

# SKATEBOARD DAD

Read the text and Think 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.

