Dame Ellen MacArthur (born in 1976) is a very brave and talented English yachtswoman. Her first name is Ellen; ‘Dame’ is a special title she received for her outstanding achievements from the British Queen. On 7 February 2005, she broke the world record for being the fastest person to sail around the world. Ellen now heads the crews of Britain’s top sailing teams.

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She has used her fame to start her own charity to help young people with cancer and other serious illnesses. Ellen has also made it to the heavens, as well as the seas; there is an asteroid named 20043 EllenMacarthur. In 2008, she was further honoured; French President Nicolas Sarkozy awarded her the French Legion of Honour.
SYNONYM MATCH: Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students’?

**Paragraphs 1 and 2**
1. brave  
2. outstanding  
3. heads  
4. experience  
5. instantly  
6. sea  

**Paragraphs 3 and 4**
7. encouraged  
8. solo  
9. circumnavigation  
10. serious  
11. the heavens  
12. further  

**PHRASE MATCH:** Match the following phrases from the article.

1. ‘Dame’ is a  
2. she broke  
3. the crews of Britain’s  
4. She instantly fell in  
5. saved her school  
6. encouraged her to go  
7. the solo circumnavigation  
8. cancer and other  
9. made it to the heavens,  
10. an asteroid named  

a. leads  
b. ocean  
c. extraordinary  
d. courageous  
e. contact with  
f. straightaway  
g. single-handed  
h. additionally  
i. terrible  
j. inspired  
k. sailing around  
l. the sky  
a. the world record  
b. 20043 EllenMacarthur  
c. dinner money  
d. serious illnesses  
e. top sailing teams  
f. of the world  
g. special title  
h. love with sailing  
i. for the big time  
j. as well as the seas
LISTENING GAP FILL:

Dame Ellen MacArthur (born in 1976) _________________ talented English yachtswoman. Her first name is Ellen; ‘Dame’ is _________________ received for her outstanding _________________ the British Queen. On 7 February 2005, she broke the world record _________________ person to sail around the world. Ellen now heads the crews of Britain’s top sailing teams.

She became interested in sailing _________________ ‘Swallows and Amazons’ books by Arthur Ransome. Her first experience of yachting was on her aunt’s boat on _________________ England. She _________________ with sailing and the sea. She _________________ a sailor and saved her school dinner money to buy her first boat.

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She has used _________________ her own charity to help young people with cancer and other serious illnesses. Ellen has also _________________, as well as the seas; there is _________________ 20043 EllenMacarthur. In 2008, _________________ honoured; French President Nicolas Sarkozy awarded her the French Legion of Honour.
CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:
Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of italics.

Dame Ellen MacArthur (born in 1976) is a very brave / bravery and talented English yachtswoman. Her first name is Ellen; ‘Dame’ is a special titled / title she received for her outstanding achievements from the British Queen. On 7 February 2005, she broke / broken the world record for being the fastest person to / for sail around the world. Ellen now heads the crews of Britain’s top sailing teams.

She became interested on / in sailing after she read the ‘Swallows and Amazons’ books by Arthur Ransome. Her first experience of yachting was on her aunt’s boat on the east cost / coast of England. She instantly fell / fallen in love with sailing and the sea. She decided to become a sailor and savings / saved her school dinner money to buy her first boat.

In 1998, aged 22, she was named the Royal Yachting Association "Yachtsman of The Year" in the UK. This encouraged her to go / come for the big time / clock. In 2001, she came / went second in the Vendée Globe solo round-the-world race. For this, she got her first honour from Britain’s Queen. She got her second award for / with breaking the solo circumnavigation of the world.

She has used her fame to start her own / owner charity to help young people with cancer and other serious illnesses / illness. Ellen has also made it to the heavens, as well as the overseas / seas; there is an asteroid named 20043 EllenMacarthur. In 2008, she was farther / further honoured; French President Nicolas Sarkozy awarded her the French Legion of Honour.
SPELLING:
These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

**Paragraph 1**
1. a very brave and **ettelnda** English yachtswoman
2. ‘Dame’ is a special **itlte**
3. the **atessft** person to sail around the world
4. the **wrcse** of Britain’s top sailing teams

**Paragraph 2**
5. She became **rteidsente** in sailing
6. on the east **tacso** of England
7. She **antniytsl** fell in love with sailing
8. **esvad** her school dinner money to buy her first boat

**Paragraph 3**
9. This **undrgecaoe** her
10. the Vendée Globe solo **udrno-the-world race**
11. her first **noourh**
12. her second **adawr**

**Paragraph 4**
13. **arccne** and other serious illnesses
14. the **vnesaeh**
15. is an **aoietdsr** named 20043 EllenMacarthur
16. she was **efutrhr** honoured
DAME ELLEN MACARTHUR

NUMBER THESE LINES IN THE CORRECT ORDER.

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( ) 20043 EllenMacarthur. In 2008, she was
SCRAMBLED SENTENCES
With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. talented yachtswoman very and English a brave

2. sail to person fastest the world the around

3. of sailing now crews top Ellen the Britain’s teams heads

4. She fell love sailing instantly in with

5. her money her saved dinner buy boat school to first

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DISCUSSION (Write your questions):
STUDENT A’s QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What do you know about Ellen MacArthur?
2. Would you like to meet Ellen MacArthur?
3. What would you like to know about Ellen MacArthur and why?
4. ____________________________________________
5. ____________________________________________
6. ____________________________________________
7. ____________________________________________
8. ____________________________________________

DISCUSSION (Write your questions):
STUDENT B’s QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. What did you learn from this text about Ellen MacArthur?
2. What questions would you like to ask Ellen MacArthur?
3. What would her answers be to those questions?
4. ____________________________________________
5. ____________________________________________
6. ____________________________________________
7. ____________________________________________
8. ____________________________________________
THE DAME ELLEN MACARTHUR SURVEY:
Write five questions about Ellen MacArthur in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

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Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.
WRITING:
Write about Dame Ellen MacArthur for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other’s work.

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google’s search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Ellen MacArthur. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. ELLEN MACARTHUR POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Ellen MacArthur. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Dame Ellen MacArthur. Include an imaginary interview with her. Write about what she does every day and what she thinks about. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Dame Ellen MacArthur. Ask her three questions about her life. Give her three suggestions on what she should do in her future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your “Dame Ellen MacArthur expert” partner(s) will try and answer your questions.
ANSWERS

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.