

The 1080

The 1080 is a skateboard trick in which the skateboarder makes three full rotations of 360° each in the air. The trick is performed on a vertical skateboard ramp. The first person to do this was Tom Schaar, a professional American skateboarder, in 2012. He was 12 at the time. The 1080 is described as the “Holy Grail of all skateboard tricks”.

On May 11, a Brazilian skateboarder named Gui Khury, used a vertical ramp in his grandmother’s garden to land a 1080. Tom Schaar used a mega ramp that helps the skateboarders to get higher speed and height, Gui Khury did not. His parents recorded the trick with their phones and he sent it to all his favourite skaters, like Tony Hawk, Bob Burnquist and Neal Mims. He is 11 years old and has even landed a 900 – two and a half rotations in the air, when he was eight. Schools in Brazil are closed because of the corona pandemic and the isolation has given him more time to train and focus. He celebrated with a hamburger and cheese at home, but has to keep on practising to be able to do the trick in competitions. Skateboarding will appear for the first time at the Tokyo Olympics, which have been moved to 2021.

WORDS YOU MAY NOT KNOW

to perform – att prestera, utföra

a skateboarder – en skateboardåkare

at the time – på den tiden

to describe – att beskriva

Holy Grail – den heliga graal

speed – hastighet

height – höjd

to record – att spela in

to land – att landa

a pandemic – en pandemi

to focus – att koncentrera (sig)

to celebrate – att fira

to keep on – att fortsätta

to practice – att öva

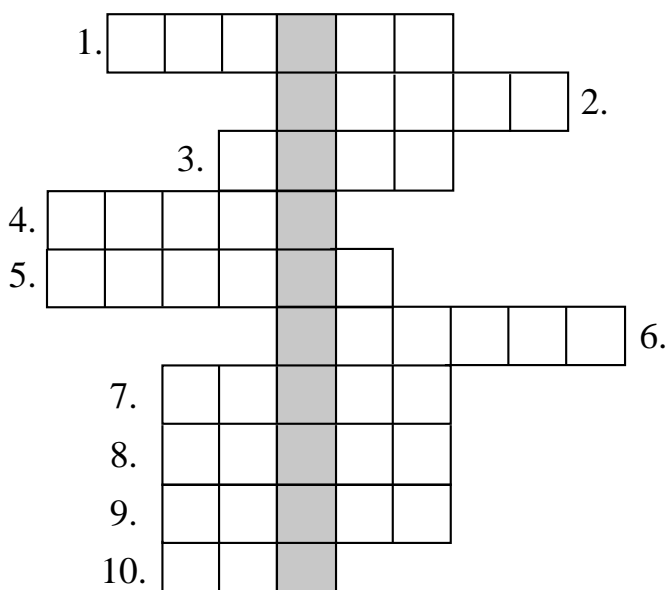
to be able to – att kunna

a competition – en tävling

to appear – att framträda

to move – att flytta, röra (sig)

Solve the crossword below to find out what the secret word in the grey area is, please. There are clues for each word.



Gui Khury

1. An individual.
2. Gui’s last name.
3. The place where the riders do the tricks.
4. 8 in letters.
5. The place where people grow flowers.
6. The country Gui Khury comes from.
7. The opposite of open.
8. Another word for practise.
9. Comes before second.
10. The opposite of young.