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Retelling to Encourage Critical Thinking About the Content

Ask each student to retell the information report in their own words.
Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to Reinforce Meaning and Stimulate Discussion

Literal

- 1 What are some of the places where Olympic cycling events take place?
- 2 Why do BMX races start at the top of a hill?
- 3 What are the Paralympic Games?

Inferential

- 4 Why does a velodrome have a roof?
- 5 Which cycling races take the longest time: sprint races or endurance races?
- 6 In a Madison race, why does the rider who is racing have to touch the hand of their waiting teammate?
- 7 What is the difference between an individual event and a team event?
- 8 Why do some para cyclists turn the pedals using their hands?

Applied Knowledge

- 9 What is another Olympic sport where athletes need special equipment to compete?
- 10 Why is it important for people who cannot see very well to have a pilot on a tandem bike?

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Cycling at the Olympic Games

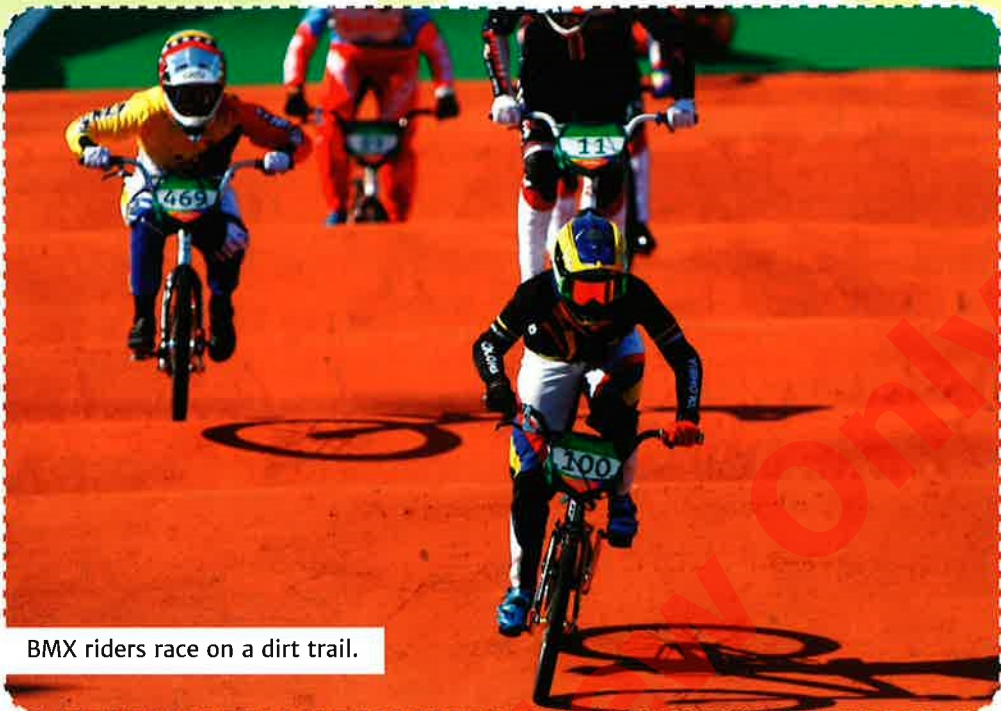
The Olympic and Paralympic Games are two of the most important sports events in the world. Only the best athletes get to take part in them.

Athletes compete in cycling events by riding bikes. Many different cycling events are held at the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Olympic cycling events take place on racing tracks, trails and roads.

Paralympic cyclists race in a track event.





BMX riders race on a dirt trail.



Olympic cyclists race in a road cycling event.

Mountain Biking

Mountain biking takes place off-road, on rough tracks. There are many different kinds of mountain bike races. At the Olympic Games, the mountain biking event is a cross-country race.



Mountain bikes are strong and light, so riders can go quickly over bumps.

Cross-country mountain bike riders cycle over narrow tracks of grass, dirt and rocks. In wet weather, the tracks can be very slippery. Cross-country bikes have wide, knobbly tyres to help riders stay on the track.



BMX Racing

BMX racing is an Olympic sport.

A BMX race takes place on a course made up of tricky jumps.

Eight riders take part in each race.

BMX races begin at the top of a hill so that riders can speed up quickly as they head down the slope towards the jumps.





BMX riders go over a jump in a race.