

Раздел 2 (задания по чтению)

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Вы проводите информационный поиск в ходе выполнения проектной работы. Определите, в каком из текстов A–F содержатся ответы на интересующие вас вопросы 1–7. Один из вопросов останется без ответа. Занесите ваши ответы в таблицу.

- 1) Why did ski resorts ban snowboards?
- 2) Who is called “the father of snowboarding”?
- 3) What information did the Snowboard Magazine present?
- 4) What problems did the first snowboarders face?
- 5) Where did snowboarding start as a method of transportation?
- 6) Where and when did the first competitions take place?
- 7) How dangerous is it to snowboard?

A. Many people say snowboarding started in the 1960s in the United States. In fact, the precursor of the modern snowboard was created in 1965. Called the “Snurfer,” it was two skis bolted together. Many people call the Snurfer’s inventor, Sherman Poppen, the “father of the snowboard.” On Christmas morning 1965, Sherman Poppen went into his garage, cross-braced two Kmart skis together, stood atop his backyard hill and started surfing the snow. The Snurfer — think snow and surfer — was born and became an instant hit.

B. The practice of surfing down snowy hills on single boards dates back many years. Some believe it started with the 16th Century miners in Austria. They rode a “knappenroesser,” which was a long wooden board with a rope or handlebar. Around the same time, people in the Swiss Alps used a similar device called a “ritprätt.” Since then, the snowboard has gone through many changes.

C. Snowboarding has started as a method of transportation, but it is a sport today. The first modern snowboarding company, Winterstick, opened in 1974. However, it would be a few more years before the sport caught on. The first National Snow Surfing Championship took place in 1982 in Vermont. This competi-

tion included 125 snowboarders. Today, this race is called the US Open Snowboarding Championship. It's one of snowboarding's biggest events. It draws crowds of 30,000!

D. It took a while for ski resorts to get on board. They claimed that snowboards were much more dangerous than skis. For that reason, they banned snowboards from their slopes. In 1984, a few resorts started allowing the boards. By 1990, most ski resorts had dropped their snowboard bans. Today, only three North American ski resorts still ban snowboards. Snowboarding continued to spread. It even became an Olympic sport in 1998.

E. Many people still ask whether snowboarding is safe. Sliding down the side of a snowy mountain on a thin board sounds scary to many people. However, some studies have found that snowboarding is safer than skiing. In both sports, most common injuries are bruises and broken bones. Snowboarders are most likely to injure their wrists and arms. Skiers, on the other hand, are more likely to injure their knees, heads, and faces. In either sport, it's important to wear a helmet and follow all safety rules.

F. After the 1985 World Championships in California, Tom Hsieh had an idea: someone should put the stories about snowboarding in a magazine. Thus Absolutely Radical, the first regularly published snowboarding magazine, was born. Debuting in March 1985, and renamed International Snowboard Magazine after its first issue, Hsieh's publication wasn't glossy, but it reported the first snowboard tests. It was the original source of information from the contest scene which was driving the sport for so long in the 1980s.

Запишите в таблицу выбранные цифры под соответствующими буквами.

Ответ:

Текст	A	B	C	D	E	F
Вопрос						