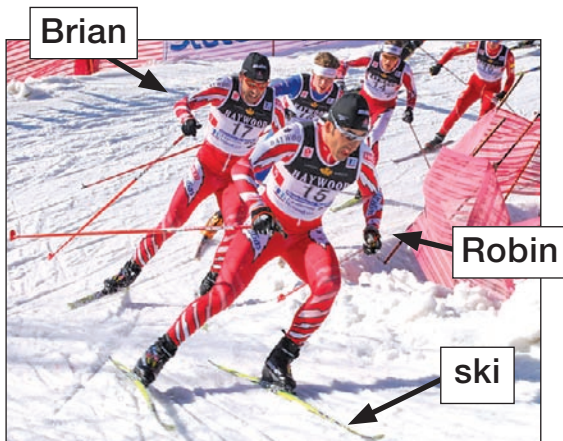




## Brian is an athlete

Brian McKeever is an athlete. His sport is cross-country skiing.



### Loved sports

Brian started to cross-country ski when he was three years old. He was in many races in his teens. He loved sports.

### Became blind

In 1998, Brian began to lose his eyesight. He was 18.

Brian had an eye disease. His father and aunt had the same disease.

So far, Brian has lost about 90 per cent of his eyesight.

When Brian looks at something, the centre part is very blurry.



### Became a Paralympic athlete

Brian became a Paralympic athlete. He was in the Paralympic Winter Games in 2002 and 2006. He won seven medals.

### Has a guide

Brian has a guide when he is in a race. The guide skis in front of Brian. Brian is lucky. His brother Robin is his guide.



Brian (left) and his brother at the Paralympics in 2006.

### About Brian

Brian is 30 years old now. He lives in Canmore, Alberta.

Brian trains and competes often. But he has a job too. He is a bicycle mechanic. He fixes bicycles.



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