



Illustration: A skateboarder completes a 1080.

## Explore

For a while, skateboarding was considered a slightly dangerous hobby. However, it has become an increasingly popular sport for both adults and children.

Skateboarding, like most sports, helps to keep us fit and healthy. It is also really fun!

But do you know your ollie from your nollie? Your kickflip from your heelflip?

Explore some of skateboarding's easiest and hardest tricks so that you can keep an eye for them at next year's Olympic Games.

## Investigate

Skateboarding will be included as an Olympic sport for the first time at the next Olympic Games. However, it has been a cornerstone sport of the X Games for over 20 years.

But do you know what the X Games are?

Investigate what the X Games are and which sports are involved. Which is your favourite Winter X Games sport? Which is your favourite Summer X Games sport?

## Write

Choose a favourite sport. It might be skateboarding, another extreme sport included in the X Games, or something else entirely. Write a short argument, convincing someone else at home why you are right and why your chosen sport is the best sport in the world.

Keep it brief, no more than two paragraphs, and include:

- abstract nouns (e.g. belief, truth, fairness) to make your writing sound more balanced;
- conditional phrases (e.g. could or maybe) to make your argument sound considered;
- the present tense;
- a concluding sentence which makes your point clear (e.g. And that's why skateboarding is the coolest sport in the world).