## 12-Year-Old Businessman Skates Into Success

Carson Kropfl is an (1) _____, business owner and environmental activist. He enjoys the (2) _____ of surfing. In addition (3) _____ riding the waves, he likes riding his skateboard. Kropfl is a very hard-working 12-year-old.

You heard right. The San Clemente, California, boy just (4) _____ seventh grade. And, school had a lot to do with the creation of his company. His story is proof that necessity is truly the mother of invention. Carson had enjoyed skating for years. He (5) _____ to use his skateboard to go to places, including school. But over time, he became angry that he had (6) _____ place to store his board when he arrived at school. As a student, he could not change the (7) _____ of his locker. But he realized he might be able to change the shape of his skateboard.

And, from that small desire, a business (8) _____.

"I have a skateboard company called Lockerboard and what I do is I take recycled skateboard decks and reshape them to fit inside school bags and lockers."

Carson made his first sales in the room where students ate at his school. He put (9) _____ skateboards on a table and his schoolmates started buying them up. Within months, Carson had an agreement with a company. The young man says he has now sold about 700 skateboards in (10) _____ than two years.

His skateboards are of different shapes and designs. Each one costs around $100. But not all the profit goes to Carson. Some money goes to a nonprofit group that supports protection of the ocean.

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| 2. | A. | excitement | B. | exciting | C. | excited | D. | exciteness |
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| 4. | A. | stopped | B. | accomplished | C. | graduated | D. | completed |
| 5. | A. | liked | B. | was liking | C. | has liked | D. | like |
| 6. | A. | a | B. | no | C. | none | D. | any |
| 7. | A. | size | B. | place | C. | lock | D. | look |
| 8. | A. | were born | B. | is born | C. | was born | D. | born |
| 9. | A. | a lots | B. | a little | C. | few | D. | a few |
| 10. | A. | little | B. | less | C. | at least | D. | least |