Look at the text and do the exercises to practise and improve your reading skills.

**Preparation**

Write the correct word in the boxes below the picture.

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<th>coasteering</th>
<th>swimming</th>
<th>horse riding</th>
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**My Town - Newquay**

by Alex Howarth, 14

I live in Newquay. It’s a small town on the Atlantic coast in the south of England. It has got great beaches and is the best place to surf in the UK. There are lots of surf schools where you can learn how to surf. I go surfing with my friends every weekend. My favourite place is Fistral beach.

I love Newquay because there are lots of other things to do as well as surfing. If you like water sports, you can go kayaking, water-skiing or coasteering. Coasteering is different because it is rock climbing, jumping into the sea and swimming in the same activity, but you should always go with a special instructor.

If you like animals you can also visit the Blue Reef aquarium and see lots of different fish and even sharks. You can also go horse riding on the beach or visit Newquay zoo. There are lots of other attractions too like mini golf and bowling. Come and see for yourself!
1. Check your understanding: multiple selection
Circle the things Alex writes about.

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2. Check your understanding: true or false
Circle True or False for these sentences.

1. Newquay is in the north of England. True  False
2. Newquay is near the coast. True  False
3. Newquay is a good place to go surfing. True  False
4. Alex loves to do outdoor activities. True  False
5. Coasteering is similar to surfing. True  False
6. There is a zoo in Newquay. True  False

Discussion

What is your town like?
What can people do when visiting your town?