

Easy reading: LA Skaters: An interview (level 1) – exercises

Do the preparation task 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–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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| 1..... a trick | a. a kind of sport, riding on a board with four wheels |
| 2..... skateboarding | b. a kind of sport, riding on ocean waves on a board |
| 3..... a look | c. a kind of sport, using boots with four wheels on the bottom |
| 4..... rollerskating | d. a difficult jump or move |
| 5..... surfing | e. physical damage to your body |
| 6..... an injury | f. a style, or appearance |

1. Check your understanding: grouping

Write the phrases into the correct group.

goes rollerskating and skateboarding	says that baseball caps and hats are popular with skateboarders
says it's a good idea to wear a helmet	got a skateboard for a birthday present
loves the freedom and speed of skateboarding	started skateboarding with a friend
thinks skateboarding is more important than fashion	says that skateboarding began in California in the 1950s

Monica	Carl

2. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. | Surfers wanted something to do when the sea was calm. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | When she was a child, Monica rode her bike every day. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | Monica started skateboarding when she was eleven. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | Skateboarding isn't going to be in the 2016 Olympic Games. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | 'Go Skateboarding Day' is on 21st July every year. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | It's fashionable for skateboarders to wear tight jeans. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. | All skateboarders have long hair. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8. | It's difficult to do jumps on long boards. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

Discussion

Do you like skateboarding?