



## Worksheet 6. Reading: *Jamaican Bobsledding Team, Part 2*

Read the continuation of the story of the Jamaican bobsledding team. Answer the questions that follow.

### Jamaican Bobsledding Team, Part 2

1 The Jamaican team **won the hearts** of the Olympic **spectators** and people  
2 all over the world with their **courage** and **determination**. Despite the  
3 **doubts** of the Olympic **spectators** about this inexperienced bobsledding  
4 team from a tropical country, the team performed very well. They looked  
5 good, and were serious **contenders** to win a gold medal.

6 But, sadly, in the final race, their sled lost a **screw** and it crashed violently.  
7 The team picked up the sled and carried it to the finish line as everyone  
8 **clapped** and **cheered**. The team did not win a medal.

9 Everyone **appreciated** the team's spectacular efforts, and everyone loved  
10 them. In fact, the story of the Jamaican bobsledding team was so **appealing**  
11 that it was made into a hit Disney movie, *Cool Runnings*.

12 Cool Runnings -- an expression which Jamaicans use to mean "everything is  
13 fine," or "no problem" -- is the name the Jamaican bobsledders had given to  
14 their bobsled.

15 Although that first competition did not result in any Olympic medals, the  
16 team improved dramatically for their second Olympic games. They had  
17 practiced hard for four years, and in 1992 they were confident and **focused**.  
18 In the four-man race, they came in in 4th place, ahead of the U.S. team, the  
19 French team, the Russian team, and the Italian team. In the two-man race,  
20 they shocked the world by beating the Swedish national champions and  
21 coming in in 10<sup>th</sup> place.

22 Since that time, the Jamaican bobsledding team has the respect of all the  
23 world. It will not be surprising if this team wins an Olympic medal one day.





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Choose the correct answers according to the reading, *Jamaican Bobsledding Team, Part 2*. Note: In item 6, circle all correct completions.

1. What happened to the Jamaican bobsledding team in 1988?
  - a. They won a gold medal.
  - b. They won the hearts of many people.
2. Which statement is true about the 1988 team?
  - a. The Jamaican team finished the race.
  - b. The Jamaican team's sled crashed.
3. What does "Cool Runnings" mean?
  - a. Stay calm and cool.
  - b. Everything is great.
4. How did the Jamaicans do in the 1992 Olympics?
  - a. They did much better than in 1988.
  - b. They did worse than in 1988.



5. Which statement is true?
  - a. The Jamaicans have won a gold medal in the Olympics.
  - b. The Jamaicans could win a gold medal in the future in the Olympics.
6. Which words describe the Jamaican bobsledding teams?
  - a. determined
  - b. courageous
  - c. doubting
  - d. focused
  - e. violent
  - f. appealing