

SKATEBOARD DAD

Read the text and thinks of the word which best fits each gap. Use only ONE word in each gap.

Some activities are associated (1) _____ young people, even though (2) _____ isn't always clear why. Skateboarders, for instance, are expected to (3) _____ teenagers, but come to think of it, there's (4) _____ reason why people over the age of 21 shouldn't take (5) _____ the sport.

Skateboarding involves a certain amount of falling off the board, (6) _____ can be painfully but this also applies to skiing or surfing, and these sports are not restricted (7) _____ teenagers. Surely there is (8) _____ wrong with a grown-up gliding down the road on his or her board!

(9) _____ the same time, I confess I felt a certain sympathy for my niece Emily when her father, my older brother Tom, announced that he was going skateboarding with her. When you are 14, you are very conscious of (10) _____ other people think of you. Emily knew her friends would laugh (11) _____ her if she was seen skateboarding in the park with her dad. She felt that (12) _____ embarrassment would be more than she could bear, so she begged Tom to go skateboarding elsewhere. Fortunately, Tom realized how embarrassed Emily must (13) _____ felt and simply laughed.

