Apolo Anton Ohno

Apolo Anton Ohno was born May 22, 1982. Apolo Ohno was raised by his father. His parents divorced when he was very young. 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 as a hair stylist. Mr. Ohno worked 12-hour shifts and 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.

Apolo Ohno has earned many awards and has become the face of speed skating. He won the Washington State swimming championship in breaststroke at 12 years old. He became the youngest skater accepted to the Lake Placid Olympic Training Center at 13 years old. Some of his accomplishments include winning first overall at 1999 World Junior Championship for short track speed skating and competing in the 2002, 2006, and 2010 Olympic Games. Ohno won the gold medal in the 2002 and 2006 Olympic Games.

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

Ohno has stayed busy after the Olympics. He 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.

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| ١. | Edit and rewrite the text below. Be sure to check for punctuation, capitalization, and spelling. Use the fact sheet to help you. | | | |
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| 2. | Which of these statements from the edited passage above is an opinion? | | | |
| | a . | His name even means "steer away from; look out, here he comes." | С. | Apolo began skating when he was young. |
| | b. | He won 8 medals in three different Olympics. | d. | Apolo Ohno is a great guy. |
| 3. | Аро | olo Ohno was born in: | | |
| | a . | 1981 | С. | 1983 |
| | b. | 1982 | d. | 1984 |
| 4. | Which of the following is not a year in which Apolo competed in the Olympics? | | | |
| | a . | 1996 | С. | 2006 |
| | b. | 2002 | d. | 2010 |
| 5. | The | e Greek word "lo" means: | | |
| | a . | To steer away from | С. | Future Olympian |

d. Here I am

Look out, here he comes

| | Look at the True/False questions below. If the answer is true, circle True. If the answer is false, circle False and correct the statement by writing the true fact underneath. | | | |
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| 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. | If you were Ohno, would you have pursued skating or swimming? Write a short paragraph detailing why you would make that choice. | | | |
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