



Record Roll

How did skateboarding begin?

- Skateboarding began in the late 1950s in California and used to be called sidewalk surfing.
- They were originally just simple wooden boards with roller-skates attached to the bottom.

Illustration: A skater completing a 1080.

11-Year-Old Breaks Skating Record

Have you ever dreamed of breaking a world record? Well, one boy in Brazil has just skated into the record books.

Gui Khury has become the first person ever to land a 1080 trick on a **vert ramp** at just 11 years old. That is an incredible three full **rotations** of the board in the air before landing.

Bored and with a lot of time at home, Gui needed a challenge. Luckily, his grandmother has her own skatepark! This allowed him to practise **catching air**.

He was filmed completing the trick by his parents, who then posted the video on social media.

Gui commented on the video, "1080!!! I have no words to explain what just happened."

This is not Gui's first skating record. He was already the youngest person to have completed a 900-degree turn on a vert ramp. He managed that at just eight years old!

Gui was **inspired** to start breaking records

by one of his heroes: Tony Hawk. In 1999, Hawk completed the first-ever 900-degree turn on a vert ramp.

So, what is next for this record-breaking skater? Well, he has already said he is going to try to complete a 1260 on a vert ramp. This is three and a half rotations in the air!

He also has ambitions to get into the Tokyo Olympics in 2021, where there will be a skating competition.

Glossary

rotation	Turning in a circle.
vert ramp	A large piece of equipment in the shape of U used in skateboarding.
catching air	The amount of time a skater stays in the air.
inspired	To be encouraged by someone else's achievements.

Questions

1. Who is one of Gui's heroes?

2. Gui likes a challenge. What evidence can you find in the final paragraph to support this?

3. 'Luckily, his grandmother has her own skatepark!' This suggests that...

- ☐ She doesn't like skating.
- ☐ She is encouraging Gui to skate.
- ☐ She lives near a skatepark.
- ☐ Skateboarding is a usual hobby for grandmothers.

4. Tick each statement to show whether it is a fact or an opinion.

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Tony Hawk is inspirational.		
Tony Hawk was the first person to achieve a 900 on a vert.		

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Answers

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Accept an answer which is supported by evidence from the story, e.g. He wants to compete in the 2021 Tokyo Olympics.

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5. '1080!!! I have no words to explain what just happened.' Why do you think Gui used three exclamation marks in his comment?

Accept any reasonable answer that refers to: his excitement; his happiness; his shock at managing the trick; being surprised; being proud of himself.

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At just 11 years old, Gui is the youngest person to have completed a 1080 on a vert.