



Spotlight 7

Reading and Vocabulary Task 7815

Volcano Surfing

If you want to try this new craze, you'll have 1) to Nicaragua's Cerro Negro volcano. When this active volcano erupts, it throws out ash that's perfect 2) surfing on. Hike for 45 minutes to the top of the mountain, walk around inside the smoking volcano, then put on some protective clothing and fly down the slope at 50 kmph! If you sit down on your board, you'll go even faster.

River Bugging

You can sit in it, but you won't get any rest in this inflatable armchair. A river bug speeds you along a river and down rapids. If you 5) to control it well, you'll need webbed gloves and short flippers. Go backwards to go faster. The only problem is that you can't see 6) is coming if you go backwards. Watch out for that rock!

Wok Racing

Imagine speeding down an icy track at 60 kmph in a Chinese frying pan. Wok racing started as a joke on German TV, but it soon became very popular and now 3) is a world championship every year. For protection, competitors wear a special suit and helmet and they also put ladles on their feet! So how do you 4)? Well, here's a hot tip – if you warm the bottom of your wok before competing, it melts the ice and you go faster.

EXTREMELY WEIRD!

1. Read the text and for each gap (1-6) choose the word that fits best.

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| 1. | 1. travel | 2. travelling | 3. to travelling | 4. to travel |
| 2. | 1. with | 2. for | 3. at | 4. in |
| 3. | 1. it | 2. that | 3. there | 4. their |
| 4. | 1. beat | 2. come | 3. win | 4. earn |
| 5. | 1. see | 2. want | 3. think | 4. feel |
| 6. | 1. it | 2. that | 3. there | 4. What |

2. Choose the correct word. Check in your dictionaries.

- The sun _____ in the east. *rises / raises*
- He _____ us about the extreme weather conditions. *threatened / warned*
- Temperatures _____ to -10°C here in the winter. *fall / drop*
- Animals can _____ to their environment to survive. *adapt / adjust*
- We should protect _____ species or they'll die out. *extinct / threatened*

3. Fill in:

slopes compete clothing track melt control erupt rapids.

1. When did the volcano last _____?
2. Never go volcano surfing without wearing protective _____
3. The _____ of the mountain are very steep.
4. He went down the icy _____ at 80 kmph.
5. Ten teams of ten people each will _____ in the tournament.
6. They spread salt on the road to _____ the ice.
7. The river offers beautiful scenery and challenging _____ to those who seek adventure.
8. They tried to _____ their canoe, but it tipped over and they fell into the water.

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