

Canoeing

Canoe racing is a team sport.



outrigger

An outrigger keeps the canoe steady.

Some races are **sprints**. Other races are longer — from island to island.



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Introduction

The Importance of Reading Nonfiction Texts

We live in a world in which we are surrounded by text that is written to convey specific information. Knowing how to read, comprehend, and respond to this informational text is a critical part of achieving and maintaining success in both school and society. Informational text is what helps us better understand the natural and social world. This is why it is so important to expose students to a wide variety of informational texts. Reading and enjoying informational text can—and should—begin at an early age, when children are fascinated by their surroundings and eager to learn more about the world. By reading informational text, students develop stronger literacy skills, build their vocabulary, and expand their content knowledge.

It is no secret that children typically spend more time watching videos and playing games on tablets than they do reading books. In addition, much of the reading content they are exposed to is fiction-based. Higher-level educational institutions have discovered that most students are not prepared to read and analyze complex nonfiction text or write a well-researched essay—skills that are essential for college and career readiness. Help students improve their informational literacy skills by providing them access to an assortment of nonfiction texts.

Island Sports is a nonfiction book about people having fun playing wind and water sports. The book includes interesting facts, colorful photos, and special text features that will engage and inform readers. It will help bring young children one step closer to becoming competent readers of informational texts.



Name: _____

ACTIVITY 2

Wow! I'd Love to Try It!

Directions: Rate how much you would like to try each sport listed below. Use a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being “Wow! I’d love to try it!” and 5 being “No thanks, not for me.”

Find out about each of these sports. Then, rate how much you would like to try them on a scale of 1 to 5.



**Wow! I’d
love to try it!**

.....

or

.....

**No thanks,
not for me.**

1

2

3

4

5

diving

kite surfing

snorkeling

sumo wrestling

canoe racing

Sepak Takraw

powerboat racing

hurling

yacht racing

surfing

windsurfing

volleyball
