

OPEN CLOZE- C1 LEVEL



Free Solo Climbing

Instructions: Fill each gap with ONE word only. The missing word is always a function word (e.g., connector, auxiliary verb, modal verb, article, pronoun, preposition, etc.).

Free solo climbing is considered one of (1) ____ most dangerous forms of climbing in the world. Unlike traditional climbing, the climber ascends a rock face (2) ____ ropes, harnesses, or any protective equipment. If they fall, there is (3) ____ to stop them. Many people wonder why anyone (4) ____ choose to take such a risk. For some climbers, the answer lies in the intense concentration required. When they are hundreds of meters above the ground, they (5) ____ allow their minds to wander, (6) ____ even for a second. Every movement must be deliberate and controlled.

One of the most famous free solo climbers is Alex Honnold, (7) ____ became globally known after climbing El Capitan in Yosemite National Park (8) ____ using any protection. Many experts believe that achievements like this are possible only (9) ____ climbers prepare mentally and physically for years.

Even (10) ____ free solo climbing appears reckless, most elite climbers approach it with extreme caution. They often practise the same route many times with ropes (11) ____ attempting it alone.

Critics argue (12) ____ the sport encourages unnecessary risk, (13) ____ supporters say it represents the purest form of climbing. In the end, the question remains (14) ____ drives someone to climb this way — passion, obsession, (15) ____ something else entirely.