

Seán's Weekend Diary

Saturday

This morning, I walked to the skatepark with my sister, Jen.

I was excited because I had my own new skateboard.

When we arrived, I watched Jen. She has brilliant **skills**. She rode down a ramp at top speed and zoomed up the other side. She flipped around and sped down again. I wished I could do that!



Next, I had a go on flat ground. First, I fastened my helmet. Then I jumped onto my board but I wobbled off. I tried again. I pushed off slowly but I fell over and hurt my knee.

"It's no good. I can't do it!" I **moaned**.

"Listen to me – you can do it! I know you can!" **urged** Jen.

"Be brave!"

She helped me **balance**. Soon I was riding down a small slope! It felt fantastic!

Sunday

This afternoon, we went to the park again. I rode **smoothly** down the slope.

Then Jen climbed up a small ramp.

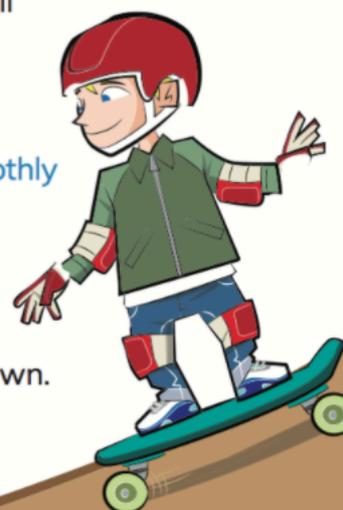
"Come on! Follow me!" she shouted.

Feeling **nervous**, I climbed up the ramp. Jen whizzed down.

Then it was my turn. My mouth felt dry as I pushed off.

I reached the bottom without falling!

All afternoon, I practised my new skills. I felt on top of the world!



? Comprehension

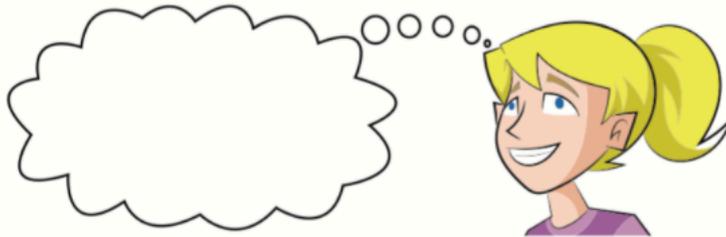
A Answer the questions.

1. Where did Seán go on Saturday morning?
2. Why was Seán excited?
3. What skateboarding skills did Jen show Seán?
4. Why did Seán moan?
5. How did Jen help Seán?
6. What is meant by feeling 'on top of the world'?

★ Think about when you learned something new. How did you feel?

B Complete the activities.

1. How do you think Jen felt as she helped Seán? Write in the bubble.



2. Write two good and two bad things about learning to skateboard.

b^a b^c Vocabulary

Complete the sentences using the words below.

skills moaned urged balance nervous

1. Seán learned to balance on his skateboard.
2. Seán showed off his new _____.
3. Jen _____ Seán to be brave.
4. Seán _____ when he fell over.
5. Seán felt _____ because the ramp was high.

★ Write a sentence using the word **smoothly**.