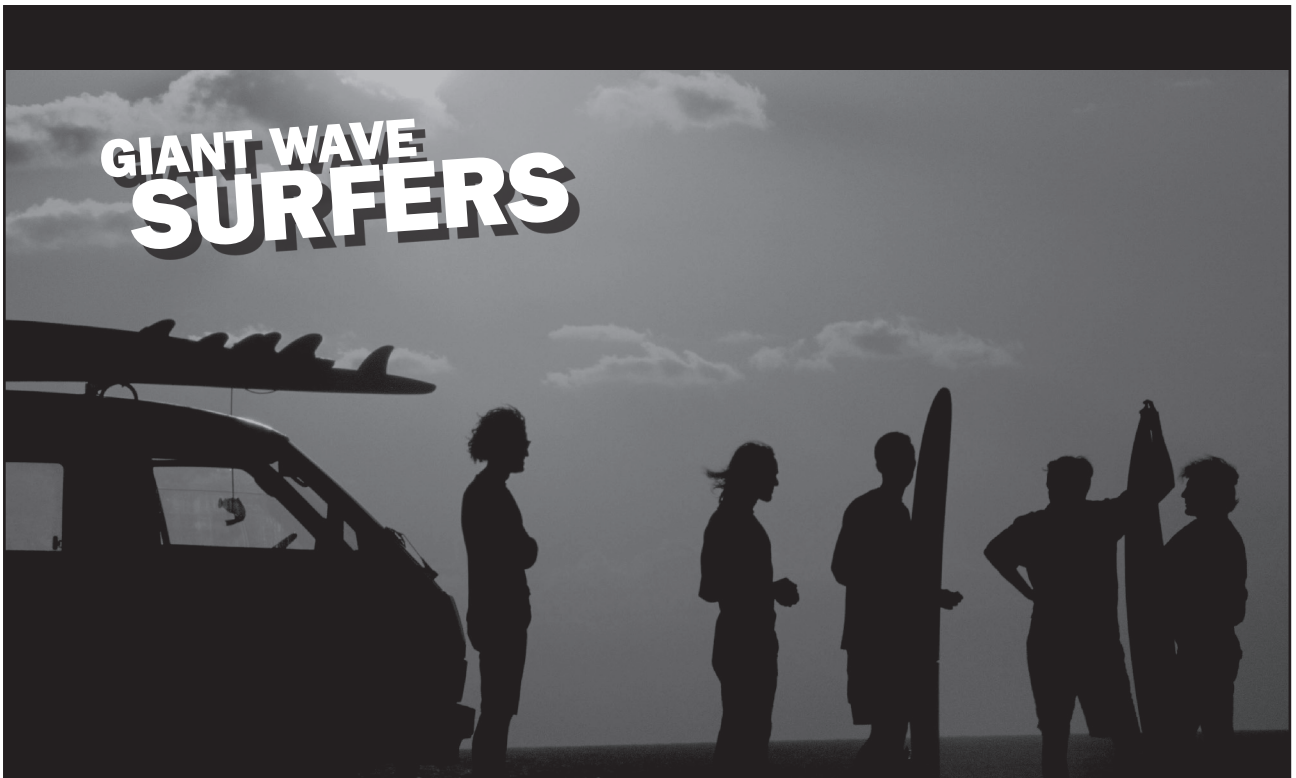


3 She was surfing

3 READING

Read the text about Bethany Hamilton on page 14 of the Student's Book. Then read about another surfer in *Giant Wave Surfers* below. What is the most surprising fact in each text?



Why do they do it? Ask one of the 'giant wave' surfers and they'll say 'It's the buzz. It's the adrenaline. There's nothing like it.' Who are these giant wave surfers? Men and women who travel the world in search of the biggest waves.

One of them is 34-year-old Andrew Cotton, from Devon in England. People believe he may have broken the world record for riding the highest wave ever on 2 February 2014. His monster wave was 24.3 metres high! Andrew was checking weather reports at home the day before when he heard about a big storm. Storm Brigid was approaching western Europe and Andy knew what to do. He dropped everything and flew to Nazaré in Portugal. The Praia do Norte there is a very special beach with a deep canyon which creates huge waves.

The next day, Andrew was with a team of three other surfers. They were waiting in the water for an hour before they saw the giant wave. One of the team pulled Andrew up onto the wave with a jet ski.

Andrew's ride lasted no more than ten seconds at an estimated speed of over 60 kilometres an hour. He fell as the giant wave crashed down on top of him, and went deep underwater. The wave was pulling him back. But Andrew was wearing a special float vest under his wetsuit and pulled its cord. The vest inflated and pulled him back to the surface. A video camera team live-streamed the world record attempt. A global audience of over 300,000 watched as Andrew was surfing probably the biggest wave in the world.

Andrew Cotton and Bethany Hamilton have a lot in common. He is a part-time professional surfer, and Bethany turned professional in 2007. Bethany started surfing when she was four, and won her first championship when she was eight. Her most recent win was a major women's surfing competition in Hawaii in March 2014. Andrew's father bought him his first board when he was eight, and he hasn't stopped surfing since. You can be sure of one thing about both of them – it's not about championships or records, it's about the moment, the experience.

4 AFTER READING

Answer these questions about **Bethany Hamilton**.

1 What did Bethany and Alana often do?

2 What were Bethany's plans for the future?

3 What was she thinking when the shark attacked?

4 What happened to the sea around her after the shark bit her?

5 What was she repeating to herself after the attack?

6 What question did she ask everyone in hospital?

Now answer these questions about ***Giant Wave Surfers***.

1 Why do men and women seek out giant waves and surf them?

2 What was Andrew doing when he heard about Storm Brigid?

3 Why did Andrew drop everything?

4 Why are there giant waves in Nazaré?

5 How did Andrew get onto the wave?

6 Why was Andrew's ride so short?

7 Why did Andrew survive when the wave crashed down on him?

8 What do Andrew and Bethany have in common? Name two things.

Now look at ***Your response*** on page 14 of the Student's Book.