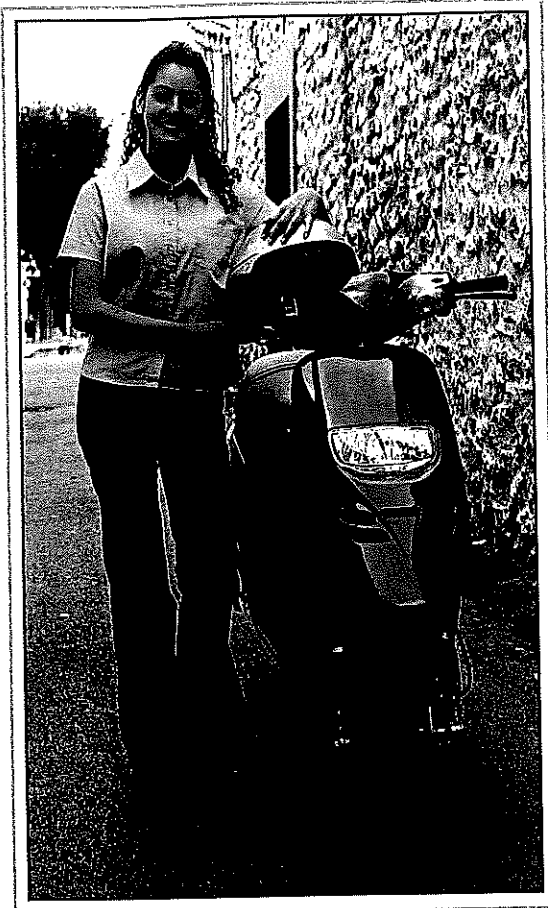


Le scooter, c'est génial!



Je m'appelle Mélanie et j'ai 15 ans. J'ai un scooter. C'est un cadeau° d'anniversaire de ma grand-mère. Il est rouge et il est très confortable.

Ma copine Élodie a une mobylette. C'est une MBK. Nous allons° au collège ensemble.° Nous avons le BSR et nous sommes prudentes.° Nous portons° un casque° et nous respectons la limite de vitesse:° 45 kilomètres l'heure.

Le week-end, nous allons au centre-ville. Nous n'avons pas de problème de stationnement.° Quand il fait beau, nous allons à la campagne.° Quand nous sommes sur nos° petites machines, nous avons l'impression de liberté. Le scooter, c'est génial!

cadeau gift allons go ensemble together prudentes careful
portons wear casque helmet vitesse speed stationnement parking
campagne country nos our

Compréhension: vrai ou faux

1. Mélanie a un scooter.
2. Élodie a un scooter aussi.
3. Quand Mélanie est en scooter, elle porte un casque.
4. Avec un scooter, on a souvent un problème de stationnement.
5. En scooter, Mélanie a l'impression de liberté.

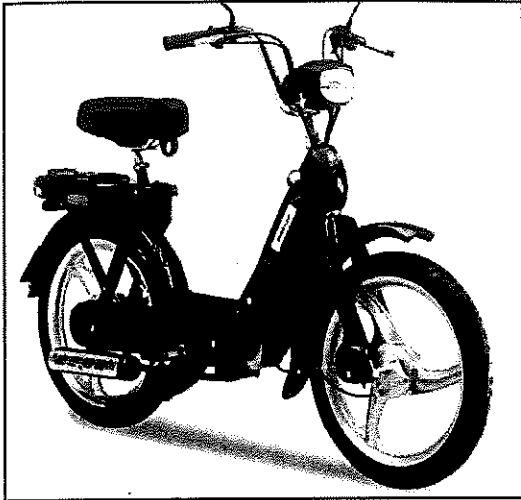
Et vous?

1. What are the advantages or disadvantages of owning a moped or a scooter?
2. What would you do if you had a motor scooter? How would this change your habits?

CONNEXIONS

Go to the Internet site of a French manufacturer of mopeds and scooters and make a poster showing some of the products you find.

Mobylette . . . ou scooter?



Modèle: MBK Club
Couleurs: noir, gris, bleu
Prix: 680 €



Modèle: MBK Booster Spirit
Couleurs: rouge, bleu, noir
Prix: 1 600 €

Et vous?

Which of the above would you choose?

modèle

couleur

prix en €

prix en \$

Is it expensive?

Why did you choose it?

NOTE culturelle

La mobylette et le scooter

Mopeds and motor scooters are very popular among French teenagers. To drive one, you must be at least 14 years old. If you are under 16, you cannot go over 45 kilometers (about 30 miles) per hour. You must also have a license known as the **BSR** or **Brevet de Sécurité Routière** (*Certificate of Highway Safety*) which you get after a short course of driver's education. And, of course, whenever you are riding, you must wear a helmet!

The most popular makes of mopeds and scooters include Peugeot, Renault, and MBK, all manufactured in France. The term **mobylette** was originally a brand name which French students shortened to **mob**. It now is used to refer to any type of moped.

French teens love their mopeds and their scooters, and they take great care of them. During the week, many students ride them to school. On weekends, they use them to go into town, to get to their sports clubs, or to go for a ride in the country with their friends.