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THIS WEEK'S TALENTED TEEN IS BRIGHTON ZEUNER.

Brighton is 13. Like any other 8th grade student in the USA, in the evenings she usually does homework or listens to music in her bedroom. She likes Beyoncé. She hardly ever has free time but she loves watching videos on YouTube.

But Brighton, from Encinitas, California, is also an X-Games **champion** skateboarder. And not in a **junior** competition.

No – Brighton is the world champion and competes against women twice her age.

Amazing, right?

But the future looks even more exciting for Brighton. The big news is that skateboarding is now an Olympic sport! To prepare for the next X-Games and the Olympics, Brighton **trains** every morning before school, and in the afternoon she always practises in her local skate park.

Is it difficult to be famous when you're so young? Brighton says she is sometimes **nervous** when she gives interviews or before competitions, but it's all part of doing the sport she loves. And the great thing about Brighton is that she's a skateboarding **superstar**, but she's also a normal person like you or me.



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That's so cool! What an amazing example.

Suzy Skater

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Let's hope Brighton gets the gold at the Olympics!

MarioBlogs

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It's great that Brighton can still have a normal life.

Princess Carrie

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Adverbs of frequency

- 1 Read the examples. Copy and complete the table with the adverbs of frequency.

In the evenings she **usually** does homework or listens to music.
 She **always** practises in her local skate park.
 She is **sometimes** nervous when she gives interviews.
 She **hardly ever** has free time.

| More frequent | | | Less frequent | | |
|---------------|---------|--------------|---------------|---------|--------------|
| 1 (...) | 2 (...) | <i>often</i> | 3 (...) | 4 (...) | <i>never</i> |

- 2 Read the sentences in exercise 1 again and choose the correct option to complete the rules.






- With the verb *be*, the adverb comes **before/after** the verb.
- With other verbs, the adverb comes **before/after** the verb.

- 3 Rewrite the sentences with the adverbs of frequency in the correct position.

- I am late home on Mondays. (**always**)
I am always late home on Mondays.
- Frankie practises the piano for hours. (**often**)
- Ahmed does his homework before playing video games. (**usually**)
- They are very tired after going to their dance class. (**sometimes**)
- My sister takes lots of photos when we go on holiday. (**always**)
- Lily helps her parents at home. (**hardly ever**)
- My best friend is hungry after baseball practice. (**always**)

Likes and dislikes

- 4 Copy and complete the table with the verbs in the box.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| don't like don't mind hate love | | | | |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 (...) | <i>like</i> | 2 (...) | 3 (...) | 4 (...) |






- 5 Read the examples. Copy and complete the table with the words in the box.

She **likes** Beyoncé.
 I **love** watching videos.
 He **doesn't mind** practising the piano.

doesn't mind love she verb -ing we

| Subject | Verb | Noun, 3 (...) |
|-----------------------|---|----------------------|
| I/you/ 1 (...) / they | 2 (...) /like/don't mind/don't like/hate | tennis. sleeping. |
| he/ 4 (...) /it | loves/likes/ 5 (...) / doesn't like/hates | |

- 6 Read the information and write sentences.

- They  play / chess.
- She  draw / manga comics.
- I  Barcelona.
- We  help / our parents.
- He  play / video games.

- 7 Complete the text with the correct form of the words in brackets.

American teenager Carissa Yip is an international chess champion – a grandmaster. She 1 (...) (**play / often**) in adult competitions and the adults 2 (...) (**be / sometimes**) angry when she wins. She 3 (...) (**lose / hardly ever**). Carissa 4 (...) (**love / play**) chess but she also likes other things: she 5 (...) (**like / sushi**) and she 6 (...) (**love / play**) with her grandmother's cat when she visits China. Carissa also 7 (...) (**like / make**) videos and she 8 (...) (**post / often**) comments and videos on websites for chess fans.



- 8 Answer the question to solve the Brain teaser.



TEASER

Jimmy and Jenny have lots of hobbies. They like swimming and they both like collecting things. They don't like sport or drawing. Jimmy loves sleeping and Jenny likes chess.

Do they like taking photos?
 (Clue: think about the letters in the words!)