



Surfer!

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While reading

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1 Put these sentences in the right order.

- a Brian and Mike are at the café.
- b Nick goes surfing on his new surfboard.
- c Nick's surfboard moves quickly with the wave.
- d Nick shows Janelle his new surfboard.
- e Nick meets Janelle for the first time.
- f Janelle and Mike go to the café.
- g Nick gets a new surfboard from the surf shop.
- h Nick tells his father about the surfing competition in Australia.

2 What do you know about Brian? Write sentences to answer these questions.

Who is Brian? Is he a good or bad surfer? Where is he from? What does he look like? Does he like Nick? Is he a nice person?

3 Who says the sentences a–h?

- a 'You're only sixteen – you can go to Australia later.'
- b 'What do you think of him, Mike?'
- c 'He's very good, and that's a strong wave.'
- d 'We can beat him easily.'
- e 'You're usually in the water!'
- f 'He's not very good.'
- g 'Surfing's dangerous, Nick.'
- h 'Why do you want me to win?'

4 Discuss this question with another student.

What do you think?

Why does the surf shop give Nick a new surfboard?

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5 Match the questions with the answers.

- a Why are there a lot of people near the café? ...
- b What is the weather like on the day of the competition? ...
- c Where is Nick hit? ...

d Who causes Nick to fall off his surfboard? ...

e When does college start? ...

f Who tells Nick that he is the winner? ...

- 1 Brian.
- 2 Because Mike had an accident.
- 3 Hot and sunny.
- 4 In October.
- 5 In the arm.
- 6 One of the judges.

6 Underline the wrong word in each sentence and write the right word.

- a Mike cuts his hand on a piece of glass.
- b Brian wants to lose the competition.
- c The judges watch the surfers from the sea.
- d In the afternoon, the waves are very small.
- e Brian is happy to lose the competition.
- f Nick's mother watches the competition.
- g Nick gets £100 for winning the competition.
- h Nick's father agrees to pay for Nick's train ticket to Australia.

7 Draw a picture of your favourite character in *Surfer!*

8 Who are the people in *italics*?

- a '*He* can't walk.'
- b '*You* can go – we don't want you here.'
- c 'But can I beat *him*?'
- d 'You're asking *us* for money.'
- e 'This is the wave for *me*!'
- f '*I* saw him – he cut across you.'
- g '*He* didn't beat you.'
- h 'You wait. I'll beat *you* in Australia.'

After reading

9 *Do you like the story? Why or why not?* Write a paragraph to answer this question.

10 You are Nick. You are in Australia. Write a letter to your mother and father. Tell them what you are doing and how you feel.



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1 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Nick's mother and father like his plan to go to Australia.
- b Janelle has short dark hair.
- c Janelle is from England.
- d Nick can't win the competition with his old surfboard.
- e Janelle tells Nick how to get a new surfboard.
- f Nick's mother doesn't like surfing.
- g The surf shop puts Nick's name on the new surfboard.
- h Nick likes his new surfboard.

2 Write the right words in the sentences.

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- a Nick's father thinks college is
- b Nick in a surf shop.
- c Nick's mother and father don't his dream.
- d Janelle is a girl.
- e Brian some waves.
- f Brian wants to Nick.
- g Nick is in the all afternoon.
- h Janelle at the beach later on.

3 Write *because* or *so* in the sentences a–h.

- a Nick's father is angry Nick wants to go to Australia.
- b The Australians are in England they want to enter a surfing competition.
- c It's late Nick goes home.
- d Nick surfs all afternoon the waves are good.
- e The people in the surf shop like the plan they give Nick a new surfboard.
- f Nick goes to the beach he wants to go surfing.
- g Nick swims in to Janelle he wants to talk to her.
- h Nick is a good surfer Janelle wants him to win the competition.

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4 Underline the right words.

- a Brian is *angry* / *hurt* after Mike cuts his foot.
- b There are *four* / *five* very good surfers in the competition.
- c The waves are very big in the *afternoon* / *morning*.
- d Nick catches the wave and stands *down* / *up* on his surfboard.
- e Brian walks *angrily* / *happily* away up the beach.
- f Nick's father *hates* / *likes* Janelle and Mike.
- g Nick is *excited* / *sad* to talk to his father after the competition.
- h Janelle *laughs* / *smiles* at Nick's father at the end of the story.

5 Write Nick, Janelle, Brian or Mike in the sentences a–h.

- a has a bad foot.
- b starts to answer angrily.
- c puts her hand on Nick's arm.
- d thanks Nick for telling him that he's sorry.
- e doesn't have time to talk to Janelle in the morning.
- f suddenly hears a noise.
- g comes at Nick on his surfboard.
- h thinks it'll be difficult to stop Nick at the competition in Australia.

6 What are the things in *italics*?

- a '*It's* bad.'
- b 'There was some glass on the beach – I didn't see *it*.'
- c He sat on *it* in the water and waited.
- d 'I'm a good surfer – I know *it* – one good wave and I'll be first.'
- e His arm was hurt; he started to swim but *it* was not easy.
- f 'That was a good wave and you caught *it* very well ...'
- g 'But *it's* very exciting, too.'
- h '... you can live *there* for two or three months.'