

Snowboarding

Snowboarding is a winter sport that is enjoyed by many people around the world. After only a few hours of practice, most people who are just learning can snowboard on the lower slopes of mountains. The best snowboarders like to zigzag quickly down high mountains. They work hard to keep their balance as they speed over the slippery snow. Many of them try very difficult moves. They seem to be flying through the air!

Snowboarding can be dangerous. People who snowboard keep away from trees and stay together in groups. They always give way to others on the slopes. These rules help to keep everyone safe.

Snowboarders protect themselves from falls and the cold weather by wearing wrist guards, boots, strong gloves and warm hats. Rocks and branches may be hidden under the snow, so snowboarders wear hard helmets over their hats. Special goggles and sunscreen are also important because the sun on the mountains is always very bright.

Snowboarders wear loose pants and jackets. The clothes are made from special material because snow is cold and wet. When snowboarders wear these clothes, they stay warm and dry. Some people like to snowboard because it is exciting. Some people do it to win competitions. But more and more people are snowboarding because they can have fun with their friends and family.

Example Questions

Retelling Indicators to Check for Understanding

- Children retell main events/facts without assistance or book support.
- Children summarise main events/facts succinctly using text specific vocabulary. They are coherent and confident in their retelling.



Literal:

1. Why are there rules when people are snowboarding? (*Snowboarding can be dangerous/Rules help to keep everyone safe.*)
2. Name three things that snowboarders wear to protect themselves. (*Wrist guards/boots/strong gloves/warm hats/ hard helmets/goggles/sunscreen.*)



Inferential :

1. Why would people who are just learning to snowboard use the lower slopes? (*Because the best snowboarders who move quickly are higher up the mountain.*)
2. Why do snowboarders have to work hard to keep their balance? (*Because snow is slippery/They could fall when they try difficult moves.*)
3. Why is snowboarding a winter sport? (*Snow falls in winter when it is very cold./Lots of snow is needed for snowboarding.*)



Applied Knowledge:

1. Describe what a snowboarder might have to do to win a competition. (*Move faster than anyone else and do more complicated tricks and jumps*)
2. Explain why some people say snowboarding is an extreme sport. (*It is very fast and can be dangerous if it is not done properly.*)



Vocabulary:

1. Replace the adjective 'difficult' in this sentence. Many of them try very difficult moves. (*hard/tricky/not easy/tough*)