

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE SYLLABUS A**

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**PART 1
READING ALOUD**

Your student radio station has sent you to report on a big water-sports display, and to meet one of the stars of the show. At the station, you now present your report for a live broadcast.

Hi – this is Natalie Chen, at the Marina Lagoons, where today we've seen a totally amazing demonstration of acrobatic water-skiing by an all-star team from the USA. And I've been lucky enough to have a word with one of the girls on the team – Susan Rose – who comes from Florida, where they are based.

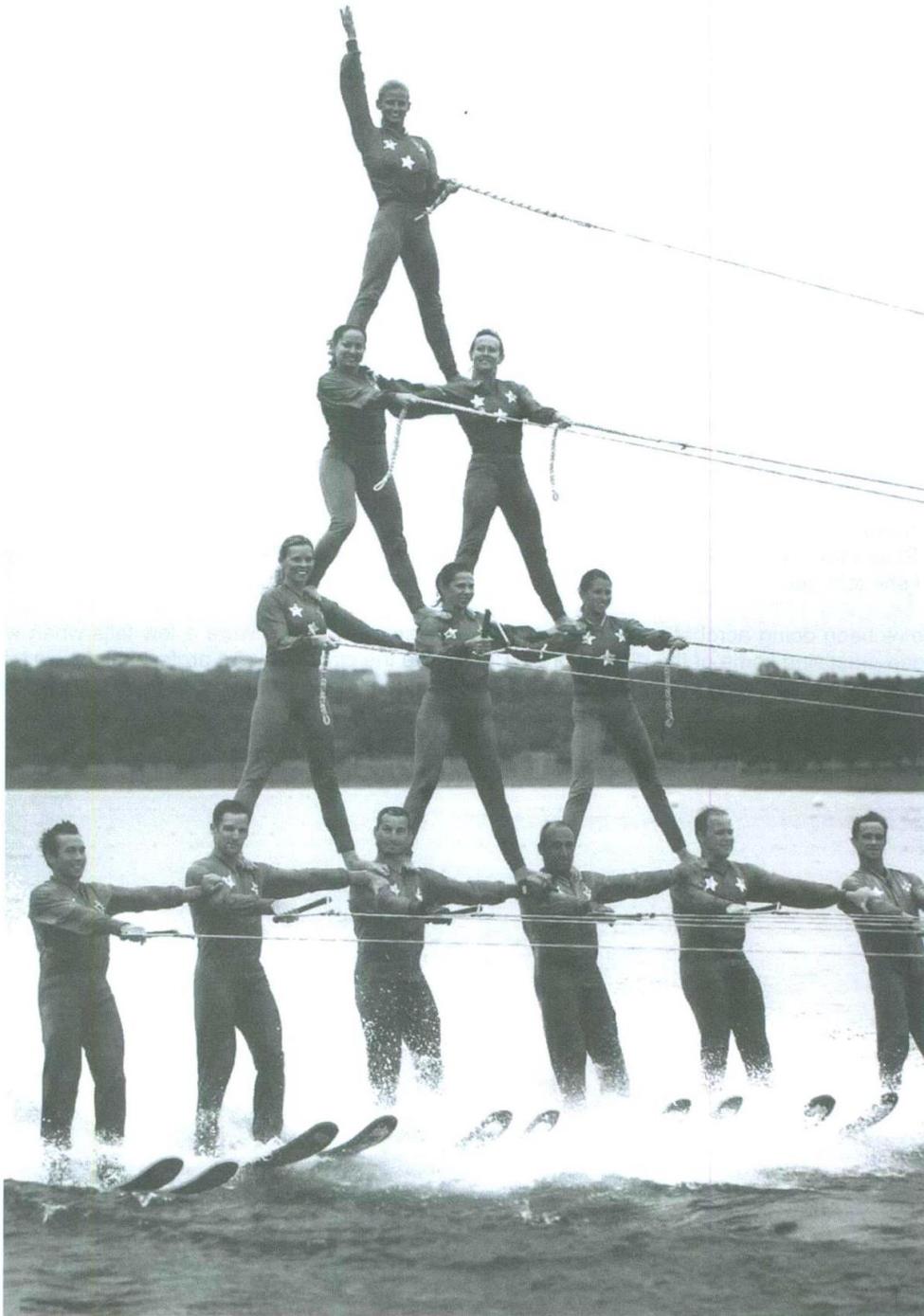
The display itself was fantastic! Some of the jumps looked really difficult – and the high-speed moves when skiers jumped from ramps and crossed each others' tracks looked thrillingly risky. The whole team also came together for amazing acrobatic stunts with skiers balanced on each others' shoulders. I've never seen anything like it before! I asked Susan about it, and she told me that the girls in the team have all had gymnastic training.

These tricks look wonderfully graceful when the team performs them, but they must be dangerous too. I asked Susan whether there have ever been any accidents – and whether she has ever fallen – and this is what she told me:

'We've been doing acrobatic routines for several years now. There were a few falls when we first began practising some of the difficult ones. But it's like the circus – we're professionals, we take the hits, and we practise all the time. I've been skiing since I was a kid, and I've had very few injuries. We take safety really seriously – and, as water-skiers always say, you have to have good guys in the boats. I'm really glad you enjoyed the show!'

PART 2
SPOKEN INTERACTION

Study the picture.



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