

1 READING**1 READING A****Answers**

- 1** The snowboarders travel to Laax Crap based on the advice of the snowboard shop guy in Verbier, Switzerland.
- 2** They are shocked and awed by its size. Later they said, 'Laax rocks!'
- 3** Swiss Germans were friendlier and drink about ten times as much.

2 IDIOMS**2 IDIOMS****Answers**

- A** **1** snap out of something **2** gain a reputation for
3 give something a go **4** pull someone's leg **5** not judge a book by its cover **6** make a mental note of something
- B** **1** Why don't you *give surfing a go*? You'll like it.
2 Ron quickly *gained a reputation* for drinking too much.
3 You're *pulling my leg*. Nobody can hold their breath for six minutes.
4 I *made a mental note of* what she said in case she denied it later.
5 Hey! *Snap out of it!* You almost stepped in front of that bus.
6 You can't *judge a book by its cover*. He's not as mean as he looks.

3 IN THE POWDER**3 IN THE POWDER****Answers**

- lift station
Mammoth Mountain (major snow boarding resort)
mountain
(rockin') park
rockin' = cool, very good
park = short for snowboard park, a outdoor complex designed for snowboarders with equipment for doing snowboard tricks
peak
(good) pipe
pipe = half-pipe, a semi-circular slope designed for snowboarding aerial tricks
powder
resort
ride
snowboard mag(azine)
snowboard shop
vertical (metres) = height
Whistler Blackcomb (ski resort)