



Oregon and
Washington, USA

Before you watch

A Work with a partner and answer these questions.

- Why do you think spectator sports are so popular?
- Would you like to be a professional sportsperson? Why? / Why not?

While you watch

B Watch the video and circle the words you hear.

- 1 To most people, the cold wind would feel *uncomfortable* / *comfortable*.
- 2 Roeseler says that the power of the *wind* / *waves* in a kite can be like a bird moving its wings.
- 3 Wind power is something that's easily found in the gorge which *divides* / *connects* Washington and Oregon.
- 4 In recent years, more and more people have started using towers for *kiteboarding* / *wakeboarding*.
- 5 Roeseler's tower is 17 / 70 feet off the water.
- 6 It's got to go on a *small* / *big* wakeboard boat and get tested in the right environment.

After you watch

C Complete the summary of the video below using these words.

behind fly higher invent kite launched power than

Cory Roeseler is a mechanical engineer who likes to (1) _____ things. He came up with the idea of kiteboarding in the 1990s. He used a(n) (2) _____ to catch the power of the wind and to allow the board to launch off the water for a few seconds and (3) _____. When Roeseler was a teenager, he was the first person to try kite-skiing. He didn't water-ski (4) _____ a boat like other people, he decided to use wind (5) _____ to ski below a kite. More recently, Roeseler invented a new kind of wakeboarding boat that has a sail on the back. Roeseler's boat also has a tower which is six feet higher (6) _____ other wakeboarding boat towers, so the wakeboarding rope is placed (7) _____. This allows the wakeboarder to jump higher in the air. Roeseler's friend, Jeff, was a bit worried before testing the new equipment because he hadn't seen anything like it before. He needn't have worried, as the boat went faster he started moving quickly across the water and then (8) _____ high into the air.

A young man
wakeboarding



Ideas Focus

- Would you like to try kiteboarding or wakeboarding? Why? / Why not?
- Do you think that it takes a special type of person to do these sports? Why? / Why not?