

# READING



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## Boarder-X World Tour with Vicky Jamieson

Victoria Jamieson, or Vicky as everyone calls her, is Britain's only hope-only competitor, in fact - on the Boarder-X World Tour. She discovered a love of sliding down things fast, aged seven, when her family lived in Abu Dhabi. At 18, she started skiing down mountains in Canada and took up snowboarding there, winning many competitions by the age of 23. While she was competing at a snowboarding competition in Switzerland she was asked why she started the sport. "I've always liked all kind of sports, especially skiing, and it seemed natural to start snowboarding. It doesn't take long to learn and you can become really good in a few months."

Being an independent representative of your country at Boarder-X does not entail a James Bond-like chalet lifestyle. Jamieson has no coach, yet she trains like a maniac, both on the mountain and off. In winter she snowboards in the mountains every day from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. and also runs and goes biking. She does it because she loves doing it. She loves the competition and being in the mountains. But free riding, that's doing what you want when you're not in a competition, is the best thing in the world for her.

When asked what was important when learning she replied, "You can learn quickly but you need lessons. It's also important to have the right clothes so you don't get wet because, to begin with you spend a lot of time falling down. Last year, Jamieson was twelfth in the world. This year, there is no reason to think she shouldn't make the Top 10.

	Right	Wrong	Doesn't Say
1. Vicky began snowboarding when she was 23.	X	X	X
2. She was visiting Switzerland for a competition.	X	X	X
3. She has won many skiing competitions.	X	X	X
4. She thinks that snowboarding is a difficult sport to learn	X	X	X
5. Working hard for her sport is not a problem for Vicky.	X	X	X
6. She likes competitions more than anything else.	X	X	X
7. She thinks you should have a teacher if you want to learn snowboarding.	X	X	X
8 She says you can wear anything you like when you learn to snowboard.	X	X	X

