

## **Attitude Is Altitude**

1. Who is the article about?
2. What kind of text is this passage?
3. What is his disease?
4. Who is compared to mainly a torso? Why?
5. How does he kick?
6. How does he type?
7. How does he write?
8. How does he balance?
9. What does he call his small foot?
10. Where was he born?
11. Where is he living now?
12. 'I'd be lost without it.' what was 'it' in the statement?
13. What was his parents' decision about sending him to school?
14. Why do you think that the decision was hard for him?
15. What was the best decision mentioned in the passage? Why was it the best?
16. Why do you think his father was so shocked when Nick was born?
17. What was his disability? What is the disease medically called?
18. What was the cruel trick mentioned in the passage?
19. Who do you think helped him to become independent?
20. Why did his dad put him in the water when Nick was 18 months old?
21. What was Nick's father?
22. What was Nick's mother?
23. When did Nick learn to type?
24. How did Nick learn typing?
25. Who invented a plastic device? How does it help him?
26. How does the wheel chair help him?
27. Why do you think he was depressed when he was 8 years old?
28. Have you ever bullied or teased anyone? Why?
29. Have you ever been bullied or teased by anyone? How do you feel then?
30. When Nick was deeply depressed he said something to his mom. What was it?
31. Once Nick hated God. Why?
32. What do you think would happen to Nick if his parents weren't there?
33. How does he do his routine?
34. '...but there was so much that was impossible for me.' What do you think was impossible for him?
35. How did Nick manage to pull through to become an international symbol of triumph over adversity?
36. '... I read a newspaper article...' What was the article about?
37. 'It was so inspirational to me...' What was 'it'?
38. What is Nick's opinion about challenges?
39. Describe the funny incident mentioned in the passage?
40. Where did Nick learn surfing?
41. Who is Nick's surfing master? What is special about her?
42. Why do you think Nick choose Bethany as his master?
43. 'She was amazing,' said Nick. Why was she amazing?
44. How does he do the 360 degree spins on his boars easily?
45. What was Nick now?
46. If he fails, he tries again. If you fail, what do you do?
47. Why do you think he plans to continue to travel the world?
48. What did you learn from Nick's biographical sketch?
49. How do you get help from others?
50. Do you like your parents? Why?

**Key words or Phrases  
useful to answer the  
questions for Attitude is  
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limbs

chicken drumstick

water sports

club

tuck

decision

distraught

disability

Phocomelia

independent

invent

device

bully

tease

main stream school

special school

achieve

depressed

cold and bitter

hate

terrify

look after

wall mounted brush

pump action soap

triumph

adversity

inspirational

courage

thankful

angry

concentrate

convictions

perseverance

freak out

bitten off

Surfer Magazine

360 degree spin

centre of gravity

motivational speaker

travel

attempt

**Structural words or  
Phrases useful to answer  
the questions for  
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but

and

despite

due to

if conditionals

relative clauses