



1. sailing boat  
[ˈseɪlɪŋ bəʊt] UK,  
sailboat  
[ˈseɪlˌboʊt] N. Am.
2. powerboat  
[ˈpaʊəbəʊt]
3. buoy [bɔɪ]
4. jetty [ˈdʒetɪ]
5. slipway [ˈslɪpweɪ]
6. wakeboarding  
[ˈweɪkbɔːdɪŋ]
7. kayaking  
[ˈkaɪækɪŋ]
8. jet-skiing  
[ˈdʒet ˌskiɪŋ]
9. wetsuit [ˈwetsuːt]
10. windsurfing  
[ˈwɪndzɜːfɪŋ]
11. canoeing  
[ˌkəˈnuːɪŋ]
12. life jacket  
[ˈlaɪf ˌdʒæktɪt],  
buoyancy aid  
[ˈbɔɪənsi eɪd]
13. paddleboarding  
[ˈpædəlˌbɔːdɪŋ]
14. rowing boat  
[ˈrəʊɪŋ bəʊt] UK,  
rowboat  
[ˈrəʊbɔt] N. Am.

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## VOCABULARY

# At the boating lake

*Do you enjoy having fun on the water?  
VANESSA CLARK presents language  
to use at the boating lake.*

**MEDIUM PLUS**

### Boating skills

**Sailing** involves a complex set of skills. First, you have to **launch** your boat into the water. Then you have to use the sails to **harness the power of the wind**. You need to know your **starboard** (right, when facing forwards) from your **port** (left) and your **fore** (front) from your **aft** (back). The two basic **manoeuvres** are **gybing** (sailing before the wind) and **tacking** (sailing into the wind). Take care as the **boom comes across**, or you could be knocked on the head and fall into the water as a **man overboard**. Try to **stay afloat** and not **capsize** the boat (turn it over).

**Rowing** is much easier if you remember to sit facing the **stern** (rear end of the boat) with the **bow** (front end) behind you. Take an **oar** in each hand, **dip** the oar blades (flat ends) into the water and pull hard towards yourself. Try to stay in deep water, so that you don't **run aground**. But don't worry if you bump into the bank, because the **fenders** that hang from the sides of the boat will protect you.

**PRACTICE**

Now, try the following exercises to practise talking about water sports and boating.



Exercise 1	E
Match the names of different water sports (1–6) to their descriptions (A–F).	
<p>A. You stand on a board and move a sail to catch the wind.</p> <p>B. You sit on a motorized <u>vehicle</u> and <u>power</u> across the sea or a lake. It's like riding a motorbike, but on water.</p> <p>C. You stand on a board, holding on to a rope, and you are pulled along by a powerboat.</p> <p>D. You sit in an open boat and pull on a pair of oars to move the boat forwards.</p> <p>E. You sit in a long, narrow boat and use a double-ended paddle to move forwards.</p> <p>F. You stand or kneel on a board and use a single-ended paddle to move forwards.</p>	<p>1. rowing</p> <p>2. kayaking</p> <p>3. paddleboarding</p> <p>4. windsurfing</p> <p>5. wakeboarding</p> <p>6. jet-skiing</p>

Exercise 2	M
Study the illustration on the opposite page and find the words defined below.	
<p>A. a fast boat with a strong motor: a(n) .....</p> <p>B. clothing to keep a person warm in cold water: a(n) .....</p> <p>C. safety equipment to help a person <u>stay afloat</u> in the water: a(n) .....</p> <p>D. a floating marker in the water: a(n) .....</p> <p>E. a wooden structure raised above the water: a(n) .....</p>	

Exercise 3	A
Which is the <u>odd one out</u> in each group of words?	
<p>A. Which is <u>not</u> one of the two ends of a boat? <b>bow   buoy   stern</b></p> <p>B. Which is <u>not</u> something worn while boating? <b>buoyancy aid   oars   wetsuit</b></p> <p>C. Which is <u>not</u> a sailing manoeuvre? <b>canoeing   gybing   tacking</b></p> <p>D. Which is <u>not</u> a boating accident? <b>capsizing   running aground   staying afloat</b></p>	

**Idiomatically speaking**

Here are some fun idiomatic expressions related to boating.

- **We're in the same boat** means: "You and I are in the same difficult situation."
- If a project is **plain sailing**, it goes smoothly, like a boat in calm water.
- When something is going well, it's best not to **rock the boat**, causing problems and disruption.
- If you're in **deep water**, you're in serious trouble.
- The cry **All hands on deck!** calls everyone to be active and work together, like the crew of a boat.



**disruption**

[dɪs'trʌpʃən]  
• Störung, Unterbrechung

**odd one out**

[,ɒd wʌn 'aʊt]  
• hier: das Wort, das nicht dazugehört

**stay afloat**

[,steɪ ə'flaʊt]  
• sich über Wasser halten

**power**

['paʊə]  
• hier: düsen

**vehicle**

['vi:ɪkəl]  
• Gefährt

**Answers**

1. A-4; B-6; C-5; D-1; E-2; F-3
2. A. powerboat  
B. wetsuit  
C. life jacket / buoyancy aid  
D. buoy  
E. jetty
3. A. buoy  
B. oars  
C. canoeing  
D. staying afloat