

TENSES – Revision 5^oYear

Go on reading and complete the blanks with the appropriate tense of the verbs in brackets. Whenever you see a + add a modal verb.

Last year Brian _____ (travel) around Australia when he met Emily. Emily Stead is a jumper who _____ (survive) 50 jumps. "It's fantastic!" she says.

"I _____ (dream) about going jumping when I was a child. Then, five years ago I _____ (go) on my first jump. I jumped just 20 metres at that time. My last jump was 50 metres from a hot air balloon and I'm looking forward to doing the next one from a bridge in Chicago."

Some people say it's the most exciting thing they _____ (practise) in their lives. "Bungee jumping" _____ (become) very popular in the USA, France, New Zealand and Australia. Every year, thousands of people _____ (jump) 50 metres or more – saved only by a 'bungee', an elastic cable that stops them from _____ (hit) the ground.

Other people _____ (not agree). "Bungee jumping," says Dr. Will Finch in Colorado, USA, "is both stupid and dangerous. People _____ (+ get) seriously injured. Until now, nobody _____ (die) - but, sooner or later, it may _____ (happen). If I were in the Government, I _____ (not allow) this sport."

Bungee jumping _____ (begin) in 1979 when two students from Oxford University, England, jumped from the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. Since then, bungee jumping businesses _____ (appear) all over the USA and other places, although in some countries it is illegal.

In the USA bungee jumpers _____ (+ pay) \$80.- or more to fall through the air at nearly 100 km an hour – risking their lives if the bungee cord _____ (break).

Emily wanted Brian to jump with her, but he refused _____ (accept) her offer. "Safer to stay on the ground," he thought!!!