

Skateboarding heroes

Have you ever tried skateboarding? Find out about skateboarding's interesting history and some young skaters' dreams for the future.

Tasks

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–j) with the vocabulary (1–10).

Vocabulary

1. a drought
2. a community
3. to put your mind to it
4. to get into something
5. to pop up
6. to give something a shot
7. a podium
8. a ramp
9. mainstream
10. a free spirit

Definition

- a. a group of people who do the same activity or have something in common
- b. to become interested or involved in an activity
- c. to decide to put a lot of effort into doing something
- d. a long time without rain
- e. a piece of road going up or down; a way between a low place and a high place
- f. to appear suddenly or unexpectedly
- g. normal, popular and well known; not only known by a small group of people
- h. to try something
- i. someone who happily does what they want to do in life, without worrying about what other people expect
- j. a platform that sports competition winners stand on

Task 1

Write a number (1–6) to put the events in the correct order.

_____ Skateboarding competitions grew and some professional skaters got famous.

_____ In the 1970s, there was a drought in California and some people made their swimming pools into skating ramps.

_____ In the 1940s and '50s, surfers invented skateboards so that they could practise on land when there weren't any waves.

_____ Skateboarding became an Olympic sport.

_____ People started to ride skateboards on footpaths and in car parks.

_____ Skateboards became more advanced and skateparks were created.

Task 2

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

got into	team	skateboarding	put their mind to it
community	medals	the Olympics	a shot

1. What Jasmine likes about skateboarding is the , making new friends and having fun.
2. Bohdi skateboarding because her father used to skate.
3. Bohdi says that anyone can skateboard if they
4. Jasmine was excited to watch in the Olympics.
5. Seeing teenagers win makes Jasmine feel that she can do it too.
6. Beau says that nowadays a lot more people are giving skateboarding
7. Beau thinks that the Australian skateboarding will be very successful in the future.
8. Bohdi is going to work hard to get to

Discussion

What sports do you like? Would you like to take part in a big competition?

Answers

Preparation task

1. d
2. a
3. c
4. b
5. f
6. h
7. j
8. e
9. g
10. i

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Task 2

1. community
2. got into
3. put their mind to it
4. skateboarding
5. medals
6. a shot
7. team
8. the Olympics