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UNIT 4: Risk Exercise 1: Preview a topic before reading

Complete the sentences. Use your knowledge to choose the correct answer.

1 A risk-taker is someone who is intolerant of. ✓

☐ boredom.

☐ excitement.

☐ commitment.

2 People take risks because. ✓

☐ they want to be the best at something.

☐ they want to face their greatest fears.

☐ they want to feel excited or thrilled.

3 The social group that take the most risks are: ✓

☐ young women.

☐ elderly men.

☐ adolescent men.



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UNIT 4: Risk Exercise 2: Using knowledge to predict content

Look at the title and paragraph headings of the text. Choose the questions which you think the article will answer. You will be able to check your answers in exercise 3.

1 Who are the most famous risk takers?

2 Which extreme sports are the most risky?

3 What different types of risk-takers are there?

4 Is a tendency to take risks associated with age?

5 Do men take more risks than women?

6 Do risk-takers have characteristics in common with one another?

7 Is risk-taking a characteristic which should be suppressed?

8 What are the reasons behind people taking risks?

9 How do genes influence risk-taking behaviour?

The psychology of risk taking

- Definition of a risk-taker
- Categories of risk-takers
- Personality, gender and age
- Social motivation

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UNIT 4: Risk Exercise 3: Using knowledge to predict content

Read the article and choose the questions that the article answers.

	Yes	No
Who are the most famous risk takers?	☒	☐
Which extreme sports are the most risky?	☒	☐
What different types of risk-takers are there?	☒	☐
Is a tendency to take risks associated with age?	☒	☐
Do men take more risks than women?	☒	☐
Do risk-takers have characteristics in common with one another?	☒	☐
Is risk-taking a characteristic which should be suppressed?	☒	☐
What are the reasons behind people taking risks?	☒	☐
How do genes influence risk-taking behaviour?	☒	☐

The psychology of risk taking

Definition of a risk-taker



We have all met risk-takers – from the toddler who always heads for the biggest slide in the playground, to the 70-year-old man who goes sky diving every weekend. Risk-takers often find things exciting that other people would find terrifying. This is the

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Read the article. Complete the table with the words and phrases.

Words and phrases connected to risk takers	Words and phrases connected to people who avoid risks
adventurous ☒	introvert ☒
aggression ☒	cautious ☒
sense of freedom ☒	traditional ☒
lack of inhibition ☒	risk-averse ☒
reckless ☒	

The psychology of risk taking

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We have all met risk-takers – from the toddler who always heads for the biggest slide in the playground, to the 70-year-old man who goes sky diving every weekend. Risk-takers often find things exciting that other people would find terrifying. This is the difference between risk-takers and people who are risk-averse. But what is it that makes people act in often dangerous ways, all for the sake of excitement? Psychologists such as Dr Marvin Zuckerman, professor at the University of Delaware, say that a

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UNIT 4: Risk Exercise 5: Language of freedom

Complete the text. Use the words in the box.

Have you ever been in a packed commuter train and felt because you couldn't move or had to stand up for hours? At the time, did you wish that the train company would the number of people allowed onto the train? In countries such as Indonesia and Africa, commuters have come up with a plan for busy trains. To avoid the crowds, they simply sit or stand on the train's roof. This practice is known as 'train surfing' and has been turned into an extreme sport in countries where trains travel at very high speed. Unsurprisingly, train surfing is very dangerous; people riding on the top of trains are to collide with power cables or fall off. Train surfing has therefore been in several countries. In order to the practice, police in some countries regularly patrol the railways.

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UNIT 4: Risk Exercise 6: For and against arguments

Look at the extracts from an essay about BASE jumping. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

1 First of all, I want to clear up some of the surrounding BASE jumping.

2 It is different to and skydiving.

3 This is only the case when BASE jumpers throw themselves off private property or prevents them from doing a jump because it presents a risk to the public.

4 I feel strongly that BASE jumping should not be .

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5 It is an **exhilarating** ✓ sport.

6 BASE jumpers have to take **responsibility** ✓ for planning every jump they do very carefully.

7 They need to **play safe** ✓ by checking that their parachute works and by jumping with others.

8 These actions result in a **reduction** ✓ of the risks which are part of the sport.

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Complete the text. Choose the correct word.

Should BASE jumping be made illegal?

Alison Chalmers: Against BASE jumping

Why anyone would be **allowed** ✓ to jump off high buildings is beyond me. BASE jumping is a secretive and largely **uncontrolled** ✓ sport. It is not governed by any **regulations** ✓. This inevitably results in a high number of BASE jumpers falling to their deaths every year.

Lauterbrunnen, in Switzerland, is one of the few legal sites from which to perform BASE jumps. Not surprisingly, since a number of fatal accidents have occurred there, the local tourist board has expressed some **dissatisfaction** ✓ and requested the **prevention** ✓ of the sport.

BASE jumping may be **thrilling** ✓, but it is not a sport which can be learned through **trial and error** ✓. One little mistake on just one jump can result in death. Both the inexperienced and experienced perish. **Prohibiting** ✓ the sport is the only way to save lives.



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UNIT 4: Risk Exercise 8: Academic vocabulary

Complete the sentences. Use the words in the box.

1 By making extreme sports illegal, you're **infringing** ✓ on our human rights.

2 When he **inherited** ✓ a fortune, Tom took a risk and bought stocks and shares.

3 We were **granted** ✓ special permission to abseil down the Eiffel tower for charity.

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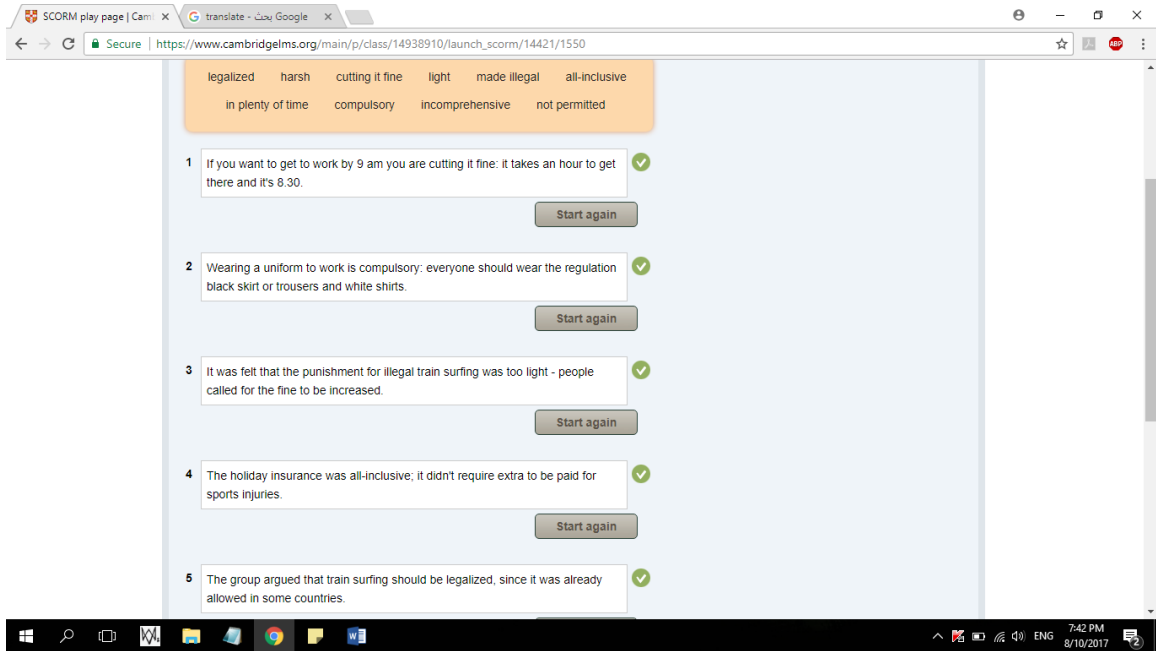
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Shares.

3 We were **granted** ✓ special permission to abseil down the Eiffel tower for charity.

4 To **authorize** ✓ your next of kin to make financial decisions, you need to sign a form.

5 Skydiving can be **disorientating** ✓ if you spin around a lot - you lose track of what's 'up' and 'down'.



1-If you want to get to work by 9 am you are cutting it fine: it takes an hour to get there and it's 8.30.

2-Wearing a uniform to work is compulsory: everyone should wear the regulation black skirt or trousers and white shirts.

3-It was felt that the punishment for illegal train surfing was too light - people called for the fine to be increased.

4-The holiday insurance was all-inclusive; it didn't require extra to be paid for sports injuries.

5-The group argued that train surfing should be legalized, since it was already allowed in some countries.

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Choose the correct preposition, or no preposition, to complete the sentences.

- 1 Practising extreme sports sometimes results injuries.
- 2 Breaking the law generally leads some form of punishment.
- 3 Taking risks often means going outside your 'comfort zone'.
- 4 Some children are not brought up to take risks. As a result this, they do not fulfill their potential.
- 5 Violent crime levels increased last year. Consequently, more police patrol the streets.
- 6 Obesity is regarded as a serious health risk. Because this, government health warnings about overeating are on TV.

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UNIT 4: RISK EXERCISE 11: Cause and effect

Complete the sentences. Use the words in the box.

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- 1 that you undertake the correct training, it's possible to perform a parachute jump.
- 2 As long as you're careful, the risks of handling chemicals can be kept to a minimum.
- 3 On condition that you deposit £1,000 into your account every month, you'll be granted a favourable interest rate.
- 4 The risk of skin damage is small as long as you wear a high factor sun cream and protective clothing.
- 5 Workers will receive an attractive redundancy package providing that they agree to leave within thirty days.
- 6 The deposit for the flat will be refunded on condition that it is clean when it is vacated.

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