

A Californian surfer

California is one of the best places for surfing in the United States.

1. Read the profile of a professional¹ surfer from California.

SURFER PROFILE

Name: Kanoa Igarashi

Nickname²: Igar

Date of birth³: 1 October 1997

Hometown⁴: Huntington Beach, California

Family: Parents from Japan:
Dad: Tsutomu "Tom" (Kanoa's manager)
Mum: Misa (yoga instructor)
A younger brother: Keanu

Languages: English & Japanese⁵

Job: World Surf League⁶ (WSL) pro¹ surfer

First surfing competition: When he was six years old

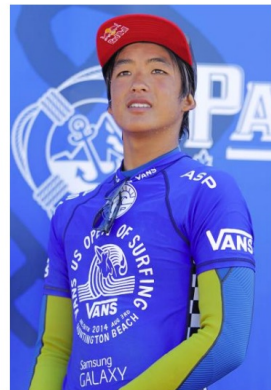
Strengths⁷: Happy, positive and patient

Weaknesses⁸: Not so good at surfing big waves

Personal idol⁹: Kelly Slater (11-time world champion¹⁰)

Biggest dream: To be world champion

Fun fact: Igarashi means "the 50-year storm" in Japanese. That's why Kanoa's WSL jersey¹¹ has the number 50 on it.



Task: Imagine you have the chance to meet Kanoa Igarashi. Write an interview with him using the information in the profile for his answers.

Useful phrases

When/Where were you born?
How old are you?
When was your first ...?
What/Who is your ...?

Tell us something about ...
What are your strengths/weaknesses?
What are you good/bad at?
What do you do? / What's your job?

¹ pro(fessional) – *professionell, Profi*; ² nickname – *Spitzname*; ³ date of birth – *Geburtsdatum*; ⁴ hometown – *Heimatstadt*;

⁵ Japanese – *Japanisch, aus Japan, Japaner/in*; ⁶ World Surf League (WSL) – *Professionelle Weltsurftliga*; ⁷ strength – *Stärke*;

⁸ weakness – *Schwäche*; ⁹ idol – *Idol, Vorbild*; ¹⁰ world champion – *Weltmeister/in*; ¹¹ jersey – *Trikot*