

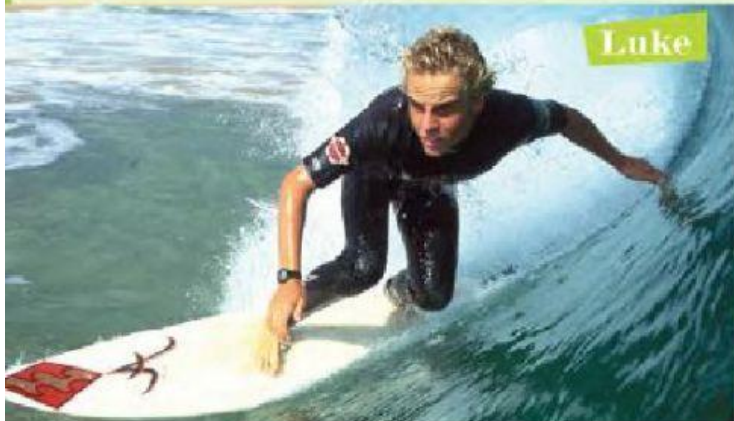
# Passionate about...

Have you found the perfect sport for you? **1.18**  
Have you ever tried a sport that's a bit different?

## ... surfing

'My parents gave me my first surfboard when I was nine. I was so happy I cried! In Bondi, everyone is into surfing – kids get up at six o'clock in the morning to go surfing before school. Businessmen surf before work – they take their business suits to the beach in their bags!

For me, the best thing is being outside in the sun with my friends and family. I spend every summer travelling up and down the coast, camping and surfing with my mates. I've been to some fantastic places and I've met some of the coolest people in the world. My girlfriend's Japanese and she's just started surfing too, which is really cool! I love searching for the truly perfect wave ... but I haven't found it yet!



## ... Taekwondo

'Taekwondo is my life ... if you're not passionate about what you do, then why do it? When I was little, I found sport a bit boring. Then I started Taekwondo when I was about eight. Now I'm a black belt\* – I'm really proud because I've already won two international competitions – not bad for a seventeen-year-old! Taekwondo is becoming very popular and I've recently met lots of people who are into Taekwondo ... people from all over the world.

Some people call it a sport, but really it's much more than that ... our instructors teach us the physical movements, like the kicks, but I've also learned a lot about discipline and respect for other people, I think that's what makes it so cool. I can't imagine my life without Taekwondo!



Read the texts. Then, choose the correct answer for the following sentences.

1. Luke's parents gave him his first surfboard as a present for his 9<sup>th</sup> birthday.  
A. True                                      B. False                                      C. It doesn't say
2. He was really excited with his first surfboard.  
A. True                                      B. False                                      C. It doesn't say
3. Surfing is a popular youth sport in Luke's hometown.  
A. True                                      B. False                                      C. It doesn't say

4. Every summer, Luke stays in the same campsite with his family and friends.
- A. True                                      B. False                                      C. It doesn't say
5. Luke's girlfriend is a professional surfer.
- A. True                                      B. False                                      C. It doesn't say
6. Lisa doesn't see the point of doing a sport you don't enjoy.
- A. True                                      B. False                                      C. It doesn't say
7. She is at an intermediate level in taekwondo.
- A. True                                      B. False                                      C. It doesn't say
8. She won two international competitions when she was seventeen years old.
- A. True                                      B. False                                      C. It doesn't say
9. Thanks to taekwondo, Lisa got to know many foreigners with her same passion.
- A. True                                      B. False                                      C. It doesn't say
10. Lisa loves taekwondo just because it keeps her fit.
- A. True                                      B. False                                      C. It doesn't say