

# SNOWBOARDING IS THE BEST!

From: <chris@fastclik.com.au>  
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 Sent: Tuesday 28 August 2007 05:45p.m.  
 Subject: the best holiday



- 1 Hi James,  
 How are you? I bet you are not having as much fun as I am. We have been here at the snow for three days now. I am having the best time! Mum and Dad have been skiing but I decided I'd like to learn snowboarding. I'm really glad I did. I bet you'll never find a more exciting winter sport.
- 2 Learning how to snowboard is pretty basic. I got quite confident after a short time. When you are moving on a snowboard it feels so natural. You just have to trust your body. Bend when you feel like bending — it's usually the right time for it!
- 3 Snowboarding is a lot like riding a skateboard or a surfboard. Someone told me that snowboarding was invented by surfers who wanted to surf in winter. I don't know about that — there are waves even when it's cold. Still, snowboarding is an awesome sport and very popular.
- 4 Like surfers, snowboarders can do some really cool tricks. They speed down a slope and get airborne when they hit a rise on the other side. Some go really high. That would be so much fun! I'll keep practising — maybe I'll 'get some air' before I come back.
- 5 Getting the equipment you need to go snowboarding is simple. There are heaps of places to either buy your gear or hire it. You don't need as much stuff as skiers.

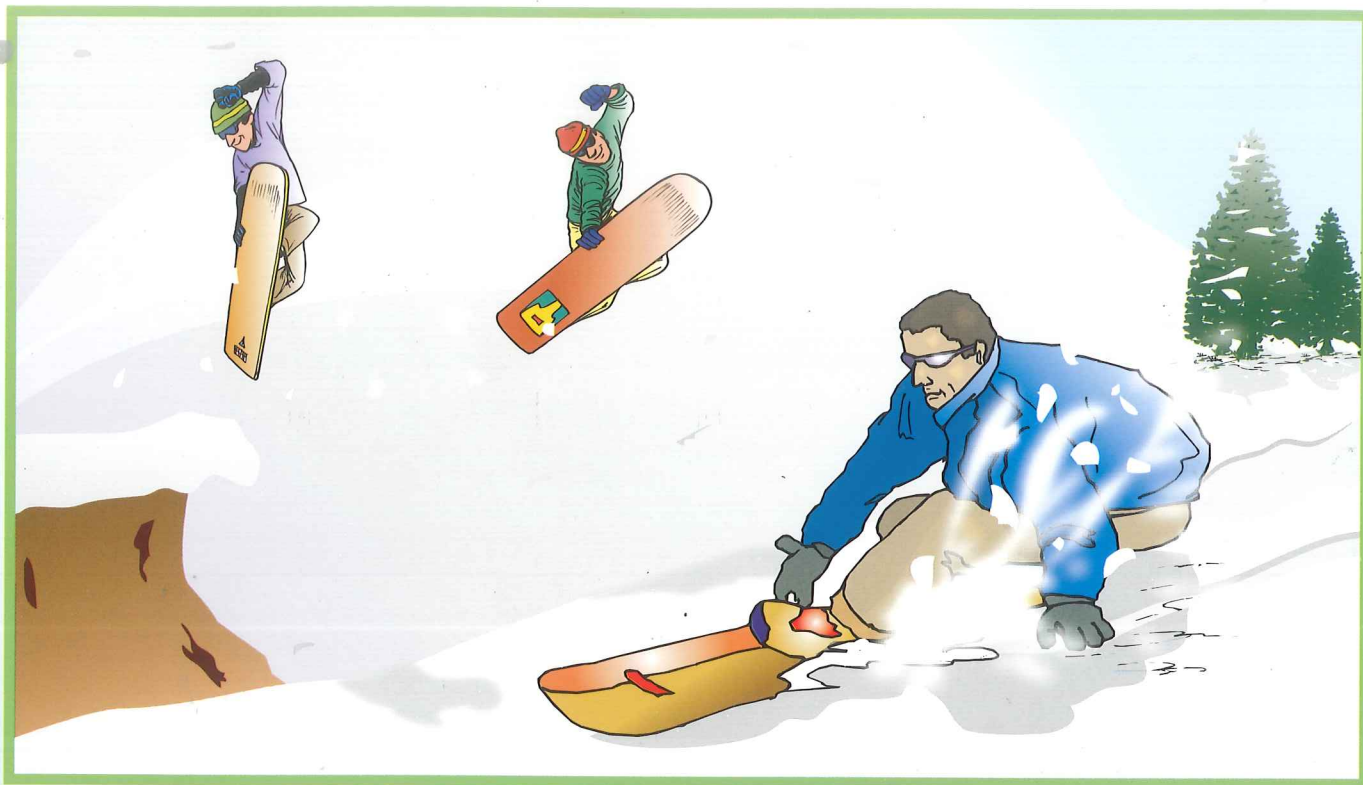
They need to get skis and stocks. Stocks are the two poles a skier holds. All I need is a board! Well, I also need to wear the proper clothing and helmet, but you know what I mean. The boards are so easy to carry as well. Also, the boots you wear are heaps comfortable. My parents have to wear really ugly boots for their skis.

- 6 Another reason why I like snowboarding is that there are lots of young people doing it. Sometimes I like trying things that would make my parents freak out. It was funny hearing Dad call me 'a young rebel' when I told him I was going to board instead of ski.
- 7 Anyway, I better get going back out to the runs. You really should get your parents to take you snowboarding, James. You'll have an awesome time!

Tell you more when I see you back at school next week.

Take care,  
 Chris





## Questions

- On which day of the week was this email sent?
  - Tuesday
  - Friday
  - Saturday
- Snowboarding boots are
  - ugly.
  - comfortable.
  - heavy.
- Surfers invented snowboarding because
  - they got sick of surfing.
  - they wanted a change from skiing.
  - they wanted a sport they could enjoy in winter.
- "Stocks" are
  - skis.
  - poles.
  - footwear.
- The word Chris uses to describe snowboard tricks is
  - awesome.
  - neat.
  - cool.
- When Chris said he wanted to 'get some air', he meant that he wanted to
  - travel in an aeroplane.
  - ski to the top of the mountain.
  - get airborne on a snowboard.

## Vocabulary

Match the words from the text to the clues. The brackets show the text section ( ).

*decided invented ugly parents winter*

- Something that is not pretty (5)
- Made a decision (1)
- The coldest season (3)
- Your mother and father (5)
- Made up something new (3)

## Grammar

The words in **BLUE** appear in the text. Match them by writing the correct antonym shown in **RED**.

E.g. *under / over*

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|---------------------|---------------|
| 12 <b>best</b>      | <b>front</b>  |
| 13 <b>confident</b> | <b>worst</b>  |
| 14 <b>before</b>    | <b>unsure</b> |
| 15 <b>back</b>      | <b>after</b>  |

## Back To The Text...

- How do you think James is reading this text?
  - on paper
  - on screen
- Another good name for this text would be:
  - Snow Tricks
  - You Should Try Snowboarding

- The purpose of this text is
  - to persuade.
  - to tell a story.

## Sequencing

Look back through the card. What do we learn first? Choose **a** or **b**.

- Mum and Dad had been skiing.
  - Surfers may have invented snowboarding.
- Stocks are poles.
  - Snowboard boots are comfortable.

## Think About This

- Which section implies that you can learn snowboarding quickly?
  - section 4
  - section 2
- Which internet provider does James use?
  - James24
  - hotwire
  - fastclik
- Chris is holidaying in the snow for about
  - a week.
  - three weeks.
  - five weeks.

## Challenge Option

Vocabulary: How many words can you make from the word SNOWBOARD?