

**While you listen**

The *Britain is Great* series tells you about some of the things that make Britain so great. There's a lot of fun facts – and lots of good language, too. See if you can answer the questions while you watch the video.

**Comprehension Task 1** - Choose the best title for the video.

- a) Richard learns to windsurf in Weymouth and Portland Bay.
- b) Richard meets the Olympic sailing medal winners.
- c) Richard visits one of the best sailing venues in Britain.

**Comprehension Task 2** - Choose **all** the true answers according to the video.

1. Weymouth and Portland Bay...

- a) has been artificially modified to give good sailing conditions.
- b) will be the venue for ten Olympic events.
- c) has specially constructed seating areas for people to watch the events.
- d) is usually windy enough for sailing.

2. The Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy...

- a) can be used by beginners.
- b) has enough room for a lot of boats.
- c) is used by professionals.
- d) is used by the local community.
- e) was specially built for the 2012 Olympics.
- f) will be closed after the Olympics.

3. Peter Allam...

- a) is involved in organising the 2012 Olympics.
- b) has won two Olympic medals.
- c) won a medal for sailing in 1992.
- d) won a bronze medal in 1984.
- e) has competed in two Olympics.
- f) is competing in the 2012 Olympics.

4. The windsurfing instructor tells Richard...

- a) to do things slowly.
- b) to keep his legs straight.
- c) to keep his back straight.
- d) to sit down on the board.
- e) that he's doing well.
- f) that windsurfing is difficult.

**Language Task 1** - Put the words in the right spaces.

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| a) away | e) out     |
| b) bent | f) state   |
| c) grab | g) stretch |
| d) host | h) wind    |

1. This incredible coastline will \_\_\_\_\_ ten exciting sailing events.
2. Why has this \_\_\_\_\_ of coastline been chosen?
3. You can probably hear the \_\_\_\_\_ whistling in the background.
4. I'm very happy to have come \_\_\_\_\_ with a medal.
5. What makes this facility so \_\_\_\_\_ of the art?
6. Windsurfing instructor Tris Best is taking me \_\_\_\_\_ on the water.
7. Keep your knees nice and \_\_\_\_\_, back straight.
8. And then just \_\_\_\_\_ in the mast below the boom. Perfect!

**Language Task 2** - One word is wrong in each sentence. Delete it and write the correction.

1. The area is a natural open-air venue, what means there are plenty of places to watch the sailing from.

2. This is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy and, thanks for the Olympics, it's become a state-of-the-art facility for professional training.

3. Why has this stretch of coastline been chosen to Olympic sailing?

4. The shape of the bay gives us plenty of opportunities to sail here, however the conditions.

5. I am very fortunate to win a bronze medal in 1984.

6. Despite we were favourites for the gold medal, I'm happy to say I won a bronze.

7. It offers something for everyone, since professionals to beginners.

8. As Great Britain is so passionate about sports, I think I'm going to try a little more of them.

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**Comprehension Task 2:** 1. b, d; 2. a, b, c, d; 3. a, d, e; 4. a, c, e

**Language Task 2:** 1. The area is a natural open-air venue, **which**, means there are plenty of places to watch the sailing from.; 2. This is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy and, thanks **to** the Olympics it's become a state of the art facility for professional training.; 3. Why has this stretch of coastline been chosen **for** Olympic sailing?; 4. The shape of the bay gives us plenty of opportunities to sail here, **whatever** the conditions.; 5. I **was** very fortunate in 1984 to win a bronze medal.; 6. **Although** we were favourites for the gold medal, I'm happy to say I won a bronze.; 7. It offers something for everyone, **from** professionals to beginners.; 8. As Great Britain is so passionate about sports, I think I'm going to try a **few** more of them.