2 Reading

An article

WHAT IS KITESURFING?

On a windy day, some people go to the park and they fly a kite. Others go surfing or windsurfing. But another activity is kitesurfing.

To do this sport, you need a small surfboard, a large kite, open water and wind. It's the wind and not the water that helps you move. Some kitesurfers love doing jumps, others like competing in races while others like travelling long distances.

Meet British teenager Adam Farrington. At 14, he's the youngest kitesurfer to cross the English Channel (the sea between England and France). That's about 111 kilometres in 5 hours 19 minutes. Not easy – the wind is strong and the waves are sometimes big! The Channel is always busy with large ships. And don't forget that standing on a board for hours is hard work for your legs!

What's next for Adam? He enjoys competitions, like the British Kitesurfing Freestyle Championships, and he's one of the best. Adam hopes to be part of his country's team at the Olympic Games in the future.

1 ☆ **Look at the photos and answer the questions.**

1 What do you know about the sport in the photos?

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2 Where do you do it?

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3 Do you need special things to do it?

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2 ☆☆ 3 **Read and listen to the text and check your ideas in exercise 1.**

Subskill: Reading for specific information

To help you find information in the text, first think about the key words in the questions.

3 ☆☆☆ **Look at question 1 in exercise 4 and answer the questions.**

1 Why are some of the words underlined?

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2 What do you think the answer is? How do you know?

a You need a small surfboard.

b The wind moves the kitesurfer.

c Some kitesurfers love jumping.

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4 ☆☆☆ **Underline the key words in the questions and try to predict the answers. Then find the answers in the text.**

1 What moves kitesurfers across the water?

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2 What different things do kitesurfers like doing?

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3 Is it easy for a kitesurfer to cross the English Channel? Why/Why not?

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5 **Answer the questions for you.**

1 Would you like to try kitesurfing? Why/Why not?

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2 Do you think it's better to do sports like kitesurfing for fun, or to enter competitions?

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