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Theme Based Study Sheet

Surfing facts

Riding waves with a wooden board originated in Western Polynesia thousands of years ago.



In 1777 British explorer Captain James Cook saw canoeists riding waves in Tahiti.

In Hawaii, about 100 years ago, Duke Paoa Kahanamoku became a world-renowned surfer.

In 1915 he introduced surfing to Australia.

Early surfboards were made of wood and could weigh more than 40 kg.

Surfing became popular in the 1960s when surfboards became smaller, lighter and cheaper.

The largest waves ever surfed were over 30 m.

Do you know any more interesting facts about surfing?

Research - Surfing "lingo"

There are many specific words surfers use.

Research the following terms and write a brief definition of each:



"cut-back" "dropping in" "goofy foot"
"hang ten" "grommet" "wipe out"

Adjectives

Adjectives are words that add information about a noun or pronoun.

Write a sentence for each of these nouns.

Include two suitable adjectives for each noun. For example:

The **young skillful** surfer paddled quickly.

surfer surfboard wave beach

True or False?

Pipeline is a famous surf reef break located in Hawaii. (T / F)

Surfboards were once made from balsa wood. (T / F)

A surfboard leash or leg rope is used by surfers to stop people stealing their surfboard. (T / F)

The front tip of a board is called the "nose" and can be pointed or rounded. (T / F)

Surfers use wax to keep them from slipping off the board when paddling or riding a wave. (T / F)

Number Crunchers

1. Adam is saving \$8.00 every week to buy a surfboard. If the board he wants is \$96, how long will it take him to buy the board?

2. Crissy also wants to buy a surfboard, but the board she wants is \$168. If she saves \$12 a week, how long will it take her?

3. Tim is going to buy a surfboard. It costs \$186. He only has \$121. How much more money does he need to save?

4. Greta sold 3 surfboards for \$77, \$67 and \$86. How much did she get in total?

Art

Many surfboards have pictures, designs and patterns on them.

Create your own personal surfboard design, picture or pattern.



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