

Extreme Downhill Racing: Know the Lingo

Beeline: going straight down a hill with no turns

Bluebird: blue sky, no clouds, perfect skiing day

Bomber: a person who skis too fast or out of control

Brain bucket: helmet

Cruise: ski casually down an easy slope

Dump: huge snowfall

Edging: controlling turns with the edges of your skis

Face shot: skiing fast down a hill and having snow fly in your face

French fries: skiing with skis parallel to one another

Milk run: first ski run of the day

Powder: fresh, dry snow

Schuss: ski straight downhill very fast with skis parallel

Tearing it up: skiing well

Whiteout: not being able to see because of snow or fog

Yard sale: wiping out and having clothes and gear go flying everywhere



Ski equipment got better. Ski racers can now go even faster.

Proctor helped develop the first **chairlift**. Chairlifts bring ski racers to the tops of slopes. This saves them time and energy. Skiers don't have to climb up. They could ski many times. Chairlifts made ski racing more popular.