



Student's name: _____

Book: American Full Blast A2 Unit 1



1. Anna is reading about Ellen MacArthur- the first woman to sail around the world alone. Read a magazine article about her.



Taking on the world

Would you be able to spend months all alone on a tiny boat, hundreds of miles away from land, sleeping very little, and facing danger from storms, icebergs, and whales? Well, that's exactly what British sailor Ellen MacArthur does. She has sailed around the world twice and set many records.

Ellen MacArthur was born on July 8th, 1976 in the coastal city of Derbyshire. Then, as a young child, she went sailing on the east coast of England with her aunt, Thea. Ellen fell in love with the sea and sailing. She then saved some money and bought her first dinghy (inflatable boat), which she sailed in a river near her village.

Not many people had heard of her until she took part in the 2000 Vendée Globe, a solo competition around the world. Ellen finished second in her new boat, Kingfisher, becoming the youngest person and the fastest woman to sail around the world alone.

Millions of TV viewers, watching her on webcam during the race, admired her courage and determination in the face of danger and disaster. When she reached the French coast after 94 days, 200,000 people were waiting to cheer her.

Even though Ellen came in second, it was an amazing experience. In the final part of the race, she was fighting for the first place when she suddenly hit a container floating on the surface. While she was repairing her boat, Michael Desjoyeaux arrived one day before her.

B) Some of the details in these sentences are wrong. Correct the wrong information in all of these sentences. (7x3=21)

1. As a young child, she didn't live close to the sea.

2. She bought her first boat with her own money.

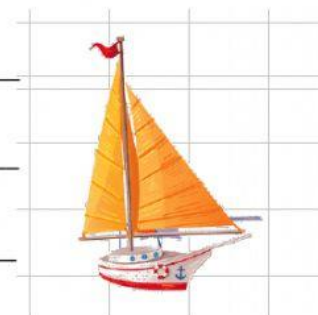
3. She won the Vendée Globe race.

4. The race lasted over two months.

5. Not many people knew about Ellen's success.

6. She had an accident when her boat hit an iceberg.

7. Michael Desjoyeaux arrived one day after her.



2. Anna was reading an article about a shark attack. Complete it using the simple past or past progressive form of the verbs. (12x0.5=6)

A SHARK ATTACK

Kevin Brown, 16, _____ (escape) from a shark attack last weekend. He went sailing with his brother and his best friend. They wanted to see sharks.

The guys were excited but for the first two hours they _____ (not see) any sharks at all. They _____ (laugh) about their bad luck **when** everything _____ (change).

Kevin _____ (notice) that two sharks _____ (swim) around them. Then, a third shark _____ (appear). It _____ (swim) fast and _____ (crash) into the boat. Kevin's brother _____ (scream) and his friend _____ (cry). Suddenly, the shark _____ (disappear) into the blue water.

"It was a small boat and we were lucky to get away from such a big shark" said Kevin.



3. Anna is talking about her childhood. Look at the pictures and write about her PAST HABITS. (4x2=8)



- a- Anna _____
- b- _____
- c- _____
- d- _____

4. Anna is chatting with Thomas about her vacations. Write questions for her answers. (5x2=10)

Thomas: So, how was your vacation?

Anna: Oh! This was the best vacation I've ever had in my life!

Thomas: Wow _____?

Anna: We went to the Bahamas. It's such an amazing place.

Thomas: Really? _____?

Anna: Of course not! I went with my cousins.

Thomas: I can imagine you had a great time. _____?

Anna: During the day, we were in the beach, and we went to parties at night.

Thomas: Sounds awesome! _____?

Anna: All days were sunny. It was warm in the evenings.

Thomas: Cool! _____?

Anna: Yes, of course. I took a lot of photos. I'll post them on Instagram.



5. Anna and Thomas are talking about different things. Read the sentences and match. (6x1=6)

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| a. Planes are | 1. tiring than dancing |
| b. Alice is the | 2. fast as Charly |
| c. Football practice is more | 3. heavier than helicopter |
| d. Greg runs as | 4. friendliest person I know |
| e. Karate is not as | 5. easy as aerobics |

6. Anna and Thomas are talking about new classmates. Complete the dialog with the words in the box. (7x2=14)

CONFIDENT	HUMOR	BOSSY	QUICK-TEMPERED
NERVOUS	SELFISH	STUBBORN	

- A: What do you think of Lucy?
- T: She's a little _____ I think. She is always telling everybody what to do.
- A: I agree...She is also very _____. There's no way to change her mind about anything.
- T: She has a good sense of _____ though.
- A: Yeah. Did you hear her joke about the rabbit? That was funny.
- T: But she can be a little _____, too. I asked to borrow one of her books for the exam next Monday and she said "no". She is bit _____. She gets angry easily.
- A: I don't want to talk about the exam.
- T: What's wrong? You shouldn't be _____ about the exam. You always do well.
- A: Well, I'm not very _____ about this.
- T: I'll help you study.
- A: Oh, thanks.



7. Anna is listening to music. Listen to the news. Next, choose the correct option. (5x3=15)

An American Football Game Has 11 Minutes of Action

A regulation game of American football in the National Football League (NFL) has four 15-minute quarters. If you are watching a game from start to finish, it will take **approximately / nearly / closely** three hours. According to recent studies, the ball is in play on the **camp / field / campus** for just eleven minutes in an average football game. A single play lasts for about four seconds, though the clock continues **to run / runs / running** even when a play is over. In a football broadcast, **fans / watchers/ admirers** spend most of the time watching replays, commentary, **pre-recorded / recorded / records** video footage, and commercials.





8. Anna wants to know a bit about you. Choose one of these topics to write a paragraph of about 100 words. (20p)

- **My childhood and Now** (Questions to help you: What clothes did you use to wear when you were a child? What types of music or TV programs did you use to like? What activities did you use to do and what do you do now?)
- **My best friend and I** (Include general information, personality, hobbies and interests and activities you together and how you met) Remember to use adjectives and phrases.

