

## Adrenaline junkies

I can listen for key words and antonyms.

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 <sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> , participants jump from some kind of bridge, building or cliff. The first BASE jump took <sup>3</sup> 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 <sup>4</sup> to film-maker Carl Boenish. He made documentaries about BASE jumping and also <sup>5</sup> 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.

### 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 a long time trying to find the right sport.  
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- 2 He disliked team games when he was a teenager.  
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- 3 He thinks wingsuit flying is a great feeling.  
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- 4 Unfortunately, it is expensive.  
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A Speaker B Speaker C Speaker 

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.