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The International Birdman



We are going to learn about the International Birdman competition.



Warm-up

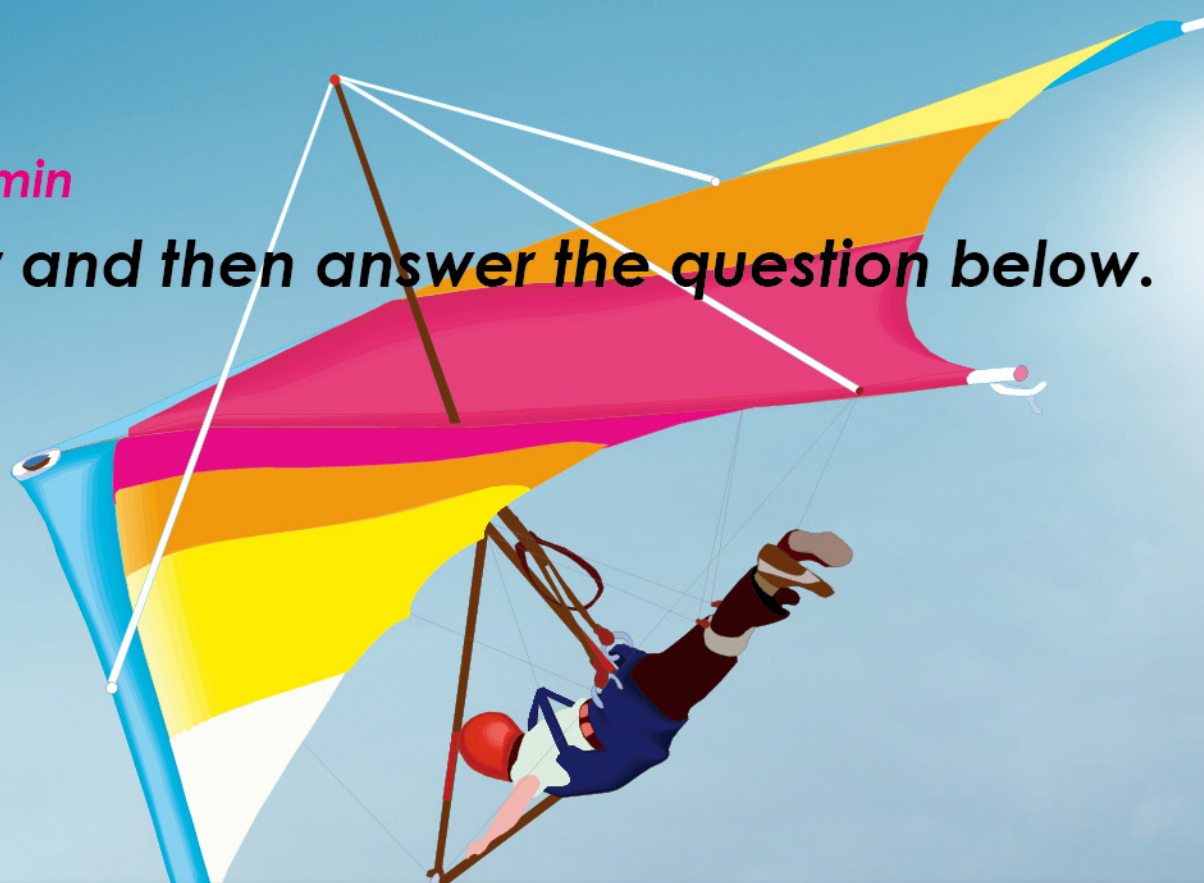
2 min



What competitions have you ever been in?
Do you know any interesting competitions?

**Reading****3** min

Read with the teacher and then answer the question below.



Do you want to fly? If yes, why not take part in the International Birdman competition? This competition is about flying human-powered **machines**. It is held in England each summer.



What is the International Birdman?

To be continued... >>



Reading 4 min

Read with the teacher and then move to the Word Focus.

The event began in 1971 and has always been held on the **pier** in West Sussex, which is located in the south of England. Thousands of visitors watch the **contest** each summer.



Word Focus

- A **pier** stretches from the shore into the sea.
- Have you ever been to a **pier**?

To be continued... >>

**Reading****4** min

Read with the teacher and then answer the question below.

Participants of this competition run off the end of a pier and try to fly as far as possible before they fall into the sea. They usually “fly” in **modified hang-gliders** and self-designed **crafts** wearing colorful costumes.



How do the participants “fly”?



To be continued... >>

**Reading****3** min

Read with the teacher and then answer the question below.

There is a cash prize for the winner. Since the contest started, the prize money and qualifying distance has increased. The prize money is now thirty thousand pounds for successfully reaching one hundred meters.



What is the prize for the winner of this event?

Let's practice. >>

**Task****4****min****Solve the quiz.**

HINT: Mark the statements “T” for true and “F” for false.

- ☐ 1. The International Birdman is a flight competition for human-powered flying balloons.
- ☐ 2. The International Birdman has always been held on the grassland in West London.
- ☐ 3. The International Birdman is held each summer.
- ☐ 4. Participants of the International Birdman competition usually fly in modified hang-gliders, self-designed boats wearing colorful costumes.
- ☐ 5. The prize money for the International Birdman is now thirty thousand pounds for successfully reaching one hundred meters.

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Leadership

4 min

Discuss with the teacher.



Q1. What do you think of the International Birdman?
I think ...

Q2. Do you want to take part in this event? Why?
Yes, I do, because .../ No, I don't, because ...

Q3. If you were to take part in this event, what would your hand-glider look like?
My hand-glider would ...





In this lesson, we...



learned about the International Birdman competition.



learned new words.

☐ machine

☐ pier

☐ contest

☐ modified

☐ hang-glider

☐ craft

