

## Test to Unit 8. Reading Comprehension

### 3. Read the text and choose the right item.

#### *Surfing*

Surfing is unusual and difficult, it's more an art than a sport. It's not one of the sports where you meet your friends or you may depend on their help. In surfing you are absolutely on your own with something very fast and complicated\*.

A great number of people don't understand this sport. For them surfing is climbing a board and riding a wave into the beach. In fact, one fights with a wave and controls it. To achieve this control one needs some special techniques. You should be able to turn at a proper angle\*\*, to slow down, etc. It is important to move around the board, to use your body weight to make the board work for you. All the time you should face the wave thinking over what you are going to do next.

Speed\*\*\* is the most exciting thing in surfing. In the fastest part of the wave the board moves at nearly 45 kilometres an hour.

Nowadays surfboards are light and made of modern materials. They are different from old long, narrow and heavy boards of the past when Captain Cook first saw them in Hawaii in 1778.

1. In surfing you \_\_\_\_ your friends.  
a) meet b) don't meet c) sometimes meet
2. \_\_\_\_ understands surfing.  
a) everyone b) every child c) not everyone
3. You need special techniques to \_\_\_\_ the wave.  
a) control b) stop c) turn
4. A surfboard rider uses his \_\_\_\_ to ride waves.  
a) hands b) shoulders c) body weight
5. In surfing speed is \_\_\_\_.  
a) exciting b) dangerous c) unpleasant
6. The original surfboards were used by \_\_\_\_.  
a) Captain Cook b) individuals c) Hawaiians
7. Surfing is a sport for \_\_\_\_.  
a) individuals b) companies c) friends