



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.

1 He spent a long time trying to find the right sport.

‘ _____ ,

2 He disliked team games when he was a teenager.

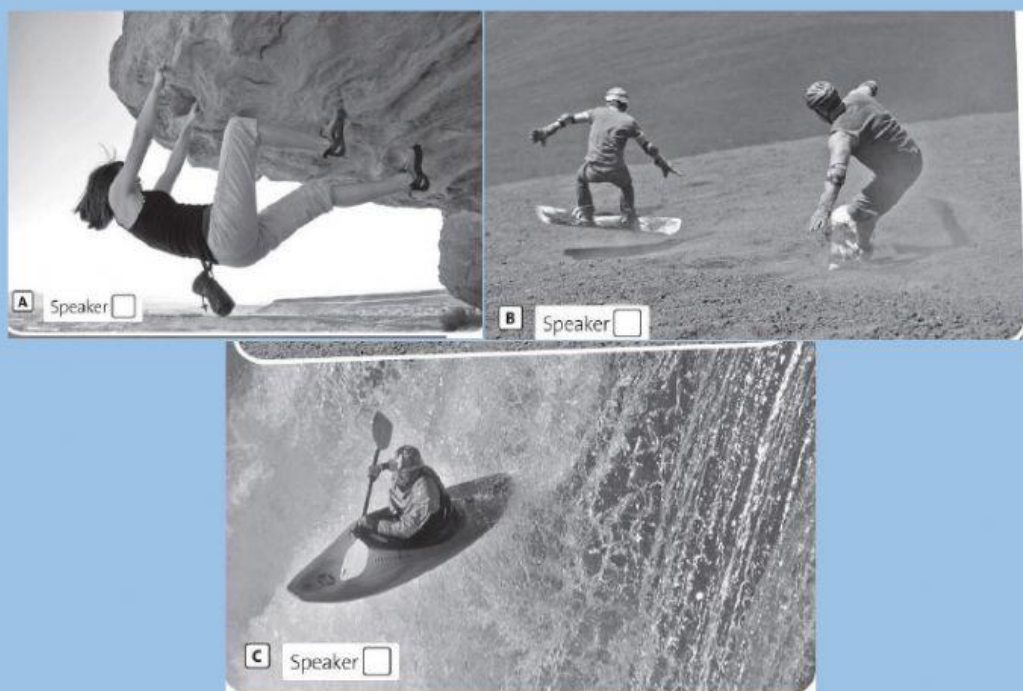
‘ _____ ,

3 He thinks wingsuit flying is a great feeling.

‘ _____ ,

4 Unfortunately, it is expensive.

‘ _____ ,



- 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

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

Speaker 2

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

Speaker 3

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