## My idol in sports

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• I love watching figure skating competitions on TV. It's not just a sport, it's a real show. Skaters perform to the music in beautiful outfits. I always root for Alina Zagitova. She moves gracefully and performs very difficult jumps.



 Alina Zagitova is a young Russian figure skater. She has already won many competitions. In 2018 she received a silver medal at the winter Olympics.

Alina was born in Izhevsk. She started skating at the age of 4. At the age of 13 she moved to Moscow with her grandmother to be trained by Eteri Tutberidze. It must be hard to leave a hometown at such a young age. Her parents and younger sister stayed there.

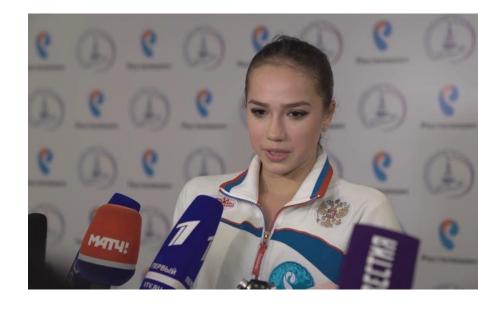


She is the daughter of Leysan Zagitova and Ilnaz Zagitov, an ice hockey coach from Tatarstan. She has a sister, Sabina, who is seven years younger than her. She was nameless for a year until her parents decided to name her "Alina" after watching Russian rhythmic gymnast Alina Kabaeva. She moved to Moscow at age 13 alongside her grandmother, and continues to live with her. Throughout childhood, her hobby was drawing.



## Interview with Alina on channel one

- -What is figure skating for you?
- this is my life. I'm at the rink all the time, I train all the time, as strange as it may sound, but it's true. I spend a lot of time at the rink. I go to bed in the evening and think about what I need to do in training tomorrow. I get up in the morning and make a plan in my head. It turns out that I think about figure skating all the time. About training and competitions. The Olympics and the world Cup are the most memorable of them.



## Alina Zagitova: "Only my coaches and friends know the price I paid for this victory»



 But now Alina has become a real figure skating star. She makes headlines in in the international press. She is a very inspiring person for me. Her example shows that hard work pays off.

Alina Zagitova is my favorite athlete. I hope that we will enjoy her successful performances for many years.

