

Surfing

Read the text and choose the best word for the blank.

Surfing grew throughout the 20th century to (1) _____ a popular sport all over the world, but surfers have been around for many years. The explorer James Cook saw surfing in action in 1778 during an (2) _____ to the Pacific. In fact, surfing took (3) _____ in the same areas then that have since become popular surfing resorts now, such as Hawaii and Tahiti. Surfing wasn't encouraged by local officials (4) _____ the 19th century but young Hawaiians took up the activity again in the early 1900s. Following the invention of lighter surfboards, surfing attracted people around the world. The 1960s saw a huge increase in the (5) _____ of surfers as the activity was promoted through the media and popular music. The hobby quickly became the professional sport it is now, and (6) _____ and national organizations were created that organized competitions and raised money to hold events.

