

1. What do you think it takes to win an Olympic medal?

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2. Match each vocabulary word with its definition. Write the letter on the line.

| Vocabulary    |       | Definition                          |
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| 1. competed   | _____ | a. participated in a sporting event |
| 2. retirement | _____ | b. was able to                      |
| 3. suffered   | _____ | c. ability                          |
| 4. regain     | _____ | d. prepare                          |
| 5. train      | _____ | e. stop a job or an activity        |
| 6. skill      | _____ | f. had a negative experience        |
| 7. managed    | _____ | g. get something back               |

3. While you read, underline the negative verbs in the simple present.

### On the Podium with Jasey-Jay

Jasey-Jay Anderson is a Canadian snowboarder with a passion for his sport. He competed in the 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010 Winter Olympics before retiring from competitive snowboarding. The 2010 Olympics were held in Vancouver, B.C. and it was there that he won an Olympic gold medal at the age of 34.

After his retirement in 2010, Jasey-Jay started his own business making snowboards. Then, in 2011 he suffered a neck injury. Snowboarding was the best way to regain strength and get back into shape, so he decided to come out of retirement and compete as a motivation to get better. He used his own snowboards and managed to qualify for and compete in another Olympics, this time in 2014 in Russia.

Jasey-Jay's fans say he is the best snowboarder in the world. He has control and

skill. His career inspires many young people to practise the sport of snowboarding, and now they can do it on a Jasey-Jay snowboard.

The podium is not unknown to Jasey-Jay. He is the most decorated snowboarder in history and the winner of seven World Cup championships and four World Champion gold medals. In addition to the snowboard cross Olympic event, Jasey-Jay is also a medal winner for parallel giant slalom, a downhill snowboarding event.

Jasey-Jay does not want to stop just yet. He continues to train for his sport at Mont-Tremblant and in the western United States. He is a simple guy who lives on a blueberry farm in the Laurentians with his family. He has two young daughters who love snowboarding as much as he does!

**A Snowboarder's Passion**      **Unit 2**      **Extra Reading 1**      **Handout ER1 (cont.)**

4. **Find** sentences in the text to support each of the statements below.

a. Jasey-Jay Anderson is an Olympic gold medalist.

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b. Jasey-Jay created his own company.

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c. Jasey-Jay Anderson practises for his sport in Québec and in the United States.

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5. What led Jasey-Jay to come out of retirement?

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6. What makes Jasey-Jay a successful snowboarder?

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7. How does Jasey-Jay inspire young snowboarders?

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8. **Write** three questions in the simple present to ask Jasey-Jay about his sport.

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