

## Unit 7 Lesson 2

### TAPESCRIPTS:

#### 1. Career out of a record

Few people would question Tony Hawk's status as the greatest skater ever. He has been boarding since he was nine and he has taken part in over 100 professional contests since he was 14. Along the way, he's invented dozens of unique stunts, which fellow skaters have rushed to copy. He's made a fortune, lost it, and won it back again. Now he has retired from competitive skating.

--'Well Tony did you expect such a success?'

- 'To tell you the truth I've never dreamt of making a career out of skateboarding.'

--'What has your latest record been?'

- 'I have won the Skateboard Games in San Francisco, California.'

--'When was that?'

- 'It was June 1999. I did the 900 degree spin .That means two and a half airborne rotations off the skateboard ramp.'

--'Was it difficult?'

- 'Well, it took me four years of serious practice.'

Today Hawk's name can be found on boards, clothes, and computer games. Definitely, he has remained the first and only person who has achieved such a record.

#### 2. Record-Breaking Doner

Kostas Dasios, a restaurant owner from Patras, Greece, has prepared and cooked the world's largest doner kebab or gyros, as it is called in Greek. Kostas has put two tons of pork on a giant skewer, 1.73m high, in an effort to break the world record.

--'Kostas! Congratulations! Have you prepared everything on your own?'

- 'No. 32 colleagues have helped me.'

--'How long have you been cooking it?'

- 'For 12 hours.'

--'By the way, who was the previous doner kebab record holder?'

- 'Sami Eid, a Lebanese from Cyprus, but this doner was only measuring 1.51m high. Come on! Let's have some of it while it's still warm!'

- Well, revenge may be a dish best served cold, but in the case of Kostas, the saying does not apply.

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### **3. My pet, the champion**

In Northumberland, England nothing excites the locals as much as a good ferret race. Our last record holder is a pet and here is Mrs. Adams the owner of Warhol, the ferret.

--'What record has he achieved?'

- 'He has run the 33 feet tube race in 22seconds at the Ferret Racing Championship in Northern England. He has managed to beat 150 other entrants and become a champion.'

--'Obviously Warhol has won his fifteen minutes of fame!'

- 'That's true!'

--'Tell me, how long have you had Warhol?'

- 'I bought him two years ago.'

--'Is it difficult to keep a ferret as a pet?'

- 'Not at all! Actually, I strongly recommend to keep a pet like this because it is the most loving, playful and anti-depressant pet you can ever keep at home.'