

# How two ice dancers amazed the world

## Vocabulary

1. traditional    2. different    3. challenging    4. rare    5. creatively    6. risk    7. emotion

## True Story

In 1984, Christopher Dean and Jayne Torvill, British ice dancers, took a \_\_\_\_\_ that changed their sport forever. They were already successful, with three world titles. But they wanted to do something \_\_\_\_\_ for the Winter Olympics.

They chose to dance to a song called "Bolero". It was a \_\_\_\_\_ choice because it was different from \_\_\_\_\_ ice dancing. They even started the freestyle event on their knees, which was something not seen before. "We felt strongly about what we were doing," says Dean. "We always had to be one step ahead with where our ideas were \_\_\_\_\_," adds Torvill.

Their performance was amazing and won them the gold medal. They received perfect scores from the judges, which was very \_\_\_\_\_. People loved their dance because it was not just skating; it told a story with \_\_\_\_\_ and creativity. "We wanted to do something that we had never done and that had never been seen before," says Torvill. They certainly achieved that. Their dance to "Bolero" is still remembered as one of the most famous ice dances ever.

## Quiz

1. Who are Christopher Dean and Jayne Torvill?
2. What was unusual about their freestyle performance?
3. Why did people love their "Bolero" dance?

## True or False

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| 1. Christopher Dean and Jayne Torvill had already won three world titles.    | True |  | False |
| 2. They wanted to be one skate ahead with their ideas.                       | True |  | False |
| 3. Their dance to "Bolero" is remembered as one of the best ice creams ever. | True |  | False |

## Conversation

- A: Can you believe it's been 40 years since Torvill and Dean's Bolero?  
 B: Incredible! Watching it live was unforgettable. They started on their knees!  
 A: Yeah, I remember thinking, "What are they doing?" But it was genius.  
 B: I know, right? They were so in sync, and the music... just perfect.  
 A: Ahh, it feels like just yesterday. We were so young then!  
 B: That we were! Time really does fly, doesn't it?

## Discussion

1. Have you ever watched ice dancing? What did you think about it?
2. Can you ice skate? How about roller skating?
3. Have you ever done anything that surprised people?
4. What great sporting moments do you remember from your youth?