Cops on Wheels

1. Read the story

Look at the pictures on these pages. What is the story about? Now read it.



PARIS, FRANCE ¹What is your idea of a cool job? Would you like to spend the day on in-line skates in the lovely streets of Paris? That is what a group of French police officers do. In their blue uniforms, they speed through Paris traffic on inline skates. ²Look out! They chase thieves and try to catch up with them. They give tickets to drivers who are talking on cell phones.

3It is a very good job. The cops* skate only four hours a day, four days a week. 4The rest of the time

they go to the gym** because they have to stay in shape for this job. ⁵But it can be dangerous—the streets are not always flat. No officer has seriously hurt himself yet, but some have taken a bad fall.

⁶Young French women like the cops on wheels, and **tourists** love them, too. "I'm in thousands of Japanese photos!" says one cop.

NEW WORDS

cool (informal) adj in-line skate n lovely adj police officer n chase v speed v catch up look out v skate v

chase ν catch up with ν skate ν

in shape adv tourist n flat adj seriously adv

>> See Glossary on page 90. >>

2. Rate the story

How much did you like it? Mark an X.

Not at All A Lot

^{*}cops (informal): policemen or policewomen

^{**} gym: a place where you exercise and do sports.

3. Check your comprehension

Match the first and second parts of the sentences.

- a. The French cops speed through ______
 in shape for the job.
- **b.** They chase criminals and give ____
- c. They stay ____
- d. Their work can be ____
- e. Tourists take ____

- 2. traffic on in-line skates.
- 3. dangerous.
- 4. photos of the cops.
- 5. tickets to drivers.

4. Check your vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the New Words.

- a. A group of police off____ move through Paris on in-line sk____.
- b. They sp___ through the lov___ streets.
- c. They ch___ thieves and c____ up with them.
- d. The streets are not always f___, but no cop has been ser____ hurt yet.

5. Listen to the story ! track 12



Now listen to the story two or three times. Look at the pictures below as you listen.













6. Retell the story

Cover the story and look at the pictures above. Retell the story using the New Words.

7. Answer the questions

About the story...

- a. What work do these Paris cops do?
- b. What are the good and bad sides of the job?
- c. Why do tourists take their photo?
- d. Would you like this job? Why or why not?

About you...

- e. What three jobs do you think are cool? Why?
- f. When do you think it is not OK to talk on a cell phone?
- g. Have you ever skated? Is it a good way to stay in shape? Why or why not?
- h. What do tourists take photos of in your country?

8. Learn word partnerships

Study the partnerships below. Complete the sentences so they are true for you.

stay get ge	in shape		The cops have to stay in shape for this job. I'd like to get in shape for summer. He's in shape because he plays tennis.
n	perfect good bad	shape	Sports star David Beckham is in perfect shape. Motoko was in good shape last year. I'm in bad shape because I never go to the gym.

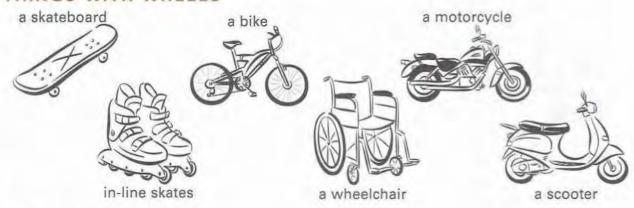
a.	My favorite sports star,	, is	shape.
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- b. My friend _______, is ______
- c. I'm _____shape because ____

9. Learn word groups

Complete the sentences so they are true for you. Use words from the picture.

THINGS WITH WHEELS



- a. When I was younger I had _____
- b. I want to buy _____
- c. My friends have _____ and ____

10. Take a dictation track 13

Use your own paper to write the dictation. Check your answers on page 86.

11. Complete the story

Use the words from the box to complete the story.

wheelchair

speeds

cool

in perfect shape

seriously

look out

PARGINAL WHEELS

DAEJEON, 1	KOREA (1)!
Here comes	the principal! Yong-gyun Oh
(2)	around his school in
Korea. His	students call him "Principal in
a (3)	,,

A few years ago, Mr. Oh opened a school for children with disabilities*. Little by little, Mr. Oh said, he began to understand something important. People with disabilities have so much to give to the world.

Mr. Oh's students think that he is a

(4) ______ principal, and Mr. Oh
is surprised at his new life. Ten years ago,
he was wearing an air force** uniform, and
he was (5) ______. Then he became

(6) ______ ill and could not walk any
more. Dark and angry days followed, but
then Mr. Oh had the idea to open a school
for people like himself. He became happy.



Now his friends envy*** him because he has a full life. "I am living a very fruitful life," the principal says, "in a very new world."

- * disabilities: serious problems people have with their bodies
- ** air force: the airplanes and people that a country uses for fighting
- *** envy: want what another person has



Talk about the stories

Imagine that you and a partner are a "cop on wheels" and Yong-gyun Oh. You are meeting for the first time. Tell each other about your life on wheels.