

Read the text and questions below.

For each question, mark the correct letter **A**, **B**, **C** or **D** on your answer sheet.

Skateboarding by Rachel Martin, aged 11

I _____ skateboarding for 18 months now, and I was the _____ person in a street skateboarding competition last year. I spend my free time at my town's new skatepark – I stay at home and watch TV.

Before the new skatepark was built this year, the nearest skatepark was in a town 10 km away. Some of my older friends went there, but my mum wouldn't let me go because I wasn't _____. The only place to skate was on the pavements, but then I fell and _____ my arm. I wasn't popular with pedestrians either, so I stopped! Nowadays, though, I can use the new skatepark in the evenings – it's got huge lights, so you can use it even at night.

We've got a skatepark at our school now, too. It keeps us _____. The school skatepark is _____ for smaller children like my little brother, though, as the teenage students also use their rollerskates or ride their BMX bikes there. I guess they prefer it because the skatepark in town is pretty busy.

I've always found schoolwork easy, but skateboarding is _____. My favourite trick is jumping over boxes. Doing things like that really makes you concentrate, which is a challenge, but it's something I really enjoy. My older sister works as a skateboard instructor, so one day I'd like to be like her. It's _____ for girls to skate around here, so although I love it, it's a bit lonely. I'd like more girls to join in!

1 In this text Rachel Martin

- A** explains what equipment is needed for skateboarding.
- B** describes the places for skateboarding in her area.
- C** persuades young people to enter skateboarding competitions.
- D** compares skateboarding with other sports.

2 Why was it hard for Rachel to go skateboarding last year?

- A** There wasn't a skatepark near enough to her house.
- B** None of her friends were able to go with her.
- C** She was worried she would hurt herself.
- D** She wasn't allowed to go out in the evenings.

3 What does Rachel say about the skatepark at her school?

- A It allows younger children to practise their skating.
- B It takes too many people away from other sports.
- C It is used for several different activities.
- D It is more crowded than the skatepark in town.

4 What does Rachel like about skateboarding?

- A getting the chance to be good at something
- B having to think carefully
- C learning new skills from her sister
- D doing an activity with girls of her own age