

Test 5--Sails Can Be Useful

Directions: Read the passage to answer questions 1-5.

Sails are usually found on boats. But even without a boat, a sail can be useful. In the winter you can use a sail when you are on ice skates. If the ice is smooth and there is a good wind, you can have lots of fun. The sail will propel you across the ice at great speeds. You can use it at other times of the year too. Try using one when you're on roller skates or on a skateboard. If you have a surfboard or a small rowboat, you can also have fun with a sail.

To make a sail, you need a double bed sheet and T-shaped frame. Put the frame together from two light sticks. Sew your bed sheet to the frame. It will look like a triangle when it is finished. As a rule, the sail should be as tall as you. Quite a lot of sewing is needed. You may need someone to help you with the sewing.

How long you hold the sail is up to you. Put handholds where you want them or just hold on to the frame. To use it with a boat or surfboard, rig up a kind of mast and attach your sail to it.



1. The main point of this passage is that _____.
 - a. people can make sailboats
 - b. you must learn to sew
 - c. a sail has many uses
 - d. roller skating is fun
2. Choose the answer that lists the uses for a sail in the same order as the above passage.
 - a. boats, skateboards, roller skates, ice skates, surfboard
 - b. surfboard, ice skates, roller skates, boats, skateboards
 - c. ice skates, roller skates, surfboard, boats, skateboards
 - d. boats, ice skates, roller skates, skateboards, surfboards
3. To make a sail, you must sew the bed sheet to the _____.
 - a. triangle
 - b. frame
 - c. bed
 - d. sail
4. Once you have the necessary material, what is the first step in making a sail?
 - a. Sew your bed sheet to the frame.
 - b. Put handholds where you want them.
 - c. Put the frame together with two light sticks.
 - d. Get someone else to help with the sewing.
5. As a rule, the sail should be _____.
 - a. about as tall as you
 - b. taller than you
 - c. shorter than you
 - d. no wider than your arm span