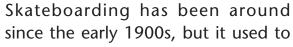


When you hear the words "ollie", "mute air", "kickflip", "fakie", "900", "mongo foot", and "McTwist", what comes to mind - a new language perhaps? Actually, these are just a few of the many skateboarding terms used to describe skateboarding tricks.



be very different from the skateboarding we know today. Now deemed an "extreme sport", skateboarding falls into this classification because of the daredevil aerial stunts that are performed while skidding onto and over obstacles at astonishing speeds.

For most people, skateboarding is a recreational activity, but there are some who take it to a higher level and make a career out of it. Tony Hawk is one of them. Tony Hawk, a world leader in skateboarding, became a professional skateboarder at the young age of 14. He received unconditional support from his family; in fact, Tony's father founded the National Skateboarding Association (now called World Cup Skateboarding).

Hawk is legendary for being the first to do the "900", which is two and a half rotations above the half-pipe. He successfully landed this trick at the "X Games" in 1999. Since he started competing over 20 years ago, Tony has won numerous titles, and has received 14 medals at the "X Games".

Now, in his 40s, Tony no longer competes, but he still skateboards and continues to be involved in the sport. He is featured in commercials, films, and magazines, and has his own signature video game and skateboarder clothing line. At skateboarding events, he interviews athletes and does the commentary. Hawk also established the Tony Hawk Foundation, a non-profit organization that helps subsidize the building of public skateboard parks across the United States.

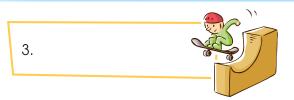


B. Write the terms for the skateboarding tricks described below.





The skater flicks his/her front foot at an angle toward the nose of the skateboard in order to make it flip 360° along the board's axis.



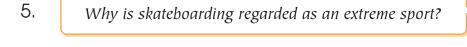
It is an aerial spin of 900° (2.5 rotations) performed on a skateboard ramp.



It refers to using one's foot to push the board.



Mike McGill invented this trick. A skater performs a backflip while his/her hand grabs the side of the skateboard.





6. What proves that Tony Hawk had the full support of his parents?

7. What does the Tony Hawk Foundation help support?

Read the statements. Check the statement that is the main idea C. for each paragraph.





Skateboarders have interesting words to describe their tricks.



Extreme sports have an element of danger to them.

Skateboarding has changed over the years to become an extreme sport.



Tony Hawk has taken skateboarding to a higher level.

One can become a professional athlete at age 14.



Tony Hawk is a hero.

Tony Hawk has had a successful skateboarding career.



Tony Hawk enjoys being involved in various sports.



Although Tony Hawk is no longer a competitor, he is active in keeping the sport alive.

Classify each verb as an action, saying, or thinking/feeling verb.

wonder exclaim rotate believe glide applaud whisper ask amaze



Saying

Thinking/ Feeling Verb

E. Check an extreme sport that you have never tried but have always wanted to try. Then write a descriptive paragraph on what it would be like to participate in this sport.

A descriptive paragraph describes a topic using the five senses in such a way that the reader actually feels like they are right there with you.