

# X-Games

The X Games is an annual extreme sports event hosted, produced, and broadcast by ESPN (Entertainment and Sports Programming Network). The inaugural X Games were held during the 1995 summer in Newport, Rhode Island. Participants compete to win bronze, silver, and gold medals, as well as prize money.

The competition often features new tricks in present-day extreme sports. Concurrent with competition is the "X Fest" sports and music festival, which offers live music, athlete autograph sessions, and interactive elements.

The X Games gained media exposure due to their big name sponsors, top-tier athletes, and consistent fan attendance. According to ESPN (2008), in the Winter X Games inaugural year, 1997, 38,000 spectators attended the four-day event. In 1998, the attendance dropped to 25,000 spectators. But just two years later, a record attendance of 83,500 people attended the Winter X Games' East Coast debut. The X Games and Winter X Games continue to grow with the popularity of action sports and the athletes who compete in them.

As part of the X Games, there have been performances by various rock bands over the years, as well as a DJ being on-site at all events. The X Games have made it a point since its founding to stage an eco-friendly event. Such measures include using biodiesel fuel in their vehicles and organizing recycling campaigns.

The X Games has never carried out drug tests on competitors, which has been criticized by the World Anti-Doping Agency and the International Olympic Committee.

## №2 Study the advertisement

*You are considering joining a parkour club and now you are calling to find out more information.*

*In 1.5 minutes you are to ask five direct questions to find out the following:*

- 1). admission fee
- 2). trainers' qualifications
- 3). if a special sports suit is required
- 4). necessity of previous experience in any other sport
- 5). workout schedule

*You have twenty seconds to ask each question*



№3 Imagine that you took some photos when doing a project on extreme sports. Choose **the one** to show to your friend.

In your talk remember to speak about:

- when you took the photo
- what/who is in the photo
- what is happening
- why you kept the photo
- why you decided to show the picture to your friend



## №4 **be ready to compare and contrast the photographs:**

- give a brief description of the photos (action, location)
- say what the pictures have in common
- say in what way the pictures are different
- say which of the occupations presented in the pictures you'd prefer
- explain why

