

# 试题原文

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When I was 9, we packed up our home in Los Angeles and arrived at Heathrow, London on a gray January morning. Everyone in the family settled quickly into the city except me. Without my beloved beaches and endless blue-sky days, I felt at a loss and out of place, until I made a discovery.

Southbank, at an eastern bend in the Thames, is the center of British skateboarding, where the continuous crashing of skateboards left your head ringing. I loved it. I soon made friends with the local skaters. We spoke our own language. And my favorite: Safe. Safe meant cool. It meant hello. It meant don't worry about it. Once, when trying a certain trick on the beam (横杆), I fell onto the stones, damaging a nerve in my hand, and Toby came over, helping me up: Safe, man. Safe. A few minutes later, when I landed the trick, my friends beat their boards loud, shouting: "Safe! Safe! Safe!" And that's what mattered—landing tricks, being a good skater.

When I was 15, my family moved to Washington. I tried skateboarding there, but the locals were far less welcoming. Within a couple of years, I'd given it up.

When I returned to London in 2004, I found myself wandering down to Southbank, spending hours there. I've traveled back several times since, most recently this past spring. The day was cold but clear: tourists and Londoners stopped to watch the skaters. Weaving (穿梭) among the kids who rushed by on their boards, I found my way to the beam. Then a rail-thin teenager, in a baggy white T-shirt, skidded (滑) up to the beam. He sat next to me. He seemed not to notice the man next to him. But soon I caught a few of his glances. "I was a local here 20 years ago," I told him. Then, slowly, he began to nod his head. "Safe, man. Safe."

"Yeah," I said. "Safe."

8. What can we learn about the author soon after he moved to London?

- A. He felt disappointed.
- B. He gave up his hobby.
- C. He liked the weather there.
- D. He had disagreements with his family.

9. What do the underlined words "Safe! Safe! Safe!" probably mean?

- A. Be careful!
- B. Well done!
- C. No way!
- D. Don't worry!

10. Why did the author like to spend time in Southbank when he returned to London?

- A. To join the skateboarding.
- B. To make new friends.
- C. To learn more tricks.
- D. To relive his childhood days.

11. What message does the author seem to convey in the text?

- A. Children should learn a second language.
- B. Sport is necessary for children's health.
- C. Children need a sense of belonging.
- D. Seeing the world is a must for children.

## 视频讲解

