

DAREDEVILS

A ten – hour module on EXTREME SPORTS

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INTEGRATED SKILLS

- ❑ **VOCABULARY** ABOUT EXTREME SPORTS
- ❑ WATCH AND UNDERSTAND A **VIDEO**
- ❑ **READ** AND **ANSWER** ABOUT TWO DAREDEVILS
- ❑ **WRITE** YOUR EXTENSION ABOUT AN EXTREME SPORT OR A DAREDEVIL
- ❑ **GRAMMAR FOCUS AND PRACTICE:**
PRESENT PERFECT

VOCABULARY

STUDY THE NEW VOCABULARY ABOUT EXTREME SPORTS



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BEFORE THE VIDEO

BEFORE WATCHING, LOOK UP IN THE [DICTIONARY](#):

DAREDEVIL

TO BE A **THRILL SEEKER** OR AN **ADRENALINE JUNKIE**

TO BE INTO **THE THRILLS AND SPILLS**

TO ENJOY THE **CHALLENGE**

TO **PUSH ONESELF**

FOAMING WATER WITH **DROPS** AND **RAPIDS**

ROUGH WATER

STEPS, RAILINGS AND **TREES**

TRAINERS

- How many synonyms of «**I LIKE**» do you know?
- **I LOVE**
- **I ENJOY**
- **I'M REALLY INTO**
- **I'M KEEN ON**
- **I'M FOND OF**
- **I'M PASSIONATE ABOUT**



So please don't always use «I like»!



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As many times as you need.

ANSWER

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?
3. WHY DO PEOPLE LIKE DANGEROUS SPORTS?
4. WHAT SPORT DO ADRENALINE JUNKIES DO IN THE CITY?
5. DO YOU NEED ANY SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TO DO IT?

WRITE ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE AND OPINION

- HAVE YOU EVER DONE ANY UNUSUAL SPORTS?
WHEN?
- WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY ONE OF THEM?
WHY? (😊 positive adjectives)
WHY NOT? (😞 negative adjectives)
- WHAT IS THE MOST EXTREME THING YOU CAN
IMAGINE SOMEBODY CAN DO?
- WHAT DO ALL EXTREME SPORTS HAVE IN COMMON?

READ ABOUT TWO DAREDEVILS

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.

Unfortunately Karnicar died at the age of 56 in 2019.





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”

DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME!

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

1. WHAT WAS KARNICAR'S BEST ACHIEVEMENT?
2. HOW MANY DAYS DID HE TAKE TO CLIMB UP?
3. HOW MANY HOURS TO SKI DOWN?
4. DID HE REST AT THE SUMMIT?
5. WHY?
6. WHY DID HE DO THAT?
7. WHY DID AUER START IN – LINE SKATING?
8. WHAT INCREDIBLE THING CAN YOU SEE IN THE TWO PHOTOS?
9. DESCRIBE TWO OF HIS MOST DANGEROUS STUNTS.
10. WHAT WILL HE TRY IF SKATE TECHNOLOGY IMPROVES?

PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. DO YOU THINK THE TWO DAREDEVILS HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON? ARE THEY DIFFERENT?
2. WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THEM AND ABOUT DAREDEVILS?

SOME IDEAS:

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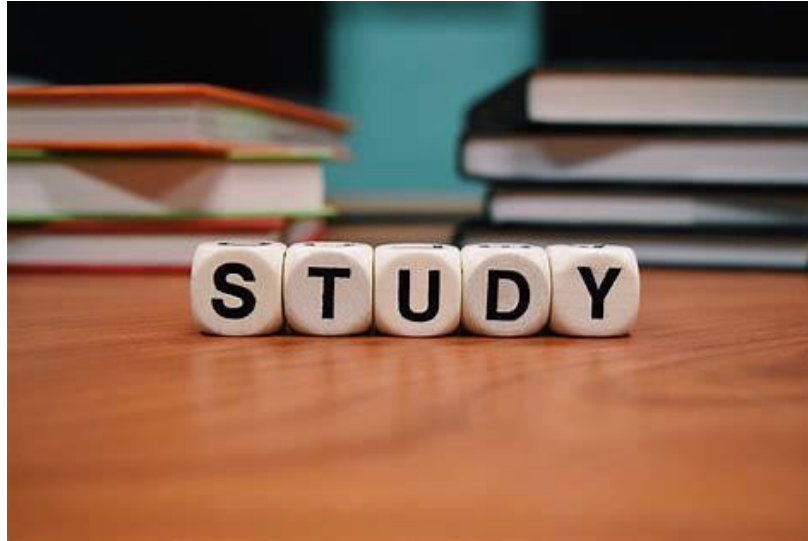
FIND AS MUCH INFORMATION AS YOU CAN ABOUT
AN EXTREME SPORT OR A DAREDEVIL
YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT.
THEN **WRITE** A PARAGRAPH ABOUT IT

EXTREME SPORT	DAREDEVIL
NAME OF THE SPORT	NAME OF THE DAREDEVIL
IT STARTED IN ...	HE WAS BORN IN ...
ITS BASIC ELEMENTS ARE ... SPECIAL EQUIPMENT YOU NEED...	HIS BEST ACHIEVEMENT IS ... HIS RELEVANT RECORD IS ...

This is the end of the module
on Daredevils and Extreme Sports.

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