

## High in the sky

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Macau is home to the AJ Hackett Macau Tower bungee jump. It is higher than all other bungee jumps in the world. People can jump from 764 feet in the air!

I traveled to Macau with three friends. I always knew that I wanted to bungee jump, but my friends didn't want to do it with me. They said they wanted to do something less scary, like hiking or shopping. However, bungee jumping is safer than driving a car or riding a bike! It's also a lot more exciting.

I wished my friends wanted to come with me, but I signed up for the bungee jump by myself. We went to Macau Tower by bus together, and they waited by the front door. The staff member inside told me you couldn't get your money back after you paid. It was more expensive than I thought! Next, I went up the tower.

The nice staff greeted me on the 61st floor. There were two other tourists there from China. They were scared, too! We talked about our reasons for bungee jumping. The first tourist loved exciting activities. The second tourist wanted to be a braver person.

It took a long time to put on the equipment. The wind was very strong, and the city looked very far away. Could I really do this? I watched the Chinese tourists jump off the tower. They shouted when they jumped! I thought about leaving, but then it was my turn.

I walked slowly to the right place. I looked down and saw the small people in the city. I knew my friends were down there somewhere! The staff member said, "OK, it's time."

Then, I jumped, and it was better than flying!

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| 1. There are bungee jumps higher than 764 feet.              | T | F |
| 2. Mahalia's friends thought bungee jumping was scary.       | T | F |
| 3. Mahalia often bungee jumps.                               | T | F |
| 4. Bungee jumping is safer than riding a bike.               | T | F |
| 5. Mahalia and her friends traveled by train to Macau Tower. | T | F |
| 6. Macau Tower is 61 feet tall.                              | T | F |
| 7. The other tourists were Chinese.                          | T | F |
| 8. Mahalia was first to jump off the tower.                  | T | F |
| 9. Mahalia left when it was her turn.                        | T | F |
| 10. Mahalia enjoyed bungee jumping.                          | T | F |