

ROLLERBLADING - SENSATIONAL SPEED

*Rollerblading has become an integral part of American life. There is a U.S. Roller basketball league and police patrols on Rollerblades. But Rollerblades are causing such chaos on the streets that some U.S. cities are now passing **laws** against the sport...*

- 1 Going through Central Park in New York on a Saturday afternoon you might think walking is illegal. Everyone is on Rollerblades, or **in-line** skates as they are more correctly called. It seems that everyone in America is skating these days, from the boardwalks of Venice, California, to the beaches of Miami, Florida. An estimated 20 million Americans have already put on a pair of in-line
5 skates and set out for a **ride**.

- Virtually unknown ten years ago, in-line skating has been America's fastest growing sport. And Rollerblades, or "blades" as they're often called, are an increasingly familiar sight in Europe. Skate manufacturers report that worldwide sales have at least doubled in each of the last ten years. What skateboarding was to the 1980s, in-line skating has become for the 1990s. But while skateboarding
10 was a sport dominated by boys and young men, in-line skating has attracted men and women of all ages.

- The increase in in-line skating is not just visible in the statistics given by skate manufacturers, but by hospitals as well. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimated a doubling of skating **injuries** between 1993 and 1994. One problem is that beginners find it difficult to stop with in-line
15 skates. The other problem is that one of the preferred playgrounds for skaters is the stairs and **railings** leading to public buildings. Cities like Washington and New York are **banning** skating in such areas.

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a law : une loi.
in-line : en ligne.
a ride : un tour, une balade
an injury : une blessure
a railing : une rampe
ban : interdire.

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COMPRÉHENSION

1. Dites si les informations suivantes sont vraies ou fausses.

Cochez la bonne case et justifiez dans tous les cas votre réponse en citant le texte anglais. (BEP : 3 pts ; CAP : 6 pts)

a. Le roller fait partie de la société américaine.

vrai faux

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b. Il existe des patrouilles de police en rollers.

vrai faux

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c. Ce sport a mis du temps à se développer aux Etats-Unis.

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d. Le roller est de plus en plus populaire en Europe.

vrai faux

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e. Le roller n'est pratiqué que par les adolescents.

vrai faux

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f. Le roller est un sport qui peut être dangereux.

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2. Répondez aux questions suivantes en anglais et en faisant des phrases complètes.
(BEP : 6 pts ; CAP : questions a et f seulement : 4 pts)

a. What is the correct name for Rollerblades?

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b. How many Americans had practised in-line skating by the end of 1996?

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c. When did in-line skating develop?

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d. What do skate manufacturers report about their sales?

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e. Why is the increase in in-line skating visible in hospitals?

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f. Where do skaters prefer practising?

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a. Trouvez, dans le texte, les équivalents anglais des expressions suivantes :
(BEP et CAP : 1 pt)

- adopter des lois :

- inconnu :

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b. Trouvez, dans le texte, le contraire des mots suivants : (BEP et CAP : 1 pt)

- legal :

- easy :

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4. Posez la question portant sur le mot ou le groupe de mots souligné(s).
(BEP et CAP : 4 pts)

a. Rollerbladers cause chaos on the streets.

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b. On Saturday afternoons Central Park is invaded by skaters.

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c. Stopping with in-line skates is difficult for beginners.

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d. Washington and New York started banning skating in public areas in 1996.

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5. Complétez les phrases suivantes à l'aide des expressions proposées.
(BEP : 2 pts ; CAP : 4 pts)

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a. People often Rollerblades "blades".
calling / call / are called

b. In-line skating unknown ten years ago.
was / will be / has been

c. Sales increased in the last ten years.
is / has / have

d. People often go to Central Park Saturday afternoons.
in / on / at

PRODUCTION ÉCRITE (BEP seulement : 3 points)

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6. "Roller-skating" is different from "skateboarding".

Give 3 reasons why you like (or don't like) skateboarding. (50 mots).

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