2.4 EXTREME LIVING

1 READING

A **Look at the picture. Why do people like to watch survival reality shows? Read the article from an entertainment blog. Does it mention your ideas?**

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ONLY THE STRONG SURVIVE—And Get Paid For It

Why do we watch television shows where people are obviously uncomfortable? For about the last ten years, shows based on surviving in extreme environments have become very popular. In fact, there are currently more than 50 survival reality shows on television around the world.

These shows usually follow a basic structure. A group of strangers is dropped off in a remote location with limited, or no, supplies. They have to find food, water, and a safe place to sleep each night. Every week, the people on the show vote to remove one member of the group. The last remaining survivor usually wins money and prizes, sometimes up to $1 million.

Sometimes, there are only two people rather than a large group. They are allowed to select one tool, such as a sharp knife or something to help start a fire. They then have three weeks to walk to a new location, where food, water, and a ride home will be waiting for them. This becomes a lesson in working as a team and being patient under extreme circumstances.

Locations for survival reality shows are usually extreme; for example, the jungles of Micronesia, where the average annual rainfall is 100 to 200 inches (2540–5080 mm). The temperatures often reach over 100°F (38° C). One thing to keep in mind in these tropical climates is insects. People usually wake up with enormous mosquito bites, which add to other physical problems such as hunger and thirst.

Perhaps we watch these programs because we want to see how far people can push themselves, or we want to watch others have adventures that we'll never experience. Maybe we want to see them succeed, or maybe we're hoping they'll fail. Whatever the reason, it looks like people will be watching survival reality shows for a long time!

B UNDERSTAND NUMERICAL WORDS AND PHRASES **Read the article again. Read the statements. Then write *T* (true) or *F* (false).**

1 There are approximately 50 survival reality shows on television. _____
2 Contestants often win more than $1 million. _____
3 It usually rains up to 100 inches per year in Micronesia. _____
4 Temperatures might be higher than 100°F some days. _____

2 CRITICAL THINKING

A THINK CRITICALLY **Read the article again. What kind of information do the numbers in the text give?**

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3 WRITING

A USE NUMERICAL WORDS AND PHRASES **Think of a city or town that you would like to visit. Answer the questions about the place you chose. You will need to look up some information online.**

1 What is the population?

2 What is the average yearly rainfall?

3 What is the average yearly snowfall?

4 Describe the range of temperatures.

5 Describe the environment.

B **Write a paragraph that describes the place you chose in exercise 3A. Use numerical words and phrases, and noun + *-like*. Explain why you would like to visit and what makes it interesting.**

CHECK AND REVIEW

Read the statements. Can you do these things?

UNIT 2	Mark the boxes. ☑ I can do it. ? I am not sure. **I can …**	If you are not sure, go back to these pages in the Student's Book.
VOCABULARY	☐ **describe space and ocean exploration.** ☐ **talk about life forms in the natural world.**	page 12 page 14
GRAMMAR	☐ **use comparative structures.** ☐ **use superlative structures and ungradable adjectives.**	page 13 page 15
LISTENING AND SPEAKING SKILLS	☐ **listen for details.** ☐ **use expressions to exchange information.**	page 16 page 17
READING AND WRITING SKILLS	☐ **understand numerical words and phrases.** ☐ **write a description of an area.**	page 18 page 19

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