

Fantastic Ellen !

England has found a heroine ...

On 29th January, people all over Britain and all over the world watched Ellen MacArthur on their televisions. This 24-year-old girl has suddenly become a media superstar, and everyone is happy for her.

5 As everyone knows, she has sailed non-stop round the world, alone. That is a pretty incredible thing to do. Not many people have sailed single-handed round the world without stopping and most of those who have done so are men. You need to be strong – physically and mentally – to make such a difficult voyage.

10 Ellen managed it at the age of 24 ! Now she is the youngest person to have navigated the globe single-handed ; and she is also the fastest woman.

Furthermore, she almost won the very difficult “ Vendée Globe ” race, finishing second after the frenchman Michel Desjoyaux.

She finished the 42,000 kilometre race in 94 days, 4 hours, and 25 minutes. It was an incredible performance, and during the race she had several alarming moments.

15 **Born a sailor ?**

No, not at all ! Ellen does not come from a sailing family and she did not spend her childhood beside the sea. Her parents, schoolteachers, live in Derbyshire, a country in the middle of England, far from the sea.

20 But when she was a child, Ellen discovered sailing. Soon it became her passion. At the age of 17, people “ discovered ” her when she sailed single-handed round Great Britain. We have not heard the last of Ellen MacArthur, that is sure !

Vocabulary

Pretty (ici) : assez
Single-handed : en solitaire
Furthermore : de plus
beside : au bord de

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Les candidats au CAP répondront aux questions I, II, III, IV, V et VI.
Les candidats au BEP traiteront l'ensemble des questions.

I Retrouvez dans le texte les mots qui signifient :

- 1) Une course
- 2) Un marin

II Dites si les affirmations suivantes sont vraies (right) ou fausses (wrong). Justifiez toutes vos réponses en citant le texte.

- 1) Ellen MacArthur became a very famous woman at the end of 2001.
- 2) Generally, the people who sail single-handed round the world are women.
- 3) Ellen MacArthur finished first at the « Vendée Globe » race.
- 4) Her parents were not professional navigators.
- 5) Ellen lived by the sea when she was a child.

III Répondez en anglais aux questions suivantes. Faites des phrases complètes.

- 1) What qualities must you have to sail non-stop round the world ?
- 2) How old was she when she sailed round the world ?
- 3) Who won the « Vendée Globe » race in 2001 ?
- 4) Was the race easy ? Why ?

IV Traduisez en français le passage allant de « Ellen managed it ... » à « ... the fastest woman » (ligne 9 à 10).

V Recopiez les phrases suivantes en les complétant par une préposition que vous choisirez dans la liste ci-dessous.

from – about – at – in – of – by – to – for

- 1) She has decided to visit her friend October.
- 2) She will stay Monday Sunday.
- 3) She never travels train.
- 4) They love sailing night.

VI Mettez les phrases suivantes à la forme négative.

- 1) Ellen's parents live in Portsmouth.
- 2) She loves sailing single-handed round the world.
- 3) Next year, she will try to win the « Vendée Globe ».
- 4) At the moment, she is visiting her parents.
- 5) After a race, she must have some rest.

VII Dans un paragraphe de 50 mots, rédigé en anglais, vous présenterez votre star préférée (acteur, chanteur, sportif ...).

Vous le rédigerez en vous aidant des informations suivantes :

- Nom, âge, description, nationalité, famille
- Profession, ce qu'il/elle aime, ce qu'il/elle n'aime pas.

	BEP	CAP
I	1 pt	2 pts
II	5 pts	5 pts
III	4 pts	6 pts
IV	2 pts	2 pts
V	2,5 pts	2,5 pts
VI	2,5 pts	2,5 pts
VII	3 pts	

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