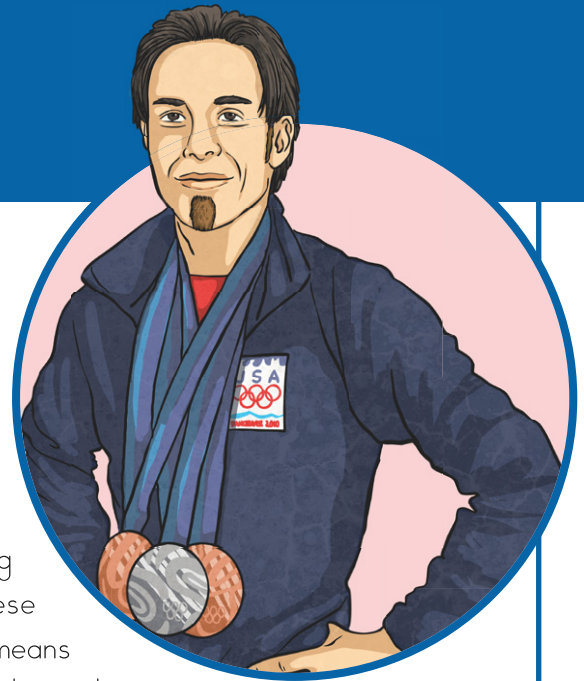


Apolo Anton Ohno



Name

Apolo Anton Ohno

Born

May 22, 1982

Childhood

Apolo Ohno was raised by his father. He began training in short track speed skating in 1996. Ohno is of Japanese heritage. He is named for the Greek words “apo”, which means “to steer away from”, and “lo”, which means “look out, here he comes”. Apolo’s father wanted him to have something to do while he was working so he encouraged Apolo to begin training in swimming and speed roller skating when Apolo was six years old. Apolo would swim in the mornings, go to school, and then practice skating after school.

Achievements

- Won Washington State swimming championship in breaststroke at 12 years old.
- Became the youngest skater accepted to the Lake Placid Olympic Training Center at 13 years old.
- Won first overall at 1999 World Junior Championship for short track speed skating.
- Competed in the 2002, 2006, and 2010 Olympic Games.
- Won Gold medal in the 2002 and 2006 Olympic Games.

Olympic Games	Medals
2002 Salt Lake City	1 Gold, 1 Silver
2006 Turin	1 Gold, 2 Bronze
2010 Vancouver	1 Silver, 2 Bronze

Life After the Olympics

Ohno won the reality show, *Dancing with the Stars* with dance partner Julianne Hough in 2007. In 2012, he returned to the show for an all-star season. He has appeared in several TV shows and movies. Apolo Ohno sponsored a speed skating race called the Apolo Ohno Invitational in 2014. He is credited with popularizing speed skating.

Apolo Ohno

1. Fill in the blanks using the passage to support your responses.

Apolo Ohno began speed skating training in _____. He is of _____ heritage and his name comes from the _____ language. He trained in _____ and skating. Ohno has competed in the Olympics _____ times and has won two _____ medals. Since his achievements at the Olympics, he has also performed on the _____ show, Dancing with the Stars.

2. Use the text above to complete the following:

a. Underline the proper nouns.

b. Highlight all the words that start with the letter “s”.

3. Apolo Ohno was born in:

a. 1981

c. 1983

b. 1982

d. 1984

4. Which of the following is not a year in which Apolo competed in the Olympics?

a. 1996

c. 2006

b. 2002

d. 2010

5. The Greek word “lo” means:

a. To steer away from

c. Future Olympian

b. Look out, here he comes

d. Here I am

6. True or False: Apolo Ohno is the youngest person to be accepted to the Lake Placid Olympic Training Center.

a. True

b. False

7. True or False: Apolo Ohno has won 10 Olympic medals.

a. True

b. False

8. Draw a picture of Apolo Ohno speed skating. Write two sentences about what you draw.

