

DAREDEVILS

BRAINSTORMING

1. EXTREME SPORTS: MATCH PHOTOS TO WORDS

SKY DIVING – PARAGLIDING – FREE CLIMBING – KITE SURFING – SCUBA DIVING
ZORBING – MOUNTAIN BIKING – WATERSKIING



2. HAVE YOU EVER DONE ANY EXTREME SPORTS OF ANY KIND?
3. WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY ONE OF THEM? WHY? (☺ exciting – challenging – terrific - ambitious) WHY NOT? (☹ dangerous – scary – dreadful – terrifying – risky)
4. WHAT IS THE MOST EXTREME THING YOU CAN IMAGINE SOMEBODY CAN DO?

WATCH THE VIDEO (LEARN ENGLISH TEEN BRITISH COUNCIL) THEN WRITE

1. HOW DO WE CALL PEOPLE WHO LOVE FAST AND DANGEROUS SPORTS?

2. WHERE IS THE SPEAKER? _____

3. WHAT DOES THE WHITE-WATER RAFTING EXPERT ENJOY ABOUT THIS SPORT?

4. WHY DO PEOPLE LIKE DANGEROUS SPORTS?

5. WHAT SPORT DO ADRENALINE JUNKIES DO IN THE CITY? _____

6. DO YOU NEED ANY SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TO DO IT? _____

BEFORE WATCHING

5. LOOK AT THE PHOTOS AND TRY TO IMAGINE WHAT RECORDS THESE PEOPLE WANT TO BREAK



WATCH THE TWO VIDEOS THEN SPEAK

6. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE TWO MEN IN THE VIDEOS?
- PEOPLE LIKE THEM MAKE LIFE MORE INTERESTING FOR THE REST OF US.
 - THEY TAKE UNNECESSARY RISKS.
 - THEY JUST WANT TO SELL THEIR STORIES AND MAKE LOTS OF MONEY.
 - THEY'RE DOING A GOOD THING – SOMEONE HAS TO TRY TO BREAK RECORDS.

READ AND ANSWER

7. READ THE TEXT ABOUT **DAVO KARNICAR AND DIRK AUER**, TWO PEOPLE WHO LIKE EXTREME SPORTS. ONE IS A **SKIER**, THE OTHER IS AN **IN-LINE SKATER**.

DAVO KARNICAR

On 10th October 2010, Slovenian ski instructor Karnicar became the first person to ski non-stop down the Everest, the world's highest mountain. Karnicar took four days to climb up the 9,000 – metre mountain on foot and five hours to ski down it!

Karnicar's original plan was to rest for a while at the summit. Unfortunately, weather conditions were terrible. Instead of resting, he put on his skis and started racing down the mountain. Karnicar skied over stretches of ice that collapsed beneath him. He was lucky that he didn't fall into the deep crevasses on the mountain.

Why did he do it? "Extreme skiing is my life" he said. What's next for Karnicar? "I think I'll go climbing somewhere and I'm going to look for a new challenge.

DIRK AUER

Auer, from Germany, started in-line skating just to keep fit. Since then, he has done the most incredible things. He has skated up and down a roller coaster and raced behind a Porsche and a motorbike at a speed of up to 270 kph! One of his most dangerous stunts was skating down the side of a skyscraper in Frankfurt. He did it in 32 seconds – and lost the race! His opponent, a base jumper, did it in 23 seconds.

Then he went one step further. He was pulled behind a helicopter that flew around the Nurnburgring, the racetrack in Germany, and even jumped 18 metres off the ground.

"What are you going to do next?" asked a journalist?

"if I can, I'm going to skate down the Empire State Building or I'm going to skate behind a jet...if skate technology improves"

8. TRUE OR FALSE

- a. KARNICAR TOOK MUCH LONGER TO GET UP MOUNT EVEREST THAN TO GET DOWN.
- b. FOR AUER, SKATING WAS ORIGINALLY JUST A KIND OF EXERCISE.
- c. ONE OF THEM HAS A CLEAR IDEA ABOUT A FUTURE PROJECT; THE OTHER HASN'T.
- d. AUER WON THE RACE DOWN THE SIDE OF A SKYSCRAPER IN FRANKFURT
- e. KARNICAR RESTED A WHILE AT THE SUMMIT OF THE EVEREST
- f. AUER WANTS TO STOP HIS RECORD-BREAKING ATTEMPTS.

PROJECT

FIND AS MUCH INFORMATION AS YOU CAN ABOUT **AN EXTREME SPORT OR A DAREDEVIL** YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT. THEN WRITE A PARAGRAPH ABOUT THAT.

