

Go Fly a Kite

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Go fly a kite! Have you ever heard that saying? Today there are different ways to fly kites. You could fly a kite in the sky, on the water, or even on the ground! The first kites were flown in China thousands of years ago. The kites were made of wood and paper. They had long, heavy tails. These kites needed a strong wind to fly.

Kites are fun to fly at the beach.





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Today's kites are easier to fly. All they need is a light breeze. A beach or an open field is a great place to fly them.

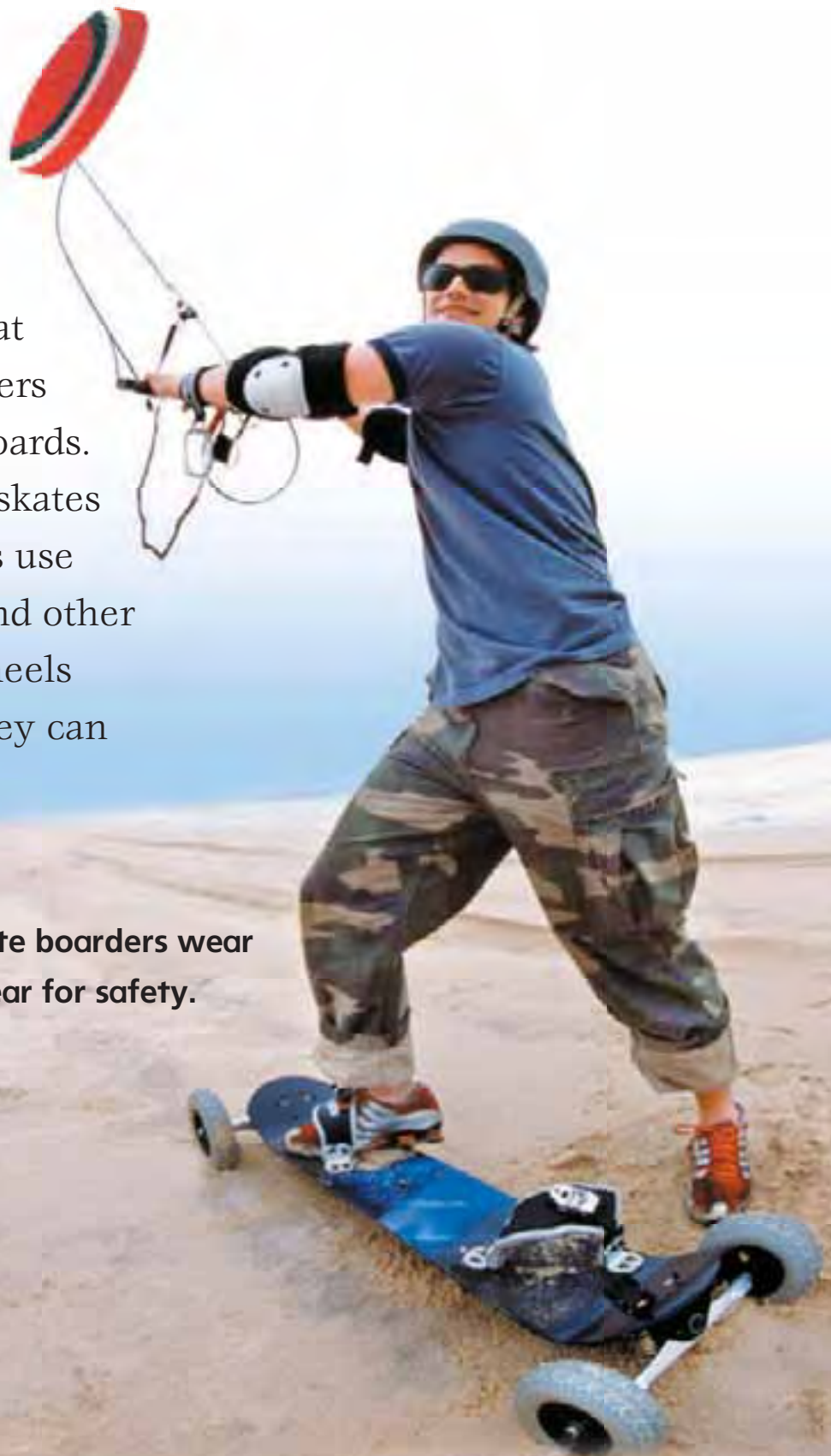
If you are flying a kite at the beach, look around. You may see other kite flyers. Some of them fly on the water! They are called kite surfers.

Kite surfing is a new sport. It is a cross between kite flying and surfing. A kite surfer stands on a surfboard with a huge kite. The board has foot straps. The kite surfer controls the kite. The kite pulls the surfer across the water. Does kite surfing sound hard? It is!

Answer Questions

Kite boarding is another new sport that uses kites. Kite boarders use kites with skateboards. Some may use roller skates instead. Kite boarders use parking lots, fields, and other open spaces. With wheels beneath their feet, they can really speed ahead!

Kite boarders wear gear for safety.



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