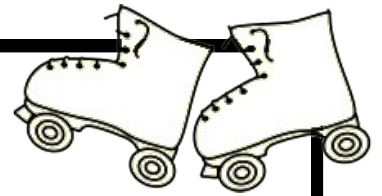


# What is Roller-skating?



Roller-skating is a fun hobby, and a competitive sport. Skaters use special shoes, fitted with small wheels, to move about on skating rinks or smooth surfaces. Roller-skating sports include speed skating, hockey, figure skating, and dance competitions.

Inline skates were invented in 1760 by John Joseph Merlin. The skates had a row of metal inline wheels. Merlin's roller skates were hard to control, and he could not skate very well.

Quad skates were invented in 1863 by James Leonard Plimpton. He was fed up of roller skates that couldn't turn or stop. Plimpton's new skates had 4 wheels, and allowed the skater to curve by leaning in the direction of travel.

1. When was the first roller skate invented?

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2. What type of skate was invented first: quad or inline?

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3. Name any two roller-skating sports.

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4. Do you like to skate? Why?

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# Answer Key

What is Roller-skating?

1. 1760.
2. Inline skates.
3. Speed skating, hockey, figure skating, or dance competitions.
4. Any suitable answer.

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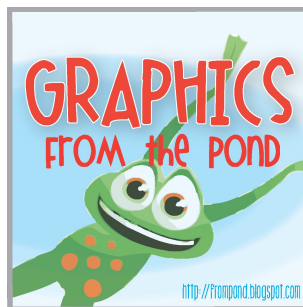
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