

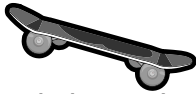


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Read the text, and then read the questions.
Highlight text evidence you can use to support your answers.
Then answer the questions using that evidence.

Tony Hawk

If you are into skateboarding, you have probably heard of Tony Hawk. He is one of the most famous modern skateboarders. You may not know his whole story, though. Tony started skating at age 9 when his big brother let him ride his old skateboard. From that first roll down his driveway he was hooked. He kept riding and practicing at a nearby skate park. By the time he was 12, he was winning competitions. By the age of 25, he had won many awards including placing first in 103 professional competitions and second in 19 competitions.



Tony Hawk didn't always have it easy, though. After he traveled the world and won many awards, things changed. In the late 1980s skateboarding became less popular. There were fewer competitions. By 1991, Tony Hawk was no longer able to make a living being a professional skateboarder. He didn't quit, though. He kept practicing and working on his moves. He and a friend even started Birdhouse, a skateboarding company. Then in 1998, skateboarding became popular again. Tony Hawk's company grew. He began competing more often. He was able to complete a 900, a move that he had been trying to learn for over 10 years.

Tony Hawk retired from skateboarding in 1999, although he still skates in some shows. He continues working to promote skating through his clothing business and his video game series.

1 In what way was Tony Hawk successful at an early age?

2 What did Tony Hawk do besides skate?

3 How did Tony Hawk show perserverance?

