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VOCABULARY AND LISTENING • X Games: Regular and irregular verbs

- 1 ★ Write the past simple form of the verbs.

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

learned	3	6
1	4	7
2	5	8

- 2 ★★ Complete the text using the past simple form of the verbs.

become compete do go learn
start travel watch win

How I became interested in ... basketball

When I was eleven years old, I ¹ went to my friend Sara's house one evening, and we ² did our homework. After that we ³ watched an Olympic basketball match on TV – it was really exciting! I then ⁴ learned more about basketball in my PE lessons at school and I ⁵ became very interested in the sport. After that, I ⁶ started to play after school with my friends at the local sports centre. Soon, I was in the under-fourteens basketball team in my town. Last month, our team ⁷ competed by bus to a city 100 km away and we ⁸ won in a big competition. We ⁹ celebrated it and I now have a gold medal in my bedroom!

- 3 ★★ Listen and choose the correct answers.

The programme is about ...

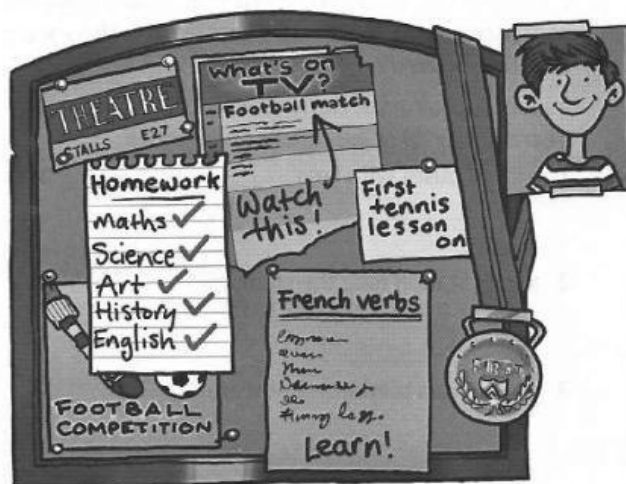
- a the Winter Olympics
b the Summer Olympics
c the X Games
- 1 Ryan Jones is one of the ... competitors.
a smallest b most successful c youngest
- 2 Ryan learned to ski when he was ... years old.
a four b five c six
- 3 Ryan went skiing with his ... when he was younger.
a family friends b parents c grandparents
- 4 At first, Ryan's parents were ... about the ski jumping lessons.
a excited b happy c unhappy
- 5 Ryan did ... jumps at first.
a small b bad c dangerous
- 6 Last year, Ryan won a ... medal.
a gold b silver c bronze

- 4 ★★ Listen again and complete the sentences with one, two or three words.

Ryan is seventeen years old.

- 1 Ryan is from the USA.
- 2 Ryan went skiing every year when he was younger.
- 3 Ryan watched ski jumping on TV when he was eleven years old.
- 4 At first, Ryan did jumps of one metres.
- 5 Ryan went to a competition in France when he was sixteen.
- 6 The Winter Olympics Special TV programme is at 8 o'clock every day.

- 5 ★★ Tom did a lot of different things last week. Look at the picture. Write sentences about Tom using the past simple form of the verbs.



compete in do go learn start
watch win

Last week ...

Tom did his homework.

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