

Do the preparation exercise first. Then read the text and do the exercises to check your understanding.

**Preparation: matching**

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

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| 1..... to disturb someone | a. a kind of sport, riding a board with four wheels            |
| 2..... rollerskating      | b. a kind of sport, riding ocean waves on a board              |
| 3..... the pavement       | c. the part of a street where pedestrians walk                 |
| 4..... wrist              | d. to annoy someone  |
| 5..... a judge            | e. a kind of sport, using boots with four wheels on the bottom |
| 6..... an injury          | f. physical damage to the body                                 |
| 7..... skateboarding      | g. the part of your body between your hand and your arm        |
| 8..... surfing            | h. someone who gives points in a competition                   |

**1. Check your understanding: grouping**

Write the sentences into the correct group.

talks about the advantages of skate parks	thinks skateboarding might be in the 2020 Olympic Games
thinks skateboarding is more important than fashion	has stopped riding a bike
wears wristguards when skateboarding	started skateboarding after trying a friend's board
was given a skateboard as a birthday present	combines skateboarding with another sport

Monica	Carl

## 2. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best answer to complete these sentences.

1. Skateboarding was invented by surfers \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - a. who wanted something to do when the ocean was cold
  - b. who wanted something to do when the ocean was calm
  - c. who wanted something to do with their old rollerskates
  
2. Before he had a skateboard, Carl \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - a. used to go rollerskating with friends
  - b. used to go surfing in the ocean
  - c. used to watch skateboarders at a skate park
  
3. Skateboarders are most likely to injure \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - a. their hands and wrists
  - b. their elbows and arms
  - c. their knees and legs
  
4. In competitions, skateboarders win prizes for \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - a. their speed
  - b. their jumps and tricks
  - c. their clothes and hair
  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ are fashionable for skateboarders at the moment.
  - a. Baggy trousers and short hair
  - b. Shorts and tracksuits
  - c. Tight jeans and baseball caps
  
6. Long boards aren't good for \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - a. doing jumps
  - b. going fast
  - c. going long distances

### Do you like skateboarding?

Are there any good places to go skateboarding where you live?

What outdoor sports are popular for young people in your town or city?