

**THINK!** What sports are difficult and dangerous? Are these sports popular in your country?

# X GAMES SUPERSTARS

Sports in the X Games are always exciting and often dangerous. The games **started** in 1995 when 500,000 fans **travelled** to Newport in the USA and **watched** sports like BMX, skateboarding and motocross.

Our programme today looks at two skateboarders who **decided** to learn to skateboard when they were very young. They **competed** in the X Games and **became** big stars – Tom Schaar, the youngest gold medallist in the history of the games, and Alana Smith, the youngest silver medallist.

- 1 She / He **learned** to skate when she / he was .....  
a. four      b. seven      c. nine
- 2 She / He first **went** to the X Games in .....  
a. Barcelona      b. Miami      c. Shanghai
- 3 She / He **did** a trick called .....  
a. 900      b. 1080      c. 540 McTwist
- 4 She / He **won** an X Games medal when she / he was .....  
a. ten      b. twelve      c. fourteen



- 1 2.15 Check the meanings of verbs 1–10. Then read the text and sentences 1–4. Match verbs 1–10 with the past simple forms in **blue**. Listen and check.

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| 1 learn  | 6 become  |
| 2 start  | 7 watch   |
| 3 go     | 8 do      |
| 4 win    | 9 compete |
| 5 travel | 10 decide |

- 2 2.16 Listen to information about Alana Smith and Tom Schaar. From column A, choose who is talking. From column B, choose where they are.

- | A                       | B                     |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 parents talking       | 4 at school           |
| 2 sports fans talking   | 5 at the X Games Asia |
| 3 Alana and Tom talking | 6 on a TV programme   |

- 3 2.16 Listen again and look at sentences 1–4 in the text. Choose the correct answers for Alana and then for Tom.

- 4 **USE IT!** Complete the questions with the correct form of the verbs in the box. Then ask and answer with a partner.

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- 1 What sports do you want to .....?
- 2 Where do you want to .....?
- 3 Do you want to ..... a star? Why / Why not?
- 4 Do you prefer ..... or ..... in competitions? Why?
- 5 Can you ..... any dangerous sports?