

Half-Pipe



Pablo grinned from ear to ear and stared down at the concrete wall falling away from him. The top of the half-pipe was his favourite place in the world - better than the ice-cream shop, the toy store and even the fairground. The mix of fear and excitement was better than any sugary food. It was even better now that he was holding his new skateboard in his hands.

The new board had been a birthday present from his mum and dad and was almost perfect. He wished it was a brighter colour, but he'd learned to live with the plain black deck. Bright pink wheels and a handful of stickers had livened it up enough.

On the other side of the pipe, Pablo's sister Dora rose into the air and landed, feet-first, on the platform. It was his turn, his chance to try his favourite trick. A trick that wouldn't have been possible on his old board. The most difficult trick in the world. He leaned forward and dropped.



FOCUS ON - WORD

Complete the table below.

comparative adjective	superlative adjective
brighter	
	plainest
	most
better	

Match the root word to its suffix.
Use each box only once.

difficult
live
wish

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Write the following words into the correct column in the table.

ice-cream	favourite trick	olo	d board	new skateboard	ea	ar
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FOCUS ON - SENTENCE

Write one	answer in each	າ box.	
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·	•	te adverb to compl	ete the sentence below.
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Now Quite Insert an a	rom ear to ear		ction to complete the sente
Now Quite Insert an a below. Pablo grinned f	rom ear to ear		

FOCUS ON - TEXT

1 Match the verb tense to the examples underlined.

The new board <u>had been</u> a birthday present.

He was holding his new skateboard in his hands.

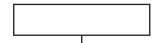
Pablo's sister Dora <u>rose</u> into the air.

past perfect
past
past progressive

Replace the proper noun with a possessive pronoun.

The new skateboard was Pablo's. = The new skateboard was

Replace the underlined word with an appropriate pronoun.



Pablo's sister Dora rose into the air and <u>Dora</u> landed, feet-first, on the platform







FOCUS ON - PUNCTUATION

Tick the two sentences that use the possessive apostrophe correctly.	
Pablo's birthday present from his parents was a new skateboard.	
O Pablo's birthday present from his parents' was a new skateboard.	
The skateboard's pink wheels and stickers had livened it up.	
The skateboard's pink wheel's and sticker's had livened it up.	
2 Insert the missing comma into the sentence below.	
Pablo's skateboard had a plain black deck pink wheels and a handful of stickers.	
3 Write the uncontracted form of the underlined words.	
He wished it was a brighter colour, but <u>he'd</u> learned to live with the plain black deck.	
CHALLENGE	~
Which of the sentences below show where brackets could be used to show parenthesis?	
Tick one.	
The new board had been a birthday present (from his mum and dad) and was almost perfect.	
The new board had been a birthday present from his mum and dad and (was almost perfect).	
The new board had been (a birthday present from his mum and dad) and was almost perfect.	5
The new board (had been a birthday present from his mum) and dad and was almost perfect.	D.

Answers - Half-Pipe

WORD

- brighter brightest plainer plainest more most better best
- difficult + y = difficulty
 live + ly = lively
 wish _ ful = wishful
- 3. a = favourite trick, new skateboard an = ice-cream, old board, ear

SENTENCE

- The = determiner present = noun almost = adverb
- 2. <u>On the other side of the pipe</u>, Pablo's sister Dora rose <u>into the air</u> and landed, feet-first, <u>on the platform</u>.
- 3. 3rd option now
- 4. E.g. Pablo grinned from ear to ear <u>because/as</u> the top of the half-pipe was his favourite place in the world.

TEXT

- The new board <u>had been</u> a birthday present. (past perfect)
 He <u>was holding</u> his new skateboard in his hands. (past progressive)
 Pablo's sister Dora <u>rose</u> into the air. (past)
- 2. The new skateboard was **his**.
- 3. Pablo's sister Dora rose into the air and she landed, feet-first, on the platform

PUNCTUATION

- 1st option Pablo's birthday present from his parents was a new skateboard.
 3rd option The skateboard's pink wheels and stickers had livened it up.
- 2. Pablo's skateboard had a plain black deck, pink wheels and a handful of stickers.
- 3. He wished it was a brighter colour, but **he had** learned to live with the plain black deck.

CHALLENGE QUESTION:

1st option – The new board had been a birthday present (from his mum and dad) and was almost perfect.