



Pre-Reading Activities

A: Discussion

1a. Here are some pictures of sports.

What are the names of the sports?

cy_ling; horsera____; r_nn_ng



1b. Do you like watching these sports? Why or why not?

2. What sports did you like playing when you were 8 years old?

3a. Here is a picture of something many children enjoy. What is it?

It is a s____eb_ar_



3b. Do you use one of these? Why or why not?

Reading Activities

A: Comprehension

Read **Part One** of today's article. Read the questions. Fill the gaps in the answers.

1. Who likes skateboarding? _____ like skateboarding.
2. What are women doing? Women are _____.

Part One

NEW YORK, Thurs July 8 (Reuters) - Many boys like skateboarding. Women in different countries are skateboarding now.
(Continued/...)

Word: now - at this time

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B: Complete The Table

Complete this table of information about **Part Two** of the article:

Name: Barbara _____
Age: _____
Where she lives: _____, California, United States
Family: husband and 7-year-old son
Likes: _____

Part Two

Barbara Odanaka is 41-years-old. She lives in Laguna Beach, California, with her husband and 7-year-old son. She likes skateboarding.
(Continued/...)

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C: Word Order

1. This is the first sentence of Part Three of the article. The words are mixed up. Put the words in the right order.

started / www.skateboardmom.com / Odanaka

Write the sentence here: _____

2. This is the second sentence. The words are mixed up. Put the words in the right order.

70 members / has / www.skateboardmom.com

(**member** - a person who is in a group)

Write the sentence here: _____

3. This is the third sentence. The words are mixed up. Put the words in the right order.

the United States, Britain, Canada, Argentina, Australia, France / the women / are / and Denmark / from

Write the sentence here: _____

4. This is the fourth sentence. The words are mixed up. Put the words in the right order.

skateboarding / like / they

Write the sentence here: _____

C: True Or False

Read all three parts of the article below. Decide whether these sentences are true (T) or false (F).

1. Barbara Odanaka likes skiing.
2. Odanaka lives in Calgary.
3. www.skateboardmom.com is for men who like skateboarding.
4. www.skateboardmom.com has 700 members.
5. The members of www.skateboardmom.com don't like skateboarding.

Skateboarding Mums Online

NEW YORK, Thurs July 8 (Reuters) - Many boys like skateboarding. Odanaka started www.skateboardmom.com. Women in different countries are skateboarding now.

Barbara Odanaka is 41-years-old. She lives in Laguna Beach, California, with her husband and 7-year-old son. She likes skateboarding.

www.skateboardmom.com has 70 members. The women are from the United States, Britain, Canada, Argentina, Australia, France and Denmark. They like skateboarding.

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Post-Reading Activities

A: Extra Reading

Read the last part of today's article. Answer the questions.

1. Are males or females 76% of skateboarders in the United States?
2. Are most skateboarders boys or girls?
3. Are women trying skateboarding?

(.../Continued) In the United States 76% of skateboarders are male. Most skateboarders are boys, but more women are trying skateboarding.

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B: Language

Look at these sentences in the present continuous. Write the correct auxiliary verb (*am/is/are*) in each gap.

- a. I _____ waiting for my friend.
- b. I _____ standing at the bus-stop.
- c. It _____ raining.
- d. I _____ holding an umbrella.
- e. My friend _____ coming.
- f. He _____ running.
- g. He _____ holding some flowers for me.
- h. He _____ waving.
- i. People _____ looking at him.
- j. They _____ smiling.

Now read the sentences again. Draw pictures of what the sentences show.

B: Discussion

Answer these questions in pairs.

1. Why do you think Odanaka started www.skateboardmom.com?
2. Why do you think more boys than girls like skateboarding?
3. Do people like skateboarding in your country?



TEACHERS' NOTES AND ANSWER KEY

Pre-Reading Activities

A: Discussion - Notes

You can allow the discussion to go for as long as you want. However, you may prefer to move fairly quickly through these questions.

When students get to 3b., tell them that the sport is called 'skateboarding'. You may also like to tell them that people who do it are called 'skateboarders'.

A: Discussion - Answers

1. cycling; horseracing; running (Students may want to also say sprinting or athletics.)
2. Answers will vary.
- 3a. a skateboard
- b. Answers will vary.

Reading Activities

A: Comprehension - Answers

1. Boys like skateboarding.
2. Women are skateboarding.

B: Complete The Table - Answers

Name: Barbara Odanaka

Age: 41

Where she lives: Laguna Beach, California, United States

Family: husband and 7-year-old son

Likes: skateboarding

C: Word Order - Answers

1. Odanaka started www.skateboardmom.com.
2. www.skateboardmom.com has 70 members.
3. The women are from the United States, Britain, Canada, Argentina, Australia, France and Denmark.
4. They like skateboarding.

D: True or False - Notes

You may like to point out the different spelling of the slang word for mother. 'Mom' is commonly used in the United States and Canada, whereas 'Mum' is used in Britain, New Zealand and Australia.

D: True or False - Answers

1. F (skateboarding)
2. F (Calgary)
3. F (women who like skateboarding)
4. F (70)
5. F (They like skateboarding.)

Post-Reading Activities

A: Extra Reading

1. males, 2. boys, 3. yes.

B: Language - Notes

You could draw stick figures to illustrate what is happening in the sentences or ask students to do it. Then ask volunteers to draw their pictures on the board. Other students can comment on the drawings.

B: Language - Answers

- a. am, b. am, c. is, d. am, e. is, f. is, g. is, h. is, i. j. are.

