

Surfing

Name: _____

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 20 m.

Do you know any more interesting facts about surfing?

True or False?

Pipeline is a famous surf reef 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)

Art

Many surfboards have pictures, designs and patterns on them.

Create your own personal surfboard design, picture or pattern.



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.

surfer **surfboard** **wave** **beach**

Include two suitable adjectives for each noun. For example:

The **young skillful** surfer paddled quickly.

Number Crunchers

1. Adam is saving \$8 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?

