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Chapter 4 Lesson 2 (pp. 50–51)

Avoid Wordiness**Activity A** Cross out unnecessary words or phrases in the sentences below.

1. The Winter Olympics are held in the winter and happen every four years. Athletes compete in winter sports that are played in the winter such as cross-country skiing, bobsledding, and figure skating.
2. Figure skating, or skating on top of ice with ice skates, was first introduced in 1908 for the first time as the first winter sport in the Olympic Games ever.
3. Snowboarding is a sport that is one of the newest sports added to the Winter Olympics. It was added to the Winter Olympics in 1998, later than most other sports.
4. A while ago, in the 1920 Winter Olympics, Scandinavian figure skaters from Scandinavian countries won every figure skating medal except two that were not won by Scandinavian figure skaters.
5. The United States has hosted the Winter Olympics in America four times. The fourth and most recent time the United States held the Winter Olympics was in 2002 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Activity B** Write a more concise version of each sentence on the lines below.

1. The exciting sport of speed skating is exciting because it is so fast-paced and speedy.

2. Speed skating skates have long, thin blades that are longer and thinner than those on regular ice skates.

3. Female speed skaters first competed in a women's speed skating race at the Olympics in 1960.

4. The Olympics includes Olympic short-track speed skating and long-track speed skating, which is on a longer track.
