

## READING

### 1 BEFORE YOU READ Look at the photos. What are the people doing?



The Monteverde Extremo zip line

## ZIP-LINING IN COSTA RICA

If you're looking for an adventure vacation, this is it! In Costa Rica, there are zip lines over the rainforests. A zip line is a **cable**. Costa Rica has the longest zip line in Latin America, the Monteverde Extremo, which is 1,590 meters long. Parts of it are more than 400 meters above the ground, and there are 14 **platforms**. You stand on the platform, attach yourself to the cable, and fly down the zip line over the trees! There is also a Tarzan **swing**. You can hold onto a rope and swing over a **valley**. It looks really dangerous. I can't imagine doing something like this. I'm not very **athletic**.

My friend Amy called me about three months ago.

"Do you have any vacation plans this year?" she asked.

"No, I don't," I replied.

"OK, neither do I. But I have an idea."

I love Amy, but she's a problem. When she discovers something new, she wants to do it. And she wants me to do it with her. This year, she discovered zip-lining.

"I think we should go to Costa Rica," she said.

"I'm afraid of **heights**," I said.

"So am I," said Amy.

"I want to go to the beach on vacation and do nothing," I said.

"No, you don't," she said.

Now here we are in Costa Rica. Today we rode on the Monteverde Extremo and the Tarzan swing. They were really **frightening**, but a great thing to do! I recommend them to everyone.



The Tarzan swing

Choose the correct answer.

- Who called the writer about three months ago?  
A. His brother    B. His friend Amy    C. His sister    D. His teacher
- What did Amy suggest they do for vacation?  
A. Go to the beach and do nothing    B. Go zip-lining in Costa Rica    C. Go hiking in the mountains    D. Visit a museum
- Why was the writer initially reluctant to go zip-lining?  
A. He was afraid of heights.    B. He didn't like Amy.    C. He wanted to go to the beach.    D. He was too busy.
- How long is the Monteverde Extremo zip line?  
A. 400 meters    B. 1,590 meters    C. 1,400 meters    D. 1,600 meters
- How many platforms are there on the Monteverde Extremo?  
A. 10    B. 14    C. 12    D. 15
- Besides the zip line, what other activity did they do?  
A. A jungle hike    B. A Tarzan swing    C. Swimming in a river    D. Rock climbing
- In the end, how did the writer feel about the experience?  
A. It was really dangerous and he would never do it again.    B. It was frightening but a great thing to do.  
C. It was boring and he wanted to leave.    D. It was too expensive for him.