**S. 14–21 Unit 2 Alone at sea**

**S. 14–17 Language**

**Themen**  Der Mensch im Spannungsfeld von Natur und neuen Technologien; Einblicke in das Leben einer Abenteurerin, die mit Hilfe der Technik auftretende Probleme meistert

**Strukturen**  conjunctions, past perfect

**Arbeitsweise**  finding and organising information and presenting them, working with a newspaper article, writing a formal letter

**Hinweis**  
- L: A young woman from Britain, Ellen MacArthur, has written sailing history. Read this article. Find out why her records are so special.
- S lesen den Text still, globales Verstehen. Mögliche S-Antworten könnten lauten: She was the youngest person to finish the Vendée Globe race. She was the fastest woman ever to sail around the world. The Vendée race is the hardest yacht race in the world. She was alone for 26,000 miles and sailed around the world in 94 days.

**Erweiterung**  Kopiervorlage 1 gibt den S Hilfestellung bei der selbstständigen Texterarbeitung.

**Lösung/KV 1**  
- b) 3. an article from a newspaper
- c) 1. right, 2. wrong, 3. right, 4. wrong, 5. wrong
- e) 1. autopilot, 2. Internet, 3. radar, 4. satellite, 5. DVD

**Wortschatz**  attention, non-stop, yacht, race, in one sense, sail, rip, iceberg, mast, manage, high-tech, onboard, autopilot, radar, satellite phone, image, locate, measure, after all, fix, above all, courage, strength, person, launch, width, technical data

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**Ellen MacArthur**

**Ziel**  Textverständniskontrolle.

**Lösung**  
1. Because she had finished the 26,000 miles on board her 60-foot yacht non-stop and alone.  
2. Because it is one of the hardest, longest and most dangerous races in the world.  
3. a) On day 26 one of the sails ripped and Ellen had to work six hours to repair it by hand.  
b) One morning she saw an iceberg the size of a block of flats 15 metres away.  
c) On day 79 the wind instruments broke and she had to climb to the top of the 25-foot mast to repair them.  
4. She had great technology skills and she also had great sailing skills. But above all Ellen had courage and strength.

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**Vocabulary**

**Ziel**  Definitionen die passenden Begriffe zuordnen.
Lösung 1. hero, 2. journey, 3. receive, 4. manage

Word families

Ziel Wortschatzfestigung.

Lösung

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<td>2. strength</td>
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<td>3. energy</td>
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<td>4. person</td>
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Erweiterung

• Some background information
Freie L-Erzählung: At the London Boat Show in April 2002 Ellen spoke about her plans for the next few years. "Maybe I’ll do the Vendée Globe again one day, but not in 2004 …," she announced to the surprise of a few. "It may be the Everest of sailing, and there is certainly some unfinished business for me, but for now I want to move on to what could be described as the K2 of sailing, extreme, fast, on the edge with a crew around the world, alone across the Atlantic and everything in between."

• Additional questions
Let’s discuss: Which other extreme kind of sport does Ellen MacArthur compare sailing with? Do you think Ellen’s success would also have been possible without the high-tech equipment? Give reasons for your answer. Of course it took more than the right equipment to sail around the world. What qualities do men or women need? What kind of extreme things in sports have you heard of? Find out more details on the Internet.

• Language work (sprachliche Textauswertung)
a) Definitions: Find good definitions for these words.

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<td>solo</td>
<td>(in this case) a job done by one person only</td>
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<td>a block of flats</td>
<td>a large building with lots of flats</td>
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<td>equipment</td>
<td>tools, machines, clothes, etc. that you need to do sth.</td>
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<td>energy</td>
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b) Phonetics
L schreibt folgende (und ggf. weitere) Wörter aus dem Text an, die die S phonetisch einwandfrei lesen sollen. L: Say it out loud: yacht, climb, radar, courage, measure, temperature, satellite, images. Als Hilfe wird die phonetische Umschreibung hinzugefügt: [jɒt], [klæm], [ˈreɪdər], [ˈkærɪdʒ], [ˈmeɪs], [ˈtemprətʃər], [ˈseɪtlait], [ˈɪmɪdʒz].

Listening: Ellen’s boat

Ziel Hörverstehenstraining.

Wortschatz bulkhead, communicate

Track 12/CD Kingfisher is just over 18 metres long and 5 metres wide and was specially built for Ellen MacArthur. Let’s have a look at the boat more closely. At the front of the boat, called the bow, you can see a long stick. That’s the bowsprit. This is where ropes from the sails can be tied. If you move towards the back of the boat you can see walls that separate one part of the boat from another. These walls are called bulkheads. Bulkheads stop water from going from one part of the boat to another. This means that if part of the boat is damaged the boat will not