paralympics begin? Tick one.

- ☐ 2000
- ☐ 1984
- ☐ 1948
- ☐ 1992

2. Where will the 2022 Winter Paralympics take place? Tick one.

- ☐ Budapest
- ☐ Bangkok
- ☐ Beijing
- ☐ Bogota

3. Find and copy one word which means 'being the same as.'

4. What will **not** be displayed on the Winter Paralympic medals? Tick one.

- ☐ rings
- ☐ lanterns
- ☐ ice
- ☐ clouds

5. What does the mascot of the Winter Paralympics represent?

6. Name two things that some of the Paralympic Games athletes might have when taking part in the sports?

7. Which definition is closest in meaning to **logo**? Tick one.

- ☐ a small design used by an organisation
- ☐ a medal
- ☐ a guide
- ☐ venue