



READING ACTIVITY
UNIT 4

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COMPETENCIA: Lee diversos tipos de textos en Inglés como lengua extranjera.

CAPACIDAD: Obtiene información de textos escritos

DESEMPEÑO PRECISADO: Identifica información explícita y complementaria integrando datos para resolver diversos ejercicios de comprensión lectora.

How Extreme Should Sports be?

Do some sports cross the line between fun and danger?

Bungee jumpers drop from great heights. Mountain bikers dash down rocky hills. Street luge riders race downhill on wheeled sleds at speeds of more than 80 miles per hour.

Those are some examples of *extreme sports*. They all have **thrills, excitement**--and danger.

Extreme athletes say they love taking risks. But others say that extreme sports are too dangerous. They say those sports shouldn't be played.

Are extreme sports too extreme? Read the following arguments. Then decide for yourself.

Yes! Extreme Sports Go Too Far!

People can become seriously injured while playing extreme sports. Risking serious injury to play a sport is foolish.

Take snow bikers, for instance. These riders fly down snowy hills at speeds of up to 60 miles per hour. Some snow bikers get the same kinds of injuries "that you might see in high-speed auto accidents," said one doctor.

Some rock climbers climb without using ropes. Some bungee jumpers leap out of helicopters. Athletes called *base jumpers* parachute from bridges and cliffs. There is no good reason for people to risk their lives doing those things.

Extreme sports set a bad example. Kids who see those sports on TV might want to try them at home. But they might not know how to play those sports safely.

When people play extreme sports, they are no longer playing games. They're being irresponsible.

No! Extreme Sports Don't Go Too Far!

Extreme sports have picked up a bad name. Some people just aren't used to the things extreme sports athletes can do.

Every sport comes with the risk of injury. Sometimes those injuries can be serious. Injuries in regular sports can be far worse than those that happen in extreme sports.

"I've seen two people killed in boxing rings. And I've seen two deaths in football," said Dr. Clifford Amenduri of Louisiana. "But I've never seen those kinds of injuries in extreme sports."

Extreme sports also have benefits that other sports don't have. Extreme sports can help young athletes build **courage**, some doctors say.

What about the **thrills** that come with playing extreme sports? "I like the risk," said Alex Dunand of Ottawa, Canada, a 14-year-old downhill skier. "If you didn't take risks, life would be boring."

CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER:

1. Which of the following is *not* mentioned as an example of an extreme sport?

- A. Snow biking
- B. Boxing
- C. Mountain biking
- D. Bungee jumping

2. How does the author organize the information in this passage?

- A. The author presents similarities and differences between two or more ideas.
- B. the author explains a problem and provides examples of possible solutions.
- C. The author provides convincing evidence to persuade the reader of his or her viewpoint.
- D. The author explains an argument and then provides evidence both for and against the argument.

3. Dr. Clifford Amenduri would most likely agree with which statement?

- A. Extreme sports are much easier to play than regular sports.
- B. Extreme sports are never on television.
- C. Extreme sports might actually be safer than regular sports.
- D. Regular sports cause many deaths every year.

4. From information in the section “Yes! Extreme Sports Go Too Far!,” it can be concluded that a major concern may be

- A. The lack of game-playing in extreme sports
- B. The injuries from high-speed auto accidents
- C. The influence extreme sport may have on kids
- D. The cost of the rehabilitation from injuries

5. In paragraph six, the author writes, “Take snow bikers, for instance” to suggest that:

- A. the author is about to use snow bikers as an example.
- B. snow bikers should be taken seriously.
- C. the reader should take up, or learn, snow biking.
- D. the reader should reference an illustration.