

# 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

**1** Complete the table below.

comparative adjective	superlative adjective
brighter	
	plainest
	most
better	

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

difficult
live
wish

ful
y
ly

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

ice-cream

favourite trick

old board

new skateboard

ear

a	an

# FOCUS ON - SENTENCE

**1** Identify the different word classes in the sentence below.

Write **one** answer in each box.

The new board had been a birthday present from his mum and dad and was almost perfect.

adverb

noun

determiner

**2** Underline the three prepositional phrases.

On the other side of the pipe, Pablo's sister Dora rose into the air and landed, feet-first, on the platform.

**3** Tick the most appropriate adverb to complete the sentence below.

\_\_\_\_\_ it was his turn, his chance to try his favourite trick.

☐ Never

☐ Very

☐ Now

☐ Quite

**4** Insert an appropriate subordinating conjunction to complete the sentence below.

Pablo grinned from ear to ear \_\_\_\_\_ the top of the half-pipe was his favourite place in the world.

# FOCUS ON - TEXT

**1** Match the verb tense to the examples underlined.

The new board <u>had been</u> a birthday present.
He <u>was holding</u> his new skateboard in his hands.
Pablo's sister Dora <u>rose</u> into the air.

past perfect
past
past progressive

**2** Replace the proper noun with a possessive pronoun.

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

**3** Replace the underlined word with an appropriate pronoun.

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

# FOCUS ON - PUNCTUATION

**1** Tick the two sentences that use the possessive apostrophe correctly.

- ☐ Pablo's birthday present from his parents was a new skateboard.
- ☐ 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 he'd learned to live with the plain black deck.

## CHALLENGE

**4** 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.
- ☐ The new board (had been a birthday present from his mum) and dad and was almost perfect.

# Answers - Half-Pipe

## WORD

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

## SENTENCE

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

## TEXT

1. The new board had been a birthday present. (past perfect)  
He was holding his new skateboard in his hands. (past progressive)  
Pablo's sister Dora rose 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

1. 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.