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**Level 0 – 19th February 2026**

## **Japan wins its first-ever Olympic pairs skating gold**

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2602/260219-figure-skating-0.html>

Japan has won its first Olympic gold medal for pairs figure skating. Skaters Riku Miura and Ryuichi Kihara also set a world record. After the first round, the pair did not look like getting a medal. They knew they would need some magic. Their performance was golden. It was full of speed and technique.

The couple were shocked after winning. Mr Kihara told reporters: "We were determined to nail it." He added: "I never thought we could win gold." Ms Miura said: "We have grown a lot, so I think that is the reason why we managed to win the gold medal." Their coach said: "I think today they were able to create magic."

Sources: <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/olympics/2026/02/17/miura-kihara-gold-pairs/>  
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/carolineprice/2026/02/16/olympic-pairs-figure-skating-results-miura-and-kihara-break-world-record-for-historic-gold/>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Japan has won its first Olympic | a. some magic      |
| 2. pairs figure                    | b. record          |
| 3. set a world                     | c. getting a medal |
| 4. after the first                 | d. and technique   |
| 5. the pair did not look like      | e. gold medal      |
| 6. They knew they would need       | f. golden          |
| 7. Their performance was           | g. round           |
| 8. It was full of speed            | h. skating         |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The couple were shocked        | a. the reason      |
| 2. We were determined to          | b. could win gold  |
| 3. I never thought we             | c. after winning   |
| 4. We have grown                  | d. they were       |
| 5. I think that is                | e. nail it         |
| 6. we managed to win              | f. to create magic |
| 7. Their coach said I think today | g. a lot           |
| 8. they were able                 | h. the gold medal  |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Japan has (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Olympic gold

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ figure skating. Skaters Riku Miura

and Ryuichi Kihara also (3) \_\_\_\_\_ record.

After (4) \_\_\_\_\_, the pair did not look like

getting a medal. They knew they would

(5) \_\_\_\_\_. Their performance was golden. It

was (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and technique.

The (7) \_\_\_\_\_ after winning. Mr Kihara told

reporters: "We were determined (8) \_\_\_\_\_."

He added: "I (9) \_\_\_\_\_ could win gold." Ms

Miura said: "We have (10) \_\_\_\_\_, so I think

that is the reason why we (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the

gold medal." Their coach said: "I think today they were able

(12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# THE WINTER OLYMPICS

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Write five GOOD questions about the Winter Olympics in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

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Write about **the Winter Olympics** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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