

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

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.

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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 <u>a long time</u> trying to find the right sport.
‘ _____ ’

2 He <u>disliked</u> team games when he was a teenager.
‘ _____ ’

3 He thinks wingsuit flying is a <u>great</u> feeling.
‘ _____ ’

4 Unfortunately, <u>it is expensive</u>.
‘ _____ ’

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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. ☐

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