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## Focus Question

What is hockey, and how is it played?

# Words to Know

control

puck

exciting

score

goal

team

Front cover: A player from Sweden competes at the Winter Olympic Games in 2014.

Back cover: Russia (red) competes with the United States at the Olympic Games in 2014.

Title page: A goalie guards the net during game in Michigan.

Page 3: The United States (white) plays a team from Europe (blue) in an outdoor game in Canada.

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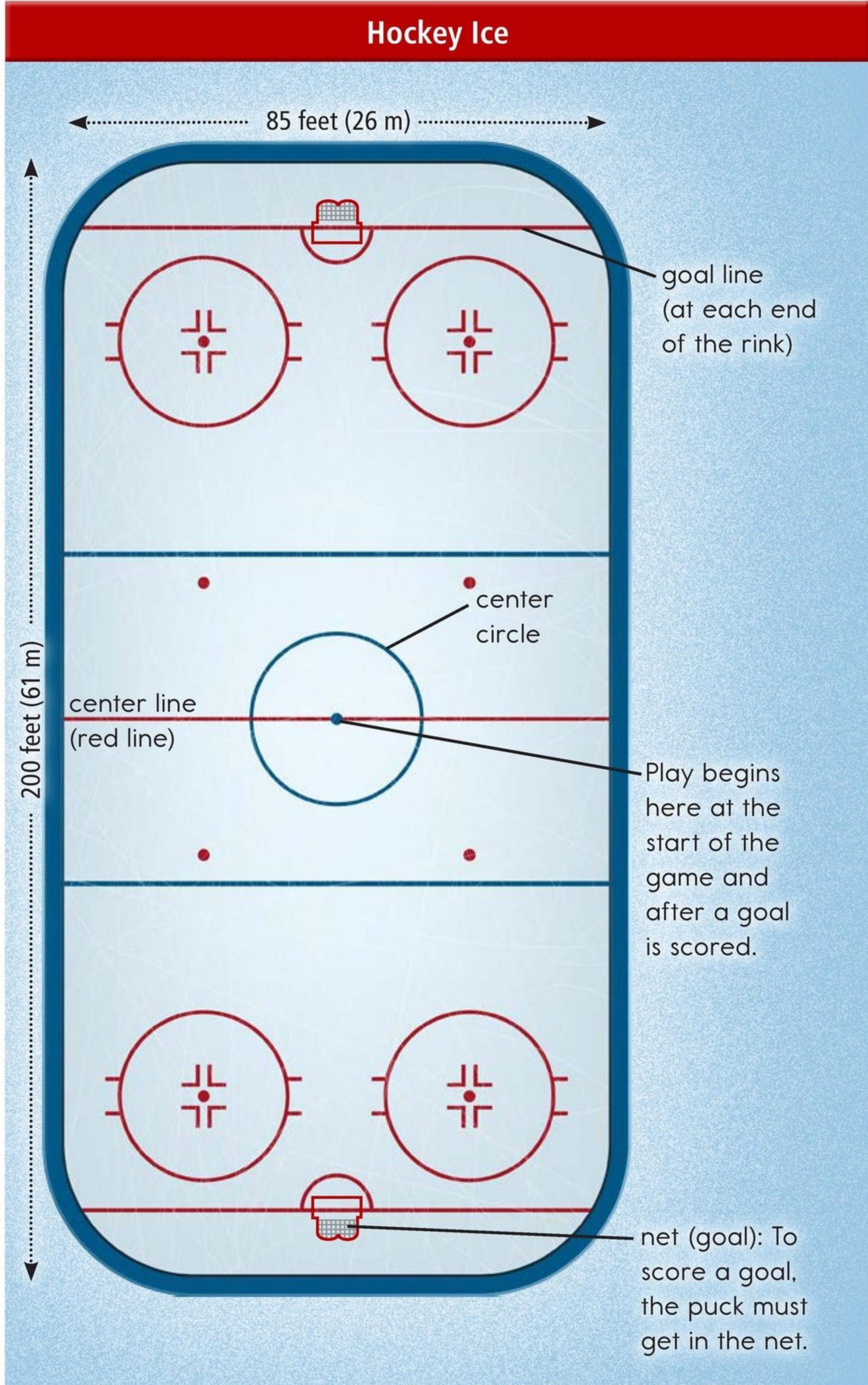
Hockey players must be able to skate very well.

## A Fast Sport

Hockey is an **exciting** sport.

Hockey players skate very fast  
on the ice.

# Hockey Ice





A puck is a small, flat circle made of hard rubber.

## Some Game Rules

Hockey players play on a team.

A hockey team has six players.

The team works together to try to win the game.

The game starts in the middle of the ice. A round, black **puck** is dropped between one player from each **team**. The two players try to get control of the puck.

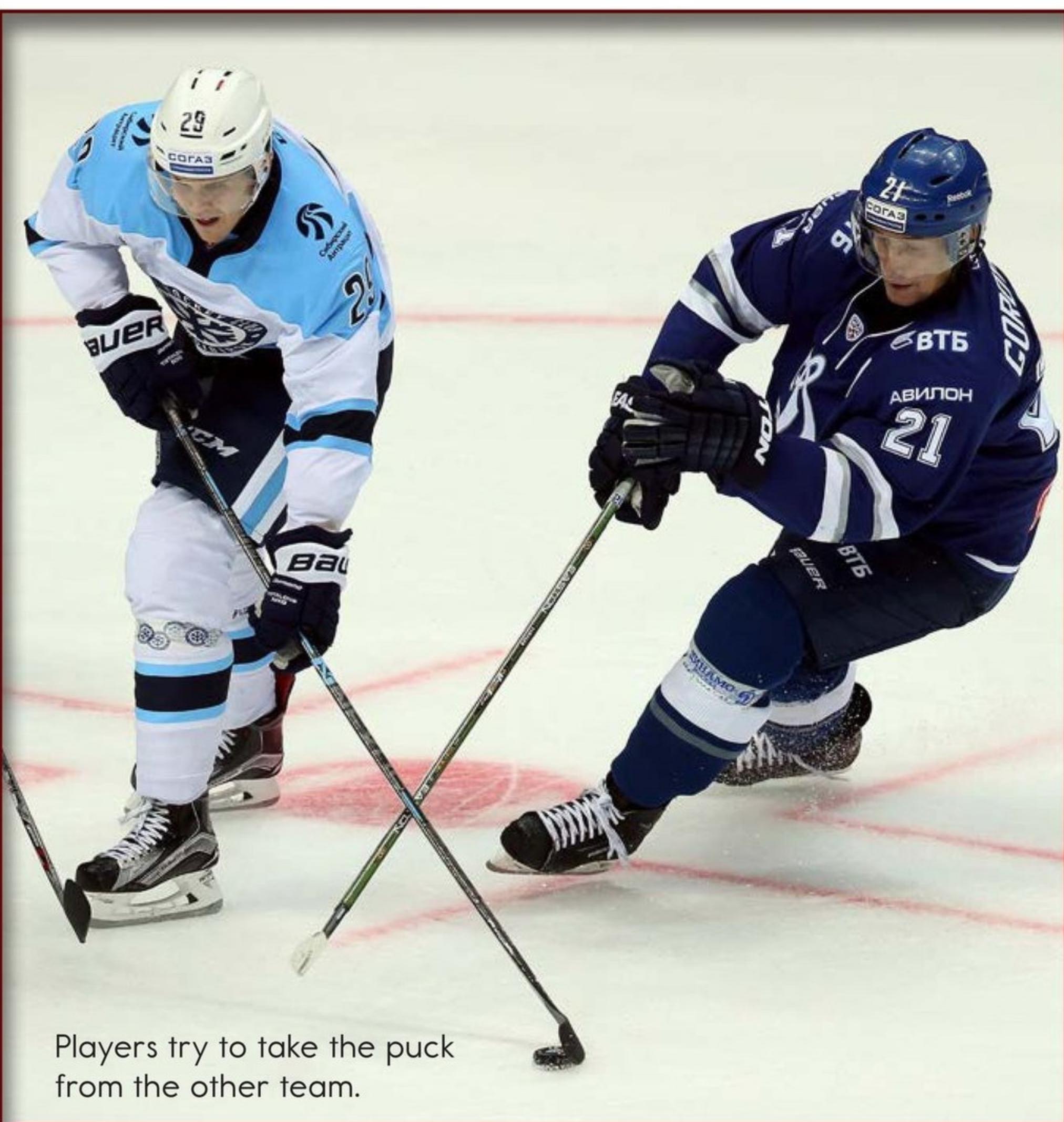


Players move fast to get to the puck first.

Players move the puck on the ice with a long stick.

They try to hit the puck into a net to **score** points.

The team with more points at the end of the game wins.





Players shoot the puck into the other team's net.

Players try to keep the puck with their team.  
They try to take the puck from the other team and score a **goal**.  
They also try to stop the other team from making a goal.



Gloves and leg pads help the goalie stop speeding pucks.

One player on each team  
stays by the net.

This player tries to stop pucks  
from going into the net.

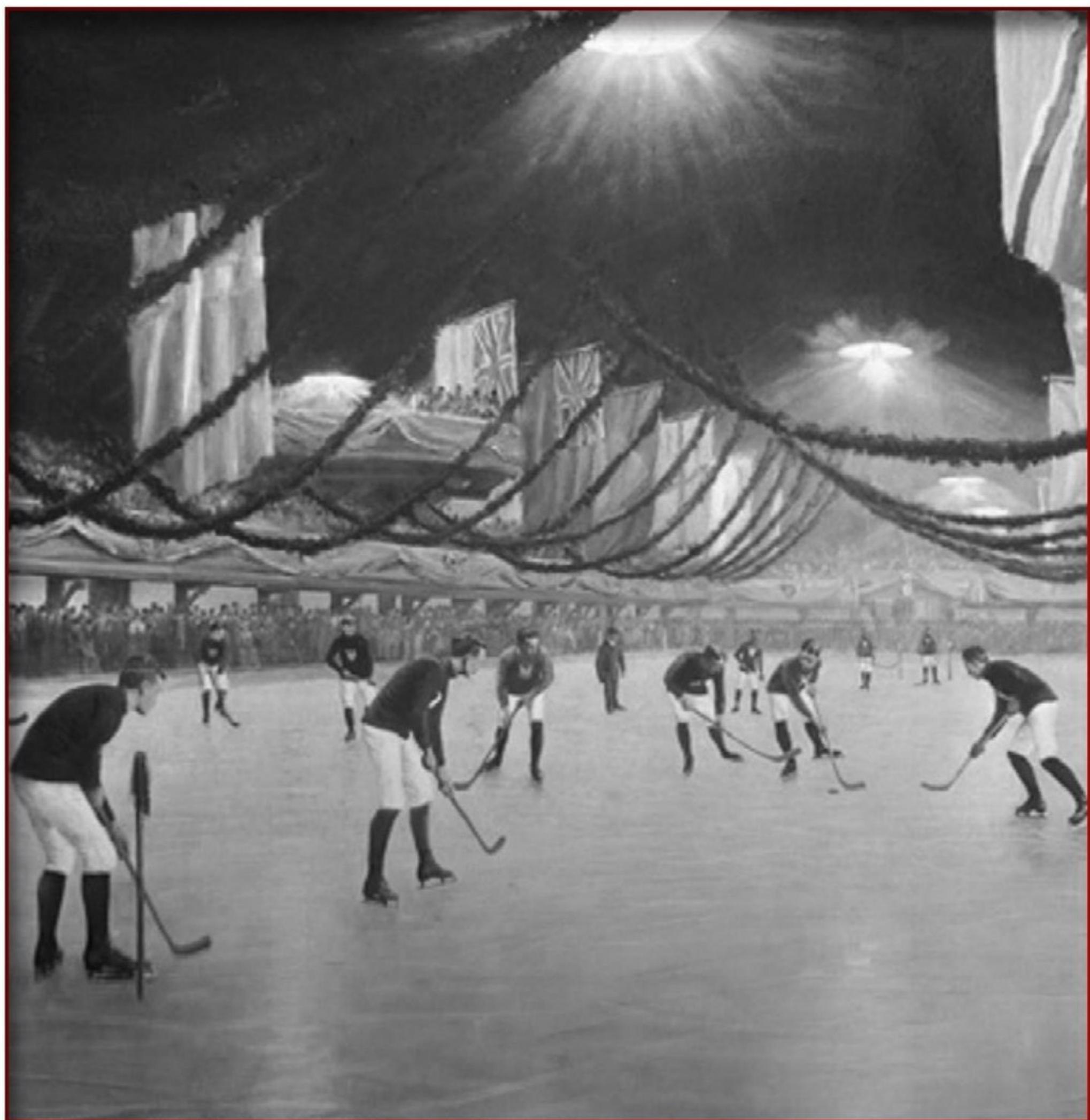
Pucks can move faster than  
cars on a highway!

# Hockey Long Ago

Long ago, people played  
hockey with a ball.

The game was not safe.

Players first used a puck in 1875.



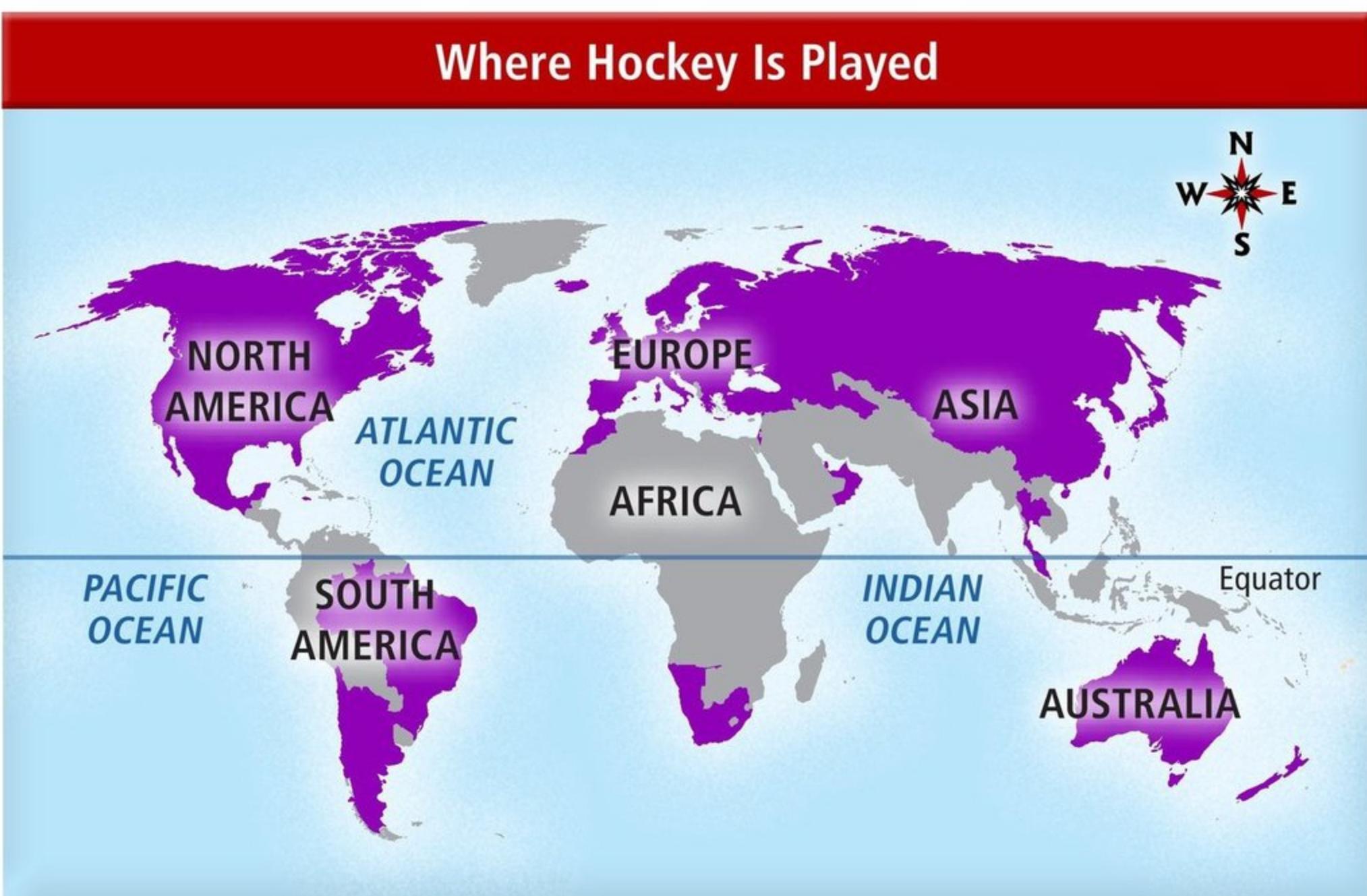
The first hockey games using a puck were played in this rink  
in Montreal, Canada.



People play hockey inside or outside.

## Hockey Everywhere

People in Canada and the United States soon began to play hockey. Now there are thirty top hockey teams in North America.



Countries in both hot and cold parts of the world play hockey.



The Chicago Blackhawks won hockey's biggest prize in 2015.

Seven of these teams are  
in Canada, and twenty-three  
are in the United States.

Teams play each other  
to see who is the best.

People also play hockey in many other countries.

Men, women, girls, and boys can all play hockey.



Men (top) and women (bottom) from around the world play hockey in the Olympic Games.



A coach can help you learn to play hockey.

## Learning to Play

Many communities have teams  
where you can learn to play hockey.

Players first need to learn  
to skate well.

Then they can have fun  
with this exciting sport!

## Glossary

<b>control</b> (n.)	the ability or power to manage an object (p. 7)
<b>exciting</b> (adj.)	causing feelings of joy; interesting and lively (p. 4)
<b>goal</b> (n.)	the act of putting a ball or puck into a goal, or the points from doing that (p. 9)
<b>puck</b> (n.)	a hard rubber circle used in hockey (p. 7)
<b>score</b> (v.)	to get points in a game or contest (p. 8)
<b>team</b> (n.)	a group of players who play against another group in a sport or game (p. 7)

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## Connections

### Writing

Is hockey a popular sport where you live? Why or why not? Write a paragraph about it.

### Art

Draw a diagram of a hockey player and label his or her equipment. Include labels for the helmet, skates, gloves, pads, hockey stick, and hockey puck.

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