

Unit 1: Myself and Others

Lesson 2: Reading

LI: I am learning how to understand the meaning of a word from its context.

Read Bethany's story.

Bethany's story

Bethany is a professional surfer from Hawaii. At the age of 13, a tiger shark attacked her, biting off her left arm. She was rushed to hospital and despite losing 60% of the blood in her body, she survived. Not only that, but Bethany was determined to surf again and a few months later she was back on her board. In 2004, she wrote about her experience in her autobiography *Soul Surfer* which was made into a major film in 2011. Today she is a world-class surfer and an inspiration to us all.

This is Bethany's *My Page*. Read it to find out more about her. Do you have anything in common with her?

Name: Bethany Hamilton

Date of birth: 8th February 1990

Town/City: Lihue, Hawaii

Family: two older brothers, Noah and Timothy

Likes: surfing, playing football, tennis, hiking, rollerblading

Dislikes: having arguments

Personality: cheerful, positive, generous

My perfect day: a warm, sunny day surfing with my friends and family

Favourite things: My most favourite thing of all is my tablet. I've downloaded some amazing apps!

My favourite season: The summer because I love going to the beach. I feel relaxed and happy.

My favourite smell:
I love the smell of the sea.
It's exhilarating!

My favourite taste: Without a doubt it has to be chocolate!

Advice to others: Do your best in life. Find good in bad situations and be kind to others.

*I am excited today,
because it's my
birthday!*



1. Find each of the words below in the text. Use context clues to determine the meaning of each word.

professional
determined
experience
autobiography
world-class
inspiration
positive
exhilarating

An event or occurrence in someone's life.
The story of a person's life written by that person.
One of the best in the world.
Causing strong feelings of excitement.
Something that makes someone want to try something.
Firmly set in her decision.
Someone who does a job requiring special training, education or skill.
Hopeful and confident about things.

2. Choose two of the words above and explain what clues in the text helped you determine the word meaning.

- i. _____

- ii. _____

3. Find examples of adjectives ending in *-ed* and *-ing*. Write them down in the table below. What is the difference between them?

-ed	-ing