



Makapo Aquatics Project

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Introduce the Article and Key Vocabulary

Talk with students about what they will learn from the article. Introduce vocabulary to them using the descriptive teaching method.

Example: Today we are talking about the Makapo Aquatics Project. This is a special group of people who help others. The group helps people with disabilities learn a water sport. The sport is called outrigger paddling. Outrigger paddling is where people sit in a boat and use long sticks, called paddles, to move the boat. The boat is special because it has a float that help the boat not tip over. This group was started by a blind man many years ago. Now, they help other people who are blind and people who have other disabilities, including kids, learn this sport! Do you want to go outrigger paddling?

2

Read the Article While you TAAP

As you read the article with students, remember to TAAP: **T**alk about it, **A**sk a question, **A**cknowledge via response, and **P**ropel the conversation or **P**redict! (View the TAAP resource on the AAC Language Lab to learn more about the TAAP strategy!)

Sample TAAP words/phrases:

Talk About It	Ask Questions	Acknowledge via Response	Propel the Conversation or Predict
Cool Like Look Not	What will they see? What do you think? What will happen?	Me too Maybe! I love sports!	I think... I wonder... Let's see More



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Talk About What you Learned

Summarize the article with students and talk about what they learned. Ask open-ended questions to discuss what everyone thought, and to get them thinking about and reflecting about what they read.

Sample questions for discussion:

What did you learn today? What do you know about outrigger paddling? What is an outrigger boat like? Would you want try outrigger paddling? Why?

Discussion for Comprehension

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After reading and summarizing the article with students, use descriptive testing to further discuss the students' understanding of the article. Pose questions in a way that allows the student to answer the question using any word on their device.

Sample Descriptive Testing Questions and responses:

Tell me about the outrigger paddling.	Tell me what the Makapo Aquatics Project is.	What does disability mean?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • special boat • no sink • people make go 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • help people • people learn sport • group help people new sport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • do different • learn and do different way • people get help to do things different