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# TAKING THE RISK

Look at the pictures and skim the interviews. Then write the name of the sport below each picture.

**Sports World** magazine recently spoke with Josh Parker, Lisa Kim, and Alex Costas about risky sports.

**SW:** Wingsuit flying is a dangerous sport, Josh. What do you enjoy about it? And have you ever had an accident?

**Josh:** No, I've never been hurt. But, yes, it is dangerous, even for experienced flyers. I've been doing it for five years, but I still get a little nervous before I jump out of the plane. That's the most dangerous thing. Once, I jumped too fast, and I started to spin. That was scary! But it's amazing to be able to fly like a bird.

**SW:** Lisa, you've been kiteboarding for years now.

What are some of the dangers?

**Lisa:** Oh, there are many dangers. When you're in the ocean, the conditions can be unpredictable. The wind can lift you up too fast and then drop you against something hard, like sand, or even water. You can also hit another surfer. But I like the challenge, and I like overcoming danger. That's why I do it.

**SW:** Alex, have you ever experienced any dangers while ice climbing?

**Alex:** Yes, absolutely. When you're high up on a mountain, the conditions are hard on the body. The air is thin, and it's very cold. I've seen some really dangerous storms. But the great thing about it is how you feel when you're done. Your body feels good, and you have a beautiful view of the snowy mountaintops.



**A** Read the interviews. Then complete the chart.

| Sport   | What they enjoy | The danger(s) |
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| 1. Josh |                 |               |
| 2. Lisa |                 |               |
| 3. Alex |                 |               |

