

Chapter 1 – No skateboard

Near Hannah's house there's a new **skatepark**. A lot of young people in the town go there after **school** with their **skateboards**.

These days Hannah often goes there with her **cousin** Justin. Justin goes to school with her. Hannah doesn't like school very much, or getting up early. She's always late. And she doesn't have many friends. But with the new skatepark, she's suddenly very interested in skateboarding. The only thing is – Hannah has no skateboard!

skatepark a place where people can skateboard

school students learn here

skateboard a board with little wheels that can move fast; to go on a skateboard

cousin the son (or daughter) of your mother's (or father's) sister (or brother)



Sometimes Justin asks Hannah, ‘Hey, do you want to get on my skateboard?’ So she does – but not for long. She doesn’t want to **fall off** in front of everybody. So usually she watches the skateboarders.

Owen is fifteen. He’s a good skateboarder. He can do a lot of **tricks**.

‘I love Owen’s skateboarding,’ Hannah thinks. ‘I want to **jump** and do tricks, too.’

‘Why don’t you have a skateboard, Hannah?’ Justin asks her.

‘It’s a new thing for me – skateboarding,’ Hannah answers. Then she thinks, ‘My **birthday**’s coming. **Maybe** I can talk to Mom and Dad.’

fall off to go down from something suddenly

trick a clever way of moving on a skateboard

jump to move suddenly from one place to a different place; when you move suddenly from one place to a different place

birthday the day when someone is a year older

maybe perhaps



READING CHECK

Are these sentences true or false? Tick the boxes.

- a The new skatepark is near Hannah's school.
- b Hannah is Justin's cousin.
- c Hannah has a lot of friends.
- d Hannah doesn't have a skateboard.
- e Justin doesn't have a skateboard.
- f Hannah doesn't want to fall off.
- g Hannah loves Owen's skateboarding.
- h It is Justin's birthday soon.

True False

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GUESS WHAT

What happens in the next chapter? Tick two boxes in a, b and c.

- a For her birthday, Hannah has ...
 - 1 a skateboard.
 - 2 a school bag.
 - 3 something to wear.
- b Hannah's older brother Evan ...
 - 1 laughs at her.
 - 2 gives something nice to her.
 - 3 is angry with her.
- c The weekend after her birthday, Hannah ...
 - 1 laughs at Owen.
 - 2 falls off her skateboard.
 - 3 leaves the skatepark.

