

THE GORILLA GARDENER WITH GREEN FINGERS

People in Twinkleton have been surprised by a new gardener in town. The new gardener is a huge gorilla!

The gorilla escaped from a local zoo in January. Since then, he has been living in the local area and growing his own food. This is when he realised he had a talent for gardening!

On Tuesday, the gorilla put up a poster to let people know about his gardening business.

On Friday, Ali Smith asked the gorilla to weed his yard and plant some carrots. Mr Smith said that the gorilla did a fantastic job.

Yesterday, Kareem was playing in his garden when he spotted the gorilla gardener. "I was scared at first," he said, "but the gorilla was very kind and professional."

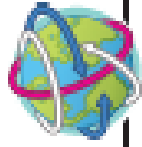
The gorilla's customers say he is very good at growing plants. He can work with flowers, trees and vegetables. He plans to open his own garden centre next year.



The Gorilla Gardener has started a business in Twinkleton.

Answer in full sentences in your book:

1. When did the gorilla escape?
2. How did the gorilla tell people about his business?
3. Was Mr Smith pleased with the gorilla's work?
4. Find two words to describe the gorilla at work.
5. What does the gorilla plan to do next?
6. Do the people of Twinkleton like the gorilla and his business? How do you know?



Breakdancing to Be Included in 2024 Olympic Games

When did breakdancing start?

- Initially known as 'breaking' or 'b-boying', breakdancing developed in New York City in the early 1970s.
- People who breakdance are often known as b-boys, b-girls or breakers.



Breakdancing, also called breaking, has been added to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

It will be the first time a [dancesport](#) has been included in the lineup of Olympic events.

Shawn Tay is president of the World

DanceSport Federation. He said it's "a historic occasion not only for b-boys and b-girls but for all dancers around the world."

The sport was included in the Youth Olympics in 2018 and was a hit with crowds. So, the Paris organisers asked for it to be included in 2024.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) agreed to add it in order to get more younger people watching.

"We have had a clear [priority](#)," said Thomas Bach, president of the IOC, "to introduce sports which are particularly popular among the younger generations."

It's not the only sport being added to the Olympics in the coming years. Skateboarding, surfing and sport climbing will all [debut](#) at the Tokyo Olympics next year.

At the Games in Paris, 16 b-boys and 16 b-girls will compete in one on one battles. Using a variety of kicks, flips and spins they'll have to wow the judges to defeat their opponent.

Breaking is famous for its [frenetic](#) footwork and athletic moves. It borrows moves from other dances and sports such as gymnastics and martial arts.

Photo: A breakdancer performing a power move.

The breakers will perform using top rocks, footwork, freezes and power moves.

Top rocks are moves performed while standing on your feet. Footwork is when you perform moves on the floor using your hands to support you.

Freezes are when a dancer holds themselves off the floor and poses for a few seconds without moving. Power moves are when a breaker uses strength and speed to spin or rotate their whole body.

Hopefully, it will be popular at the 2024 Olympics and we'll get to see breakers cross stepping, hook dropping and head spinning their way to gold medals in future Olympics too.

Glossary

dancesport	Competitive dancing such as ballroom dancing and breaking.
priority	When something is treated as more important than other things.
debut	The first public performance or appearance of a thing.
frenetic	Fast and energetic.

Answer in full sentences in your book:

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2. When was the sport first included in the Youth Olympics?
3. Why was it included?
4. What does the word frenetic mean?
5. How is it linked to gymnastics?
6. Name a physical characteristic you would need to have to be a break dancer—use the text to explain why this would be important.
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9. Do you think other dance sports will be included in 2024? Why?