

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–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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| 1..... | from day one | a. | a very strong interest or enthusiasm |
| 2..... | to make a living | b. | the part of the street where pedestrians walk |
| 3..... | passion | c. | an upward slope |
| 4..... | a ramp | d. | since the very beginning |
| 5..... | the pavement | e. | the part of the body between the hand and the arm |
| 6..... | the wrist | f. | to earn enough money to be able to buy what you need |

1. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the correct name for who said these sentences

1. *Monica* *Carl* has given up cycling.
2. *Monica* *Carl* started skateboarding after trying a friend's board.
3. *Monica* *Carl* combines skateboarding with another sport.
4. *Monica* *Carl* wears protective clothing when skateboarding.
5. *Monica* *Carl* thinks skateboarding is more important than fashion.
6. *Monica* *Carl* thinks skateboarding might be an Olympic sport in the future.
7. *Monica* *Carl* enjoys doing jumps and tricks.
8. *Monica* *Carl* mentions the advantages of skateboarding in skate parks.
9. *Monica* *Carl* was given a skateboard as a present.
10. *Monica* *Carl* thinks skateboarding is a sport for everyone.

2. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best word to complete these sentences.

1. Surfers invented skateboarding because they wanted something to do when the sun went down. / the ocean was flat. / the ocean was cold.
2. Skateboarders never / rarely / sometimes / frequently fall off their boards.
3. The most vulnerable part of a skateboarder's body is their knees. / elbows. / ankles. / wrists. / feet.
4. Skateboarding might / will / won't be in the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro in 2016.
5. 'Go Skateboarding Day' is a monthly / yearly / biannual event.
6. Long boards have got more / fewer / larger / smaller / stronger wheels than standard skateboards.