

**X GAMES**

1. Click the audio bar below and listen, then answer the multiple choice questions.

**X Games Superstars**

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Alana



Tom



**Comparing Alana and Tom**



1. She learned to skate when she was ...  
A. four.    B. seven.    C. nine.
2. He learned to skate when he was ...  
A. four.    B. seven.    C. nine.
3. She first went to the X Games in ...  
A. Barcelona.    B. Miami.    C. Shanghai.
4. He first went to the X Games in ...  
A. Barcelona.    B. Miami.    C. Shanghai.

**Comparing Alana and Tom**

5. She did a trick called ...  
A. 900.    B. 1080.    C. 540 McTwist
6. He did a trick called ...  
A. 900.    B. 1080.    C. 540 McTwist
7. She won an X Games medal when was ...  
A. ten.    B. twelve.    C. fourteen.
8. He won an X Games medal when was ...  
A. ten.    B. twelve.    C. fourteen.



2. Check the meaning of verbs 1-10. Then read the text and sentences. Click-drag-paste verbs 1-10 with the past simple forms in yellow. Listen and check.

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| 1. learn        | <input type="text"/> |
| 2. start        | <input type="text"/> |
| 3. go           | <input type="text"/> |
| 4. win          | <input type="text"/> |
| 5. travel       | <input type="text"/> |
| 6. become       | <input type="text"/> |
| 7. watch        | <input type="text"/> |
| 8. do           | <input type="text"/> |
| 9. compete (in) | <input type="text"/> |
| 10. decide      | <input type="text"/> |

3. Listen to information about Alana Smith and Tom Schaar. From column A, choose who is talking. From column B, choose where they are. Match them.



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

4. Complete the questions with the correct form of the verbs in the box. Then ask and answer with a partner.

do/learn/become/win/travel/complete

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?