

TPRI 2nd Grade: READ BOY Story 2 “Skateboard!”

If you want to get somewhere, a skateboard is a fun way to go. You can ride a skateboard faster than you can walk. A skateboard can travel on flat ground like a sidewalk, but is not good for traveling on grass.

Skateboards have four wheels made of plastic. They also have a flat board to stand on. It is called the deck. The deck feels like sandpaper, which keeps your feet from slipping. On the bottom, the deck can be painted with colorful artwork. If you would like to do tricks, first you need to learn how to ride. When you skate, you should wear a helmet, knee pads and wrist guards. Stand on the board with your feet to the side. Most riders put their left foot to the front. They use the right foot to push off the ground. A few skaters put their right foot to the front of the board. This is called riding with a goofy foot. If you want to do tricks, a skate park is a good place to go. A skate park has ramps that you can skate down. Some skaters at the park practice jumping in the air and flipping their boards. Others ride their boards as they slide across a rail. It takes a lot of practice to be a good skater, but once you learn, it can be a lot of fun.