

VIBE SCHOOL

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From Ceduna in South Australia, 23 year old Matty McArthur is making his way to the top of professional body boarding.

He grew up more than an hour away from Cactus beach, the nearest surfing beach. It has some of the toughest waves to surf.

Matty has won South Australian and Australian titles. He teaches other young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to surf and body board and promotes surfing as a healthy lifestyle.





ACTIVITY 1 - UNDERSTANDING WHAT YOU READ

There are three levels of comprehension questions:

Level 1 – Literal. The answer is located in one sentence in the text.

Level 2 – Inferred or Interpretive. You need to make links between sentences and graphics (such as illustrations, maps and tables) and what you already know.

Level 3 – Applied. The answer is in your background knowledge, what you already know or feel.

Read Sport – Out of the blue on pages 4 & 5

1. List some of Matty's long term plans. (Inferred)

2. In what ways can surfing promote a healthy lifestyle? (Applied)

3. What is the overall purpose of this report? (Applied)



ACTIVITY 2 - LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS – SPELLING

The spelling mistakes in these sentences have been underlined.

Write the correct spelling for each word in the box.

1. Matty is at the top of professional surfing.

2. The beach had daunting condishions.

Each sentence has one word that is incorrect.

Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

1. It was great for body bording.

2. He didn't have a driving lisenace.



ACTIVITY 3 - LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS – GRAMMAR

Shade one bubble.

1. Which words are all adverbs?

- distantly, loudly, sweetly
- falling, swimming, surfing
- therefore, whenever, however
- important, widespread, unexpected

2. Which words correctly completes the sentence?

He went surfing early _____ it was cold.

- even though
- despite
- even if
- however



ACTIVITY 4 - LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS – PUNCTUATION

Shade one bubble.

1. An apostrophe has been left out of this sentence.

Where does the missing apostrophe go?

Mattys long term plans are to keep training teenagers.

2. What punctuation is missing from the end of this sentence?

Who won last year's National Titles

full stop (.)

question mark(?)

ellipsis points (...)

exclamation mark (!)



ACTIVITY 5 - WRITING AN EXPOSITION

An Exposition is a type of ARGUMENT that states one point of view about an issue.

Argument Type	Social Purpose	Stages	Phases
Exposition	Argues one point of view about an issue	Thesis Arguments Restatement	Preview Evidence Statistics Quotes Examples Elaborations Review Conclusions

Which sport do you think best promotes a healthy lifestyle?



Write an EXPOSITION to argue your reasons.

Think about:

- examples, statistics, elaborations and other evidence to support your ideas.

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Remember to:

- research your topic and plan your writing
- choose your arguments carefully
- give reasons for your arguments
- give examples to support your arguments
- write in sentences
- pay attention to your spelling and punctuation
- use a new paragraph for each new idea
- choose your words carefully to convince a reader of your opinions
- check and edit your writing so that it is clear for a reader.