

WRITING

A blog post

1 Read the blog post. Do you agree with the advice?

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The Climbers' Climbing Blog

Thanks for reading my blog! Here are a few of my readers' questions and my answers.

I always bruise my knees and elbows when I'm rock climbing. What should I do to avoid that? Spidergirl

You should buy some knee and elbow pads. But ¹make sure / that's why that you climb in the correct way. You won't bruise anything if you're careful. ²If you ask me, / Make sure you need some expert advice and maybe a lesson or two!

I'm 11 and I'd love to go climbing with my older brothers, but they say I'm too young. What's a good age to start climbing? Katya

If you're tall and strong enough, you'll be able to climb now! ³That's why / I'd say it's safe to start climbing at your age if you start with small climbs and you have good climbers with you. If you're careful, you'll be fine. Enjoy!

When's the safest time to go climbing? I only climb in the summer, but I want to do more. Barbara

In the UK, spring and summer are the best times. You'll slip and fall if you climb on wet rocks. ⁴Make sure / That's why you shouldn't do it on rainy days. And of course, you must never climb in snowy or icy weather if you don't have special equipment.

That's all for now. Have fun, and happy climbing!

2 Circle the correct options (1–4) in the blog post.

3 Read the blog post again. Write S (Spidergirl), K (Katya) or B (Barbara) for each sentence.

- 1 She wants to know the best time for climbing.
- 2 The blogger thinks she should have classes.
- 3 The blogger says she should go with other climbers.



4 Read the blog post again and circle the correct answers.

1 Rock climbers should wear knee and elbow pads to avoid

a bruises b falls c climbing incorrectly

2 Katya's brothers think she's not ... enough to start climbing.

a tall b old c strong

3 Katya should start with ... climbs.

a good b short c careful

4 Barbara doesn't climb on ... days.

a sunny b summer c winter

5 Climbers need special equipment in ... weather.

a summer b rainy c icy

Write a blog post to give safety advice.

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5 Choose an activity that you do. Think of three questions about doing it safely. Make notes for the answers.

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6 Write your blog post. Remember to include an introduction, three questions and answers, an ending and phrases from the *Useful language* box (see Student's Book, p77).

CHECK

7 Do you ...

- answer each question?
- use *should/shouldn't* and *must/mustn't*?