

READING AND VOCABULARY

PART I: Lead-in Questions

Look at the Sports Card in the reading passage and answer the following questions.

1. Where can you find an article like this?
2. How long has Bob Burnquist been a professional?
3. Which of the questions above is about an action that started in the past and is still true now?

Write your answers here:

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PART II: VOCABULARY

Complete these definitions with words from the article.

Definition	Word
1) provide enough money for someone to live.	
2) the state of being a member of a country.	
3) a small space surrounded by walls at the back of a house.	
4) an occasion that makes it possible to do something you want to do or want to have	
5) a competition, usually a small one	
6) having two of something, or two parts.	
7) the sport of riding on a wave on a special board.	
8) a small metal disc for a winning a competition or to remember a special event.	
9) something valuable, such as an amount of money that is given to someone who wins a competition or game.	
10) the quality that make someone or something different from all others	



PART III: READING

Read the text below and do the following exercises

KING OF SKATE

by Mariana Andrade

When he was only 11 years old, Bob Burnquist's life changed. A skate park opened just three blocks from his house in São Paulo, Brazil. Bob got his very first skateboard and started skating. He **hasn't stopped since then**.

At first he did it just for fun, but soon he turned pro. His first big international contest was in Canada, in 1995. **Since then** he **has taken** home many more first-place prizes and gold medals. He **has** also **earned** enough money to support himself while doing what he loves most. In 2002 he was voted "King of Skate" in a California contest.

Bob **has lived** in California **since 1995**, but he frequently returns to Brazil. He's **had** dual citizenship (Brazil and the United States) **for many years**. Does he consider himself "American"? "I am American, South American. . . . A citizen of the world."

The skateboard isn't the only board he uses. Bob also enjoys snowboarding and surfing. **Since he moved to California**, he **has been** close to snow-topped mountains and the beach. His backyard and, of course, the streets provide opportunity for skating. As he once said, "If you snowboard, surf, and skate, you pretty much cover the whole Earth."

