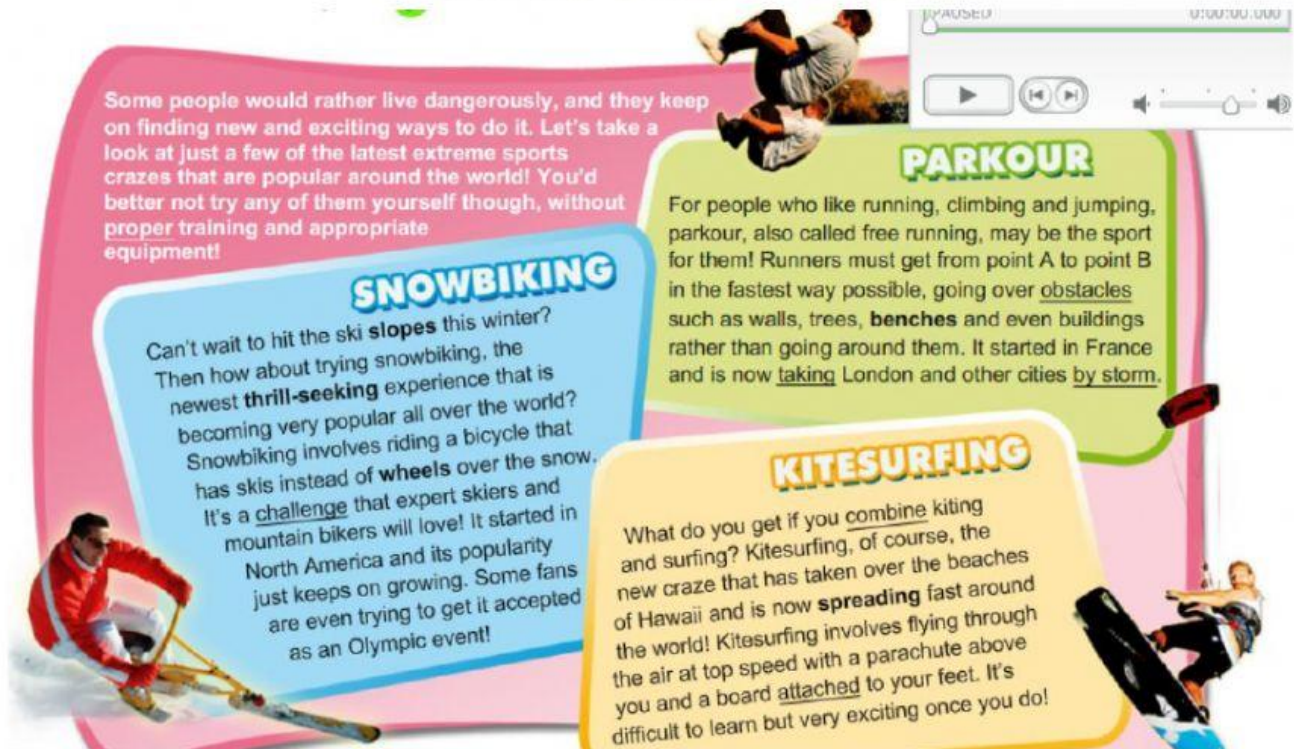


# READING TIME



Some people would rather live dangerously, and they keep on finding new and exciting ways to do it. Let's take a look at just a few of the latest extreme sports crazes that are popular around the world! You'd better not try any of them yourself though, without proper training and appropriate equipment!

**SNOWBIKING**

Can't wait to hit the ski slopes this winter? Then how about trying snowbiking, the newest **thrill-seeking** experience that is becoming very popular all over the world? Snowbiking involves riding a bicycle that has skis instead of **wheels** over the snow. It's a **challenge** that expert skiers and mountain bikers will love! It started in North America and its popularity just keeps on growing. Some fans are even trying to get it accepted as an Olympic event!

**PARKOUR**

For people who like running, climbing and jumping, parkour, also called free running, may be the sport for them! Runners must get from point A to point B in the fastest way possible, going over **obstacles** such as walls, trees, **benches** and even buildings rather than going around them. It started in France and is now **taking** London and other cities **by storm**.

**KITESURFING**

What do you get if you **combine** kiting and surfing? Kitesurfing, of course, the new craze that has taken over the beaches of Hawaii and is now **spreading** fast around the world! Kitesurfing involves flying through the air at top speed with a parachute above you and a board **attached** to your feet. It's difficult to learn but very exciting once you do!

Read the text and complete the sentences.

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- 3 Snowbiking started .....
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