

Amazing Kids

An extension of "North Pole voyage shows Arctic under threat"

Young Ben Edwards is sailing to set a world record. He is also doing it to raise funds for medical research. Let's take a closer look at this amazing kid and others like him. And, ask yourself what you can do to make a difference in your world. Work in groups of four or five students each.

1. Read "**North Pole voyage shows Arctic under threat**" (*What's Up* Aug 2016, page 8-9).
2. Fill the gaps in the sentences below using the helping words in the box. The sentences describe the qualities of young Ben Edwards that enabled him to take on the Polar Ocean Challenge.

handicap	awareness	succumb
risks	responsible	achieving

Ben Edwards...

- has not let his painful condition prevent him from _____ his dreams.
 - did not _____ to his medical condition; instead he is raising money for researchers to find a cure for it.
 - wants to create an _____ of global warming and its dangers.
 - is not letting his age be a _____ to his ambitions.
 - is willing to take _____.
 - must have shown his parents that he is a very _____ boy, for them to allow him to go on such a dangerous journey.
3. Find two examples of other children who have changed the world. Here is a link to start with ► <http://www.mnn.com/lifestyle/responsible-living/photos/8-amazing-kids-who-have-changed-the-world/get-ready#top-desktop>

QUESTION: What qualities do they have in common with Ben Edwards?

4. Discuss how each of you can make a difference in your world. Are there problems or situations around you that you can do something about?