

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.