

Do you have any hobbies that you don't have in common with your friends? A teenager whose friends all like football tried jetskiing, and ended up as the UK freestyle champ!

Do the preparation task. Then watch the video and do the exercises. Remember you can read the transcript at any time.

### Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the number 1–6.

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| 1..... a stone     | a. someone that is very surprising or amazing  |
| 2..... a rival     | b. a substance that your body produces when you are excited or frightened which makes your heart beat faster |
| 3..... a wonder    | c. a unit for measuring weight, equal to 6.35 kilograms or 14 pounds   |
| 4..... adrenaline  | d. someone who is competing with another person  |
| 5..... sketchy     | e. a goal or aim that a person hopes to achieve  |
| 6..... an ambition | f. slang for dangerous   |

### 1. Check your understanding: ticking

Tick all the reasons Jack enjoys jetskiing.

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| 1. He gets to spend time with his mates.                       | ..... |
| 2. He gets to meet great people.                               | ..... |
| 3. He can make mistakes without being yelled at.               | ..... |
| 4. He gets an adrenaline rush.                                 | ..... |
| 5. It's scary.   | ..... |
| 6. He gets to compete against the best jetskiers in the world. | ..... |

### 2. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Choose the best answer to these questions.

1. Why does the reporter call Jack a 'water-boy wonder'?
  - a. Because he's only fourteen.
  - b. Because he doesn't like football.
  - c. Because he gets an adrenaline rush from jetskiing.
2. Who gets angry when Jack makes a mistake while jetskiing?
  - a. his friends
  - b. Jack
  - c. the people watching

3. For which type of trick does Jack finish facing the opposite direction?
  - a. an above-the-water trick
  - b. an on-the-water trick
  - c. a below-the-water trick
4. For which type of trick does Jack do 180 and 360 spins on the side of the jetski?
  - a. an above-the-water trick
  - b. an on-the-water trick
  - c. a below-the-water trick
5. What is Jack's ambition?
  - a. To become the UK freestyle champ.
  - b. To impress his friends.
  - c. To go to the world finals.
6. Which trick did Jack have a scare with?
  - a. a barrel roll
  - b. a bulldog
  - c. a sub

### 3. Check your vocabulary: gap fill – expressions

Complete the gaps with a verb phrase from the box.

a bigger stage	flipping mad	not your thing
an adrenaline rush	put clear water between	make a splash

1. When the reporter says that Jack wants to \_\_\_\_\_ at the world finals, he means that Jack wants to impress people.
2. If you act crazy, your friends might say you're \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Doing something dangerous can give you \_\_\_\_\_.
4. When you don't like something, then it's \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Jack won the UK championships, but he wants to prove himself on \_\_\_\_\_ at the world finals.
6. When the reporter says that Jack \_\_\_\_\_ himself and his nearest rival, we understand that he won the championship by a lot of points.

#### Discussion

Have you ever tried jetskiing?

Do you have any hobbies or interests that you don't share with your friends?