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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

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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/>
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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)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

b)

b)

d)

WRITING

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