UNIT 3

READING HOMEWORK: TALK TO TIM

1 **Read the interview.** Which animal does James talk about?

Talk to Tim

In my 'Talk to Tim' column this week, I'm talking to James in Year 8 who has a very interesting hobby.

Ooooh, that's an awesome photo, James. Where were you?

I was in the south of France, but I wasn't on holiday. I was preparing for a competition.

You're wearing diving equipment here. I didn't know there were diving competitions.

Well, there are, but I was taking part in something much more exciting. Underwater cycling!

But that's impossible! You can't cycle underwater.

Oh yes you can. It isn't a very well-known sport, but you can do it in many places around the world – the USA, Spain, England.

What equipment do you need?

As you can see in the photo, I've got a tank on my back. This has my air to breathe. Then you need a wetsuit and mask for your eyes and face. And a bike of course.

Is it a normal bike? One you can ride to school?

Oh no. It's heavy, very, very heavy. You have to cycle nearly a kilometre underwater and you can't put your feet on the ground.

How many people take part?

There are usually around ten people, and for every cyclist, there are two divers watching. If there's a problem, the divers get help.

So, it isn't a dangerous sport.

Not really. If you do it in the sea, the only real danger is the jellyfish! I think water skiing and diving are more dangerous.

And how did you do, James? Did you win?

Not this time, no. But I came fourth! My friends were very sad but it was my first competition, so I'm very happy!



2 **Look at the photo again and label the equipment.**

3 **Read the interview again and choose the correct answer.**

1 Underwater cycling is a sport that is
- A popular in the USA.
- B only done in France.
- C practised in many countries.

2 To do underwater cycling, you don't need
- A a digital camera.
- B a special bike.
- C something to cover your face.

3 The divers
- A take part in the competition.
- B watch the cyclists' feet.
- C help if something goes wrong.

4 What does James say about the competition?
- A He was sad that he lost.
- B He didn't come first this time.
- C He had more fun at other competitions.

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