

Listen to the recording about the history of ice skating. While listening, answer the questions using a maximum of FOUR words. Write your answers into the boxes on the right.



[Origins of Ice Skating](#)

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<b>1</b>	Ice skating is described as _____ .	
<b>2</b>	According to Professor Formenti there is doubt as to _____.	
<b>3</b>	Skating has been around _____ .	
<b>4</b>	The original purpose of skating was _____ when getting about.	
<b>5</b>	When moving about in Southern Finland, people will often find _____ in their way.	
<b>6</b>	Early skates have been found in Finland and in _____ in general.	
<b>7</b>	_____ were the basic material of the original skates.	
<b>8</b>	The early skaters moved forward by _____ .	
<b>9</b>	For safety reasons, the base of the early skate had to be _____ .	
<b>10</b>	_____ on the early skates was a challenge.	

## KEY

*(recommended answers – other answers may of course be possible)*

1. **pleasant / joyful**  
pleasant but weird  
pleasant but weird experience
2. **where skating started / was invented**  
what humans started skating  
who started / invented skating  
the origins (of skating)  
where ice skating originated  
where it started
3. **(for about) four thousand years**  
since (about) 2000 B.C.
4. **saving energy (and time)**
5. **(a lot of) lakes**  
frozen lakes  
at least one lake  
heaps of lakes
6. **Central and Northern Europe**  
all across Northern Europe  
Northern Europe
7. **animal bones**  
cow / horse bones  
bones of animals (available)
8. **pushing with a stick / pushing sticks**  
using a stick
9. **flat (at the bottom)**  
flattened
10. **making turns**  
making a turn  
a turn