



PART 4 - COLLOCATIONS

- Skim the text to find out the topic and general meaning.
- Work out the questions by reading the whole sentences. Do not stop reading after the gaps.
- Make your choice, look at the other two options and think why they are wrong.
- Finally, read the whole text again to make sure it makes sense.

EXAM TIP!



Eric Koston

Eric Koston is one of the world's best-known skateboarders. He was born in Thailand, but his family (19) to the US when he was a baby. His love of skateboarding began at the (20) of 11, when his older brother gave him a skateboard. It was an old, broken board, but he learned how to skateboard by watching other kids and then he (21) by himself every day.

Three years later, he was so good that a company that made skateboards offered him a summer (22) That's when he (23) to make skateboarding his life. Since then, Eric has (24) many international competitions, made boarding videos and starred in a skateboarding video game. Now he owns a successful company making sports shoes and clothes.

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| 19 | A- changed | B- moved | C- left |
| 20 | A- year | B- time | C- age |
| 21 | A- practised | B- taught | C- followed |
| 22 | A- career | B- job | C- work |
| 23 | A- thought | B- felt | C- decided |
| 24 | A- won | B- taken | C- tried |