

Note to the teacher: these texts can be found at:

http://commentisfree.guardian.co.uk/mark_forster/2008/03/better_skate_than_never.html -

The first item is the article, 'Better Skate than Never'.

The second item is the first three paragraphs of the fourth comment down (written by TheEarlofSuave).

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