

Adrenaline junkies

I can listen for key words and antonyms.

1 **USE OF ENGLISH** Read the text about BASE jumping and choose the correct answers (a–c) to complete gaps 1–5.

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| 1 a alike | b like | c similar |
| 2 a However | b Otherwise | c Instead |
| 3 a part | b place | c off |
| 4 a thanks | b because | c according |
| 5 a invented | b decided | c thought |

BASE jumping

BASE jumping is an extreme sport. It is ¹ _____ to skydiving, but there are important differences. Firstly, the jumps are much lower – usually no more than six hundred metres. And secondly, there is no aircraft. ² _____, participants jump from some kind of bridge, building or cliff. The first BASE jump took ³ _____ in 1912 in New York, when Frederick Law jumped from the Statue of Liberty. In the 1960s and 70s, the sport became more popular, partly ⁴ _____ to film-maker Carl Boenish. He made documentaries about BASE jumping and also ⁵ _____ of the name. He died in 1984 while he was jumping in Norway. BASE jumping is a thrilling experience, but it is very risky too.

Listening Strategy

The information that you need to understand in the recorded text may be expressed differently in the task.

- Listen out for synonyms of key words in the task. Key words are content words such as adjectives, nouns and verbs.
- Also listen out for ways in which words with the opposite meaning, or negative verbs, correspond with key words in the task.

*It's rather cold today. » It isn't very warm today.
We won the match. » We didn't lose the match.*

2 **1.07** Read the Listening Strategy. Then listen to Alex talking about wingsuit flying. Write the words he uses instead of the underlined words.

- He spent a long time trying to find the right sport.
- He disliked team games when he was a teenager.
- He thinks wingsuit flying is a great feeling.
- Unfortunately, it is expensive.



A Speaker ☐



B Speaker ☐



C Speaker ☐

3 **1.08** Listen to three other people talking about the extreme sports in the photos above. Match speakers 1–3 with photos A–C.

4 **1.08** Listen again. Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)? To help you, listen for synonyms or antonyms of the underlined words.

Speaker 1

- When he first saw the sport, he thought it looked impossible. ☐
- He thinks the sport feels worse when you're actually doing it. ☐

Speaker 2

- She wanted a sport that was physically difficult. ☐
- She often thinks about the risks involved in her sport. ☐

Speaker 3

- He was familiar with the sport before he went to Nicaragua. ☐
- He found the experience not very exciting. ☐