



Grand Haven Coast Guard  
Festival

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## Introduce the Article and Key Vocabulary

Talk with students about what they will learn from the article. Introduce vocabulary to them using the descriptive teaching method.

**Example:** Today we are talking about the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival. A festival is a big party with many people and things to do. This festival is for the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard helps people and keeps them safe. The Coast Guard is part of the military, like the Army. But, the Coast Guard only works on water in our rivers, lakes, and oceans. At the festival, there are many things to do! There are games, boat races, and more! This festival has been happening every year for a long time. This year the festival is celebrating its 100th anniversary! Do you want to go to the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival?

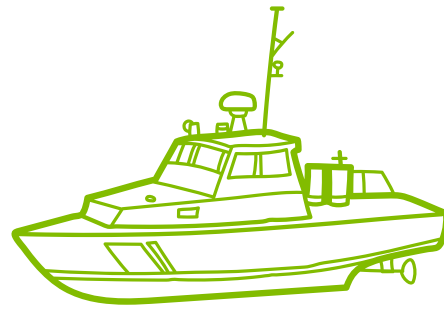
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## Read the Article While you TAAP

As you read the article with students, remember to TAAP: **T**alk about it, **A**sk a question, **A**cknowledge via response, and **P**ropel the conversation or **P**redict! (View the TAAP resource on the AAC Language Lab to learn more about the TAAP strategy!)

Sample TAAP words/phrases:

Talk About It	Ask Questions	Acknowledge via Response	Propel the Conversation or Predict
Cool Like Look Not	What will they see? What do you think? What will happen?	Me too Maybe! I love water!	I think... I wonder... Let's see More



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### Talk About What you Learned

Summarize the article with students and talk about what they learned. Ask open-ended questions to discuss what everyone thought, and to get them thinking about and reflecting about what they read.

**Sample questions for discussion:**

What did you learn today? What do you know about the coast guard? What do you know about the festival? What did you learn about the military?

### Discussion for Comprehension

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After reading and summarizing the article with students, use descriptive testing to further discuss the students' understanding of the article. Pose questions in a way that allows the student to answer the question using any word on their device.

**Sample Descriptive Testing Questions and responses:**

Tell me about the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival.	Tell me what the Coast Guard is.	What does military mean?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• big party</li> <li>• for special group</li> <li>• happen every year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• help people in water</li> <li>• keep us safe</li> <li>• keep water safe</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• keep us safe</li> <li>• groups help us</li> <li>• people save us</li> </ul>