



Topic 12

Les rollers de samedi soir

L'air désinvolte, le pantalon trois fois trop grand, les rollers aux pieds, les "hommes roulettes" de la balade du dimanche après-midi peuvent s'élancer. Des milliers de jeunes gens, chaque semaine, arpentent à toute allure les rues de Paris. Parmi eux, Julien, David, Johnny, Nour et Kevin. Ils ont entre 16 et 21 ans. "Le roller, c'est notre vraie passion. C'est bien mieux que de passer quatre heures à légumer devant la télé, affirme Nour. J'halluciniais quand je voyais tous les fans de "Loft Story". On se demande vraiment si les jeunes ne deviennent pas idiots." Les rollers vivent pour la plupart chez leurs parents. " Mais notre deuxième famille, c'est la bande", remarque David. Pendant les vacances ils travaillent, Serveurs, déménageurs ou vendeurs. Leurs sorties? Les pubs, le cinéma et les soirées qui "s'éternisent chez les copains". Dieu et la politique? Ils s'en "fichent". Seuls les Verts effleurent (parfois) leurs convictions...

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vocabulaire	
légumer	to be a "vegetable"/a couch potato/to waste time
s'en "ficher" (fam)	not to care a damn
"Loft story"	French TV game, similar to "Big Brother"



Question 12a

Which of the following statements is correct according to the text?

- 1 a These young people are passionate about skate-boarding.
b They are passionate about roller-blading.
c They love riding around Paris on scooters.
- 2 a They are between 14 and 21 and wear tight jeans.
b Between the ages of 16 and 21 they sport baggy sweatshirts.
c Their trousers are baggy and they look quite nonchalant.
- 3 a For them nothing could be better than to crash out in front of television.
b Television makes some of them quite ill.
c They have no time for TV or for their peers who watch it for hours.
- 4 a They live mostly in groups with like-minded friends.
b They live at home and feel they have two families.
c Their parents keep their roller skates but they live with friends.
- 5 a During the holidays they work as removals men or salesmen.
b They have permanent jobs as waiters in restaurants.
c They work as swimming instructors during the Summer holidays.
- 6 a They spend hours discussing politics and religion.
b They love to leave the city for the green countryside.
c They will spend hours and hours at a friend's house.
- 7 a These young people care deeply about religion.
b Only very occasionally do they show some interest in Green issues.
c They have very firm political views.

