

1. 阅读理解

Reusable straw with cleaner & case

This stainless steel straw is a good product to replace single-use straws. The straw folds into four, meaning you can carry it in your pocket. It's also easy to clean, thanks to the supplied brush. You can get it now for just \$24.99, that's 50% off.

Aduro Homedome Smart Outlet (插座)

This new product fits in any outlet and allows you to control the power supply through your phone. This means you can cut your energy use, from lights to heaters. The Aduro is now 60% off at just \$19.99.

Omega AXL Inkless Pen

Millions of ballpoints are made and thrown away each year. The Omega AXL is a green replacement---this amazing pen puts down perfect lines using a special kind of aluminium. It never runs out and your drawings will always stay clear and tidy. Worth \$39.99, the Omega pen is now discounted to \$29.99.

Altgalley chopsticks

Disposable chopsticks are another example of unnecessary waste. The Altgalley chopsticks are better for the planet, and they won't affect the taste of your dish. In addition, they are specially designed so they will stand upright. This makes sure that the chopsticks stay clear of restaurant-table dirt. You can get a pair now for \$11.99, saving 33 percent on the usual price.

【1】Which product offers the highest discount?

- A. Reusable straw. B. Altgalley chopsticks.
C. Omega AXL Inkless Pen. D. Aduro HomeDome Smart Outlet.

【2】What do we know about the Omega AXL Inkless Pen?

- A. It can be used for a very long time. B. It is a kind of ballpoint pen.
C. It can be easily erased. D. It can stand upright.

【3】What do the four products have in common?

- A. They can be connected to smart phones.
B. They are widely popular with families.
C. They are environmentally friendly.
D. They are easy to carry and clean.

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Simpson is 53, "not sporty" and has suffered from asthma all her life. Two years ago her son Jay, now 10, took up BMX(自行车越野赛). "I enjoyed watching him and thought I'd like to try it," Simpson recalls. "But I didn't want to embarrass myself. I hadn't ridden for over 40 years."

Then she noticed a session for women and girls at Burgess Park BMX Track in Peckham, south-east London, where Jay trained. This season Simpson raced at the London BMX series and finished third in her category.

"It was the most worrying experience of my life. But it was also exhilarating," she says cheerfully. "My son is proud of me. We now share a real love for the sport. It has brought us closer together."

Since becoming part of the Olympic Games in 2008, the popularity of BMX has risen. A program introduced in London in 2011 by the sports development charity Access Sport has seen tracks built in several London regions, backed up with investment in coaching, and the program is being rolled out to Bristol.

Wright's children Skye, 11 and Xander, 10 are sponsored riders who have represented Great Britain in every world championship since 2014. Wright says she was motivated to start BMX herself out of an interest aroused by watching so much of it. "It's an eye-opener to share your children's interests," she explains. "You comprehend what they go through in a much more direct way. It adds another dimension to your relationship."

It is also a high-impact sport and the risks are fairly obvious. "I totally get the fear," says Emma, 51, a BMX exercise coach and cycling instructor. "It's the fear of doing something new, of getting hurt. But I say 'Come and give it a try.' The chance of having an accident is slim, and you can spend time on the flat to improve your confidence."

【1】What can we learn about Simpson from the first two paragraphs?

- A. She tended to be inactive.
B. She performed poorly in the race.
C. She used to feel awkward in public.
D. She trained at Burgess Park BMX Track.

【2】What does the underlined word "exhilarating" in Paragraph 3 mean?

- A. Annoying. B. Convincing.
C. Thrilling. D. Challenging.

【3】What benefit did Simpson and Wright get from BMX?

- A. More life skills.
B. Stronger will.
C. More confidence in themselves.
D. Better parent-child relationship.

【4】What does Emma think of BMX?

- A. Risky but actually secure. B. Demanding but open to all.
C. Competitive but instructive. D. Pleasant but time-consuming.

3. 阅读理解

Fashions have a lot of rules. Most of them, however, are just wrong. But there's one rule that goes beyond tradition and into the field of scientific study of the brain: Black clothes are slimming. It all comes down to how your visual system processes the light. The below holes in each square are the same in size, yet the white hole looks bigger than the black hole.



In the 1500s, Galileo Galilei noticed that some of the planets looked larger when viewed with the naked eye than they did when viewed through a telescope, making the white light of Venus appear eight to ten times larger than Jupiter in the night sky. He knew something strange must be going on with his vision to cause this illusion, but he wasn't sure what it was. Luckily, scientists never stopped wondering, and in 2014, they figured it out.