Sunny's Unsafe Ride
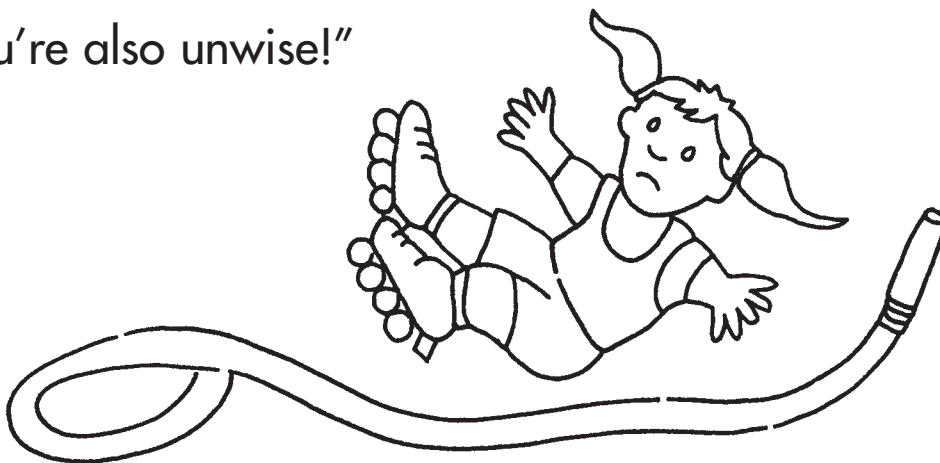
Granddad handed me my present, ___ 5

which I quickly unwrapped to find ___ 11

roller skates unlike any I'd ever owned! I could ___ 20

hardly wait to try them. I slipped them on my feet ___ 31

and started skating down our uneven sidewalk. I ___ 39

was very unsteady and wobbled a lot. It felt really ___ 49

unsafe, but I was unsure how to stop. Now I was ___ 60

very unhappy. ___ 62

Just then, my neighbor unrolled her garden hose. I ___ 71

saw my chance and steered for the hose, hoping it ___ 81

would slow me down. Wham! The hose stopped the ___ 90

wheels of my skates, and I fell on the grass. My ___ 101

mother was watching. As I untied my laces, I ___ 110

yelled, "Mom! I'm unhurt!" She called out, "And ___ 118

you're also unwise!" ___ 121

Who Invented the Zipper?

The next time you undo your jacket, be glad someone invented the zipper. Before the zipper, people had to unbutton their jackets. Even boots used buttons, which took time to undo.

A man named Whitcomb Judson had a friend with a sore back. His friend was unwell, and he was unable to bend over to button and unbutton his boots.

Judson invented a slide fastener. It could be fastened and unfastened with one hand. He called it a "clasp locker."

Judson's employee worked to make the new clasp even better. It was no longer difficult for people to unfasten boots. Now they could quickly unzip them.

Rapunzel's Long Hair

Do you remember Rapunzel? I've always been amazed by her unbelievable hair. Did she sleep with it unbraided? I'll bet she was unhappy when she had to wash it. How could she untangle all that untidy hair? How unfair and unkind to lock Rapunzel in a tower with no scissors!

When the prince showed up, he was unable to find an unlocked door. "Let down your long hair!" he called.

Did she know what the prince had in mind when she untied her hair and unrolled it out the window? Don't tell me her head was unhurt when the prince used her hair to climb up. She must have said, "Ouch," and then she undoubtedly cried, "Time for a haircut!"