



Spotlight 9

Reading Task 9804

Read the text.

Match the headings (1-5) to the paragraphs (A-D) by writing your answers in the table.
There is one extra heading.

1. COOLING DOWN NATURE
2. MONTHS AWAY FROM HOME
3. RISING TO A CHALLENGE
4. HIGH PAY IF YOU SURVIVE
5. BLINDED BY THEIR SURROUNDINGS

WORKING WITH DANGER

- A.** Cleaning windows may not seem like a risky profession, but how about doing it while dangling hundreds of metres off the ground? That's the job of skyscraper window cleaners! Unlike conventional window cleaners, those working on skyscrapers must be certified to do so. This is because they have to operate the complicated mechanisms of their lifting and support equipment. They must also be trained in proper safety procedures including appropriate chemical use (industrial cleaning products can pose a health risk) and, most importantly, fall prevention.
- B.** When most people see a wildfire, they do their best to flee from the area. But a smokejumper does exactly the opposite and dives straight into the flames! These firefighters race to the scene of a wildfire in high-speed jets and then parachute towards the burning trees in order to extinguish the flames! Although this may sound pretty dangerous, smokejumpers actually have an excellent safety record. This is mostly due to their fireproof jumpsuits as well as a thorough training programme. They receive training in the latest firefighting techniques every winter.
- C.** There are few jobs as unappealing and dangerous as being a hazmat diver. The job involves diving into sewage systems, toxic spills and even nuclear reactors in order to clean them and carry out maintenance. The divers wear pressurised suits designed to protect them, and are vaccinated on a regular basis against a variety of diseases found in waste material. The work itself is challenging since it's impossible to see anything in the conditions they work in, so divers must rely on touch alone to fix faults.
- D.** For several weeks during autumn and winter, the freezing waters of the Bering Sea west of Alaska become crowded with fishermen. Their goal: catching Alaskan king crab, which can only be caught in the midst of a stormy sea! This lucrative business earns some fishermen \$50,000 for just a few days' work; however, due to the harsh conditions, it has also been dubbed the most dangerous job in America. The hours are long and arduous, while the many risks include catching hypothermia due to the cold, falling overboard and becoming tangled while using fishing lines. Many accidents occur every year because of the unpredictable weather conditions these fishermen work in.

A	B	C	D

