

The youngest person to sail solo around the world

Do you get seasick?

Vocabulary

1. amazing 2. encourage 3. confirm 4. celebrated 5. completed 6. imagine

True Story

In 2012, a teenage girl from the Netherlands, Laura Dekker, _____ a solo trip around the world. She sailed her boat, named "Guppy", for 518 days. Laura _____ her 16th birthday during the trip. She believes she is the youngest person to sail around the world alone.

However, Guinness World Records will not _____ this because they don't want to _____ dangerous trips. Some people in the Netherlands didn't want Laura to go because they thought she was too young and it was too risky. They also said she should be at school.

The last part of her trip was very difficult. She sailed from Cape Town, South Africa, through strong winds and big waves. Laura was very happy and cried when she saw her family at the end of her trip. One of Laura's fans, Jody Bell, said, "Her story is just _____. I can't _____ someone her age going out to sea all by herself."

Quiz

1. What did Laura Dekker do in 2012?
2. Why won't Guinness World Records confirm her record?
3. Where did Laura sail from in the last part of her trip?

True or False

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| 1. Laura sailed on her boat, "Puppy", for 518 days. | True False |
| 2. Some people thought Laura was too young and the trip was too risky. | True False |
| 3. Laura was happy and cried when she saw Jody Bell at the end of her trip. | True False |

Conversation

- A: Laura, you're so young. Are you sure about this trip?
 B: Yes, absolutely! I've been dreaming of this for a long time.
 A: But it's dangerous. And you should be at school.
 B: I know, but this is something I have to do. I'll continue my studies later.
 A: Well, be careful. We'll be waiting for you.
 B: Thank you. I promise I'll be back safe and sound.

Discussion

1. Have you ever been on a boat before? How long were you at sea?
2. Would you like to sail around the world? Why or why not?
3. Do you think it's important to follow your dreams?
4. If you could break a world record, what would it be?